

An Order for the Worship of God

March 29, 2026 -- Palm Sunday

Ring of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting - Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 31 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God!”

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #187, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

You give us tongues to speak comforting words to those who are weary. Each morning, you awaken us to the words of new life. Throughout the day, your graciousness accompanies each step that we take. When we retire, we reflect on your mercy and how it sustains us. As we sleep, you nurture us with your untiring care. We are borne aloft with your unbridled benevolence and come now to praise you and worship your name. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: **“Our Father...(debts/debtors)**

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess our distress when afflicted with pain. We often avoid those encounters that will cause us discomfort. It is easier to hide from distress than is to be exposed to forms of misery and grief. Yet we believe in Christ, who was sacrificed for all. Help us to trust in him when he calls us to bear abuse on his behalf and show more compassion on others for who pain is so constant. **AMEN.**

Words of Assurance

Our assurance of pardon is in Jesus, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave . . . and became obedient to the point of death . . . on a cross.” Through his obedience we are freed from whatever bondage enslaves us. **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-35

Liturgist: This is the gospel message of our Lord and Savior

All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls, and guide our feet.

Sermon: The Truth Hurts

*Responsive Hymn: #185, Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! v. 1, 2 & 4

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table/Invitation to the Meal

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Communion will be received today in the pews. The Bread of Life is received first, please eat as you receive it. The wine or grape juice will be served next, please wait for all to receive to drink.

Children are invited to Communion at the discretion of their parents

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are members of his body. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Let us share God's blessings, as we collect our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on, that waved palm branches, honoring your presence. Today we honor you, Lord, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our King of kings. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #178, All Glory, Laud and Honor

Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

Worship Leaders

Minister

Liturgist

Director of Music

Pastor Jerry Eisner

Mary Kugel

Sue Laubenheimer

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