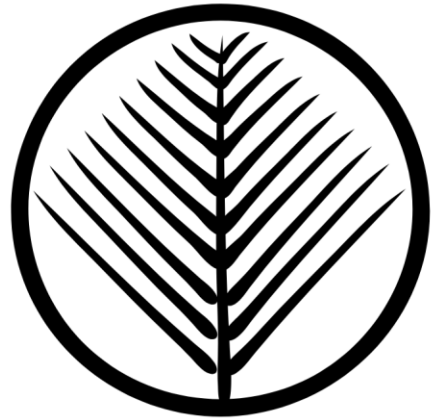


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PALM SUNDAY

“SURRENDER BURIES SEIZURE”



April 13+14, 2025

In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God’s Word, and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. **Listening Assist aids are available—ask an usher. A Parents’ Room is available next to the mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall.** Come worship with us again!

As we begin Holy Week, we see Jesus bury humanity’s endless attempts at seizing power. In our world, power dynamics are almost always in play. Those who don’t have power want it, often more than anything else. Those who have power are willing to do anything to keep it. In contrast, Jesus—possesses all power as the Son of God—willingly surrendered his power and placed himself in the hands of his enemies. Why? What he wanted more than anything else was not power, but you.

So, Jesus begins this Holy Week riding into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that he was riding to the cross. He would surrender himself to the punishment that our sins deserved, so that through Spirit-wrought faith we might seize the glory and heaven that only he deserves.

The Service

Procession with Palms

Stand and face entrance.

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

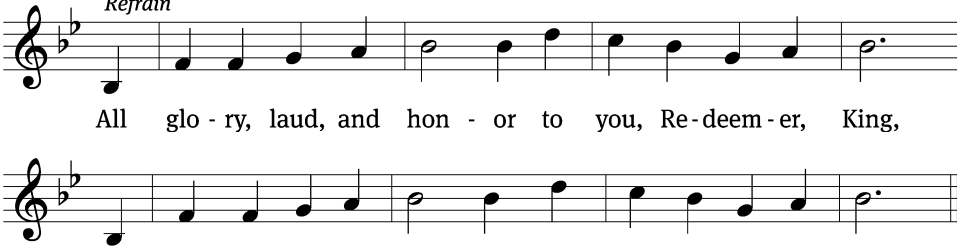
Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of the Lord.

The procession begins. During the procession, the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" is sung.

412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CW 412 vs. 1-4

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re-deem - er, King,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

1 You are the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.

2 **The company of angels
 is praising you on high,
 and we with all creation
 in chorus make reply. (Refrain)**

4 **To you before your passion
 they sang their hymns of praise;
 to you, now high exalted,
 our melody we raise.**

3 **The people of the Hebrews
 with palms before you went;
 our praise and prayer and anthems
 before you we present. (Refrain)**

Preschool: The Coloring Song (Sunday)

Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Ref **All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

5 **As you received their praises,
accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
our good and gracious King.**

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ²He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

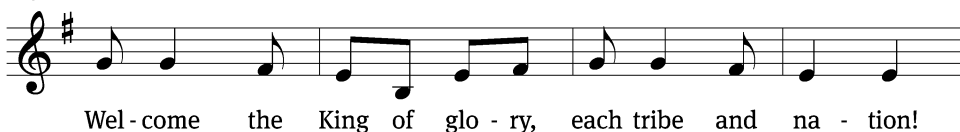
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

24B Welcome the King

Psalm 24B

Refrain



Verses



- 2 **Who can go up this mountain, who stand in praising?
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands upraising. (Refrain)**
- 3 **They shall receive forgiveness, and have God's blessing
if they will search for God, their Savior confessing. (Refrain)**
- 4 **Come, lift your voices high, be lifted to glory;
the LORD our God approaches, come, shout the story. (Refrain)**

- 5 **Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?**
We wait the mighty LORD, our God celebrating. (Refrain)
- 6 **Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;**
the King of glory comes in full might and power. (Refrain)
- 7 **Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?**
Our God, this LORD of hosts, the vict'ry is bringing. (Refrain)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 19:38

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

411 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

CW 411

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.

2 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!**
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

4 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!**
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

3 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!**
The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th' approaching sacrifice.

5 **Ride on, ride on in majesty!**
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, your pow'r and
reign.

Sermon

Philippians 2:5-11

“Who Is This King of Glory?”

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Offering Hymn: 752 v. 4

CW 752 v. 4

4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing bear the
im - print of your grace; with the Son and
Ho - ly Spir - it, praise be yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, your peo - ple who your
gifts un - num - bered claim, through the shar - ing
of your bless - ings may bring glo - ry to your name.

Prayer of the Church

Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus that, through repentance and faith in the gospel, they may remain secure in your love.

Lord God, gracious Father, we thank you for setting your Son's sacrifice between us and sin's reward. By your Spirit work in us through the gospel, give us repentant hearts, make our faith firm in Christ, and enliven us to serve you faithfully.

Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

Lord God, almighty Father, renew your Church throughout the world that it may constantly look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Bless us with faithful ministers who always proclaim Christ's cross and resurrection for the salvation of the world.

Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

Lord God, loving Father, in your mercy you abundantly supply our needs of body and soul. Create in us the mind of Christ, that in humility and generosity—considering not only our own interests, but also the interests of others—we may be merciful to those in need. Direct our efforts to help poor, lonely, troubled, and ill people.

Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

Lord God, heavenly Father, comfort all who are mourning the death of people they loved. Lift their eyes to the cross where your Son defeated death and to the empty tomb where he assured us that we will live with him forever. Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

Lord God, heavenly Father, look with favor upon all sick, injured, and recovering people. If it be your will deliver them from their infirmities. Let them hear of your unfailing love.

Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Lord God, eternal Father, we praise you that you have delivered the Christian souls who have gone before us from this world of dust and ashes to paradise. As their prayers continually ascend before your throne, join our prayers to theirs as fragrant incense. Hear us for the sake of him who was crucified for us and always intercedes on our behalf, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

756 Shepherd of Tender Youth

CW 756 sts. 1,4,5



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, guid - ing in love and truth



through de - vious ways, Christ, our tri - um - phant King, we come your



name to sing and here our chil - dren bring to join your praise.

4 **O** ever be our guide,
our shepherd and our pride,
our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God,
by your enduring Word
lead us where you have trod;
make our faith strong.

5 **S**o now and till we die
sound we your praises high
and joyful sing:
infants and all the throng
who to your Church belong,
unite to swell the song
to Christ, our King.

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

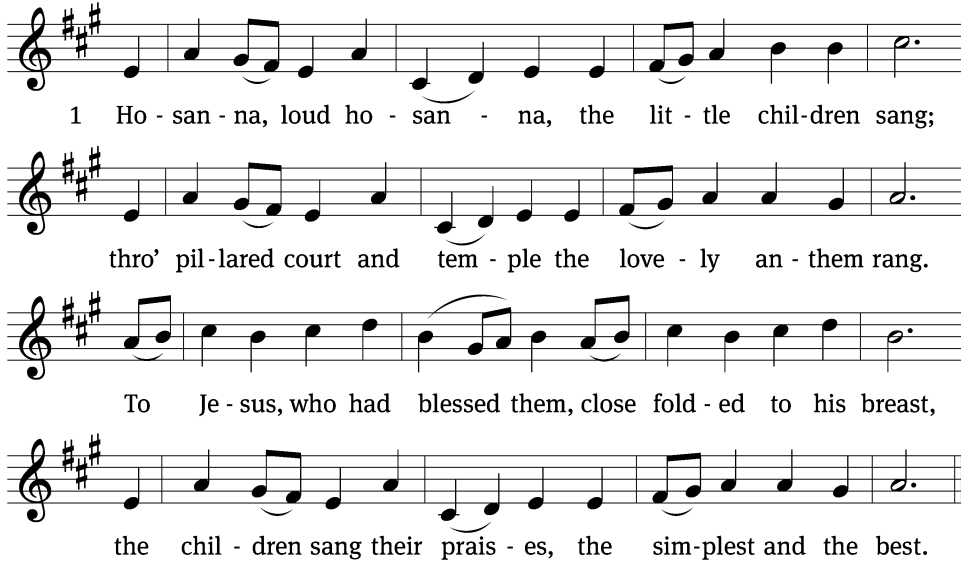
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

413 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 413 sts. 1,3



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.

- 3 **“Hosanna in the highest!”**
that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heav’n, our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice
and in his royal presence
eternally rejoice.

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Holy Week Worship

Holy Thursday: Thursday, April 17, 6:30p

Good Friday: Friday, April 18, 1:30p & 6:30p

Easter Sunrise: Sunday, April 20, 6:30a | Breakfast to follow

Easter Festival: Sunday, April 20, 9:00a

Hoganna
in the highest!