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April 13, 2025, Palm Sunday

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The assembly gathers in Luther Hall with palm branches.

Congregation responses are in bold

PM: Welcome and let us begin our service.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Behold your king comes! Humble, yet mighty; exalted of God!
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Look, people of God! Your king comes! The Christ of your salvation is with you!
Hosanna to Christ our King! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (Mark 11:1-11)
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them,

"What are you doing, untying the colt?"

They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

The assembly follows the minister and children into the worship space. When we arrive begin singing and continue waving the palms.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

A reading from Isaiah: (Isaiah 50:4-9a Pew Bible, page 527)

Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:9-16
Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me be cause of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

A reading from Philippians: (Philippians 2:5-11 Pew Bible page 152)

Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

The holy gospel according to St. John (John 12:12-16, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 81)

The reading concludes with:
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

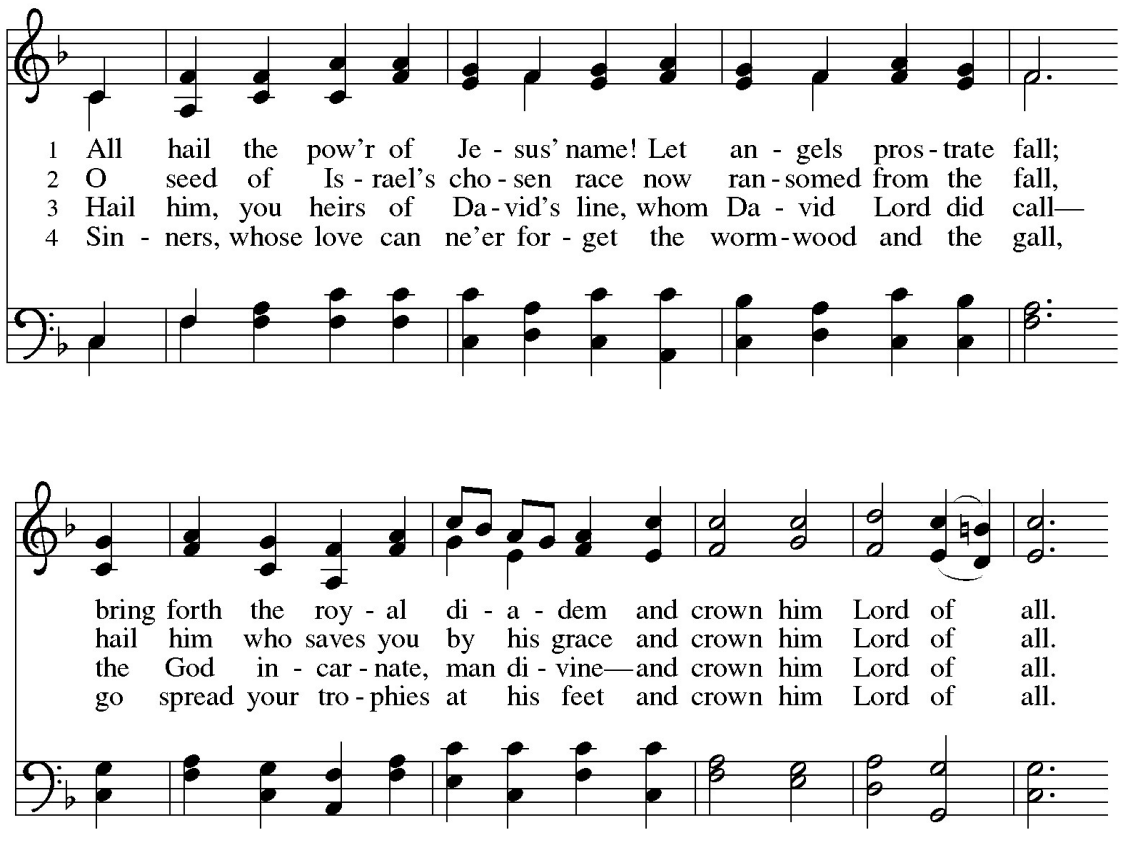
Please be seated

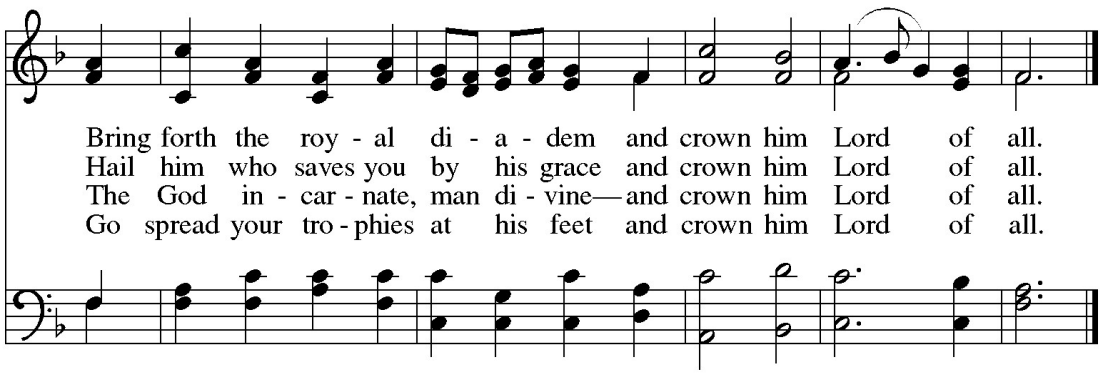
Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!





AM: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence for personal prayer

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Have all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons for just cause be open to the Holy Spirit and thus your word through the Holy Bible. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Renee Keith, Sandy Elsass and Lorraine Weinman

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.

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AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,

I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

PM: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

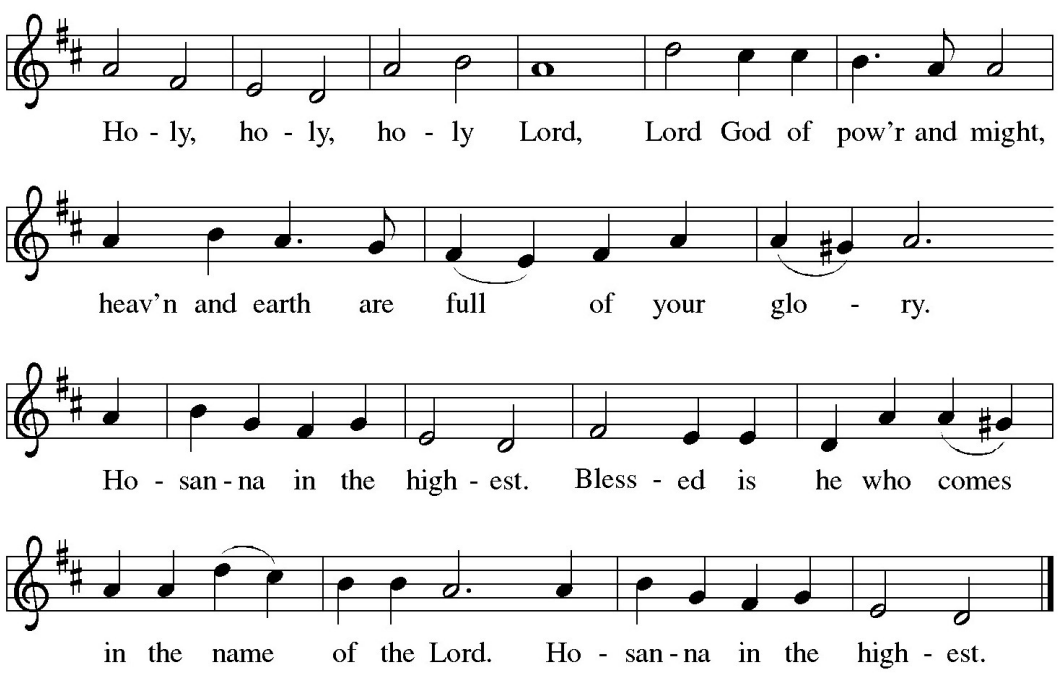
Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

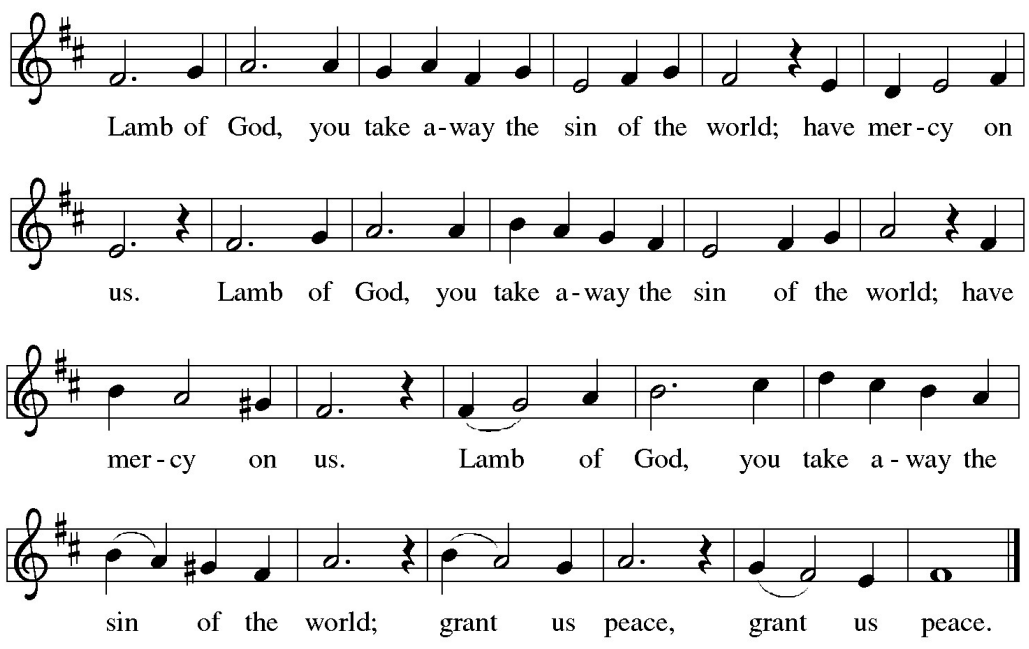
Amen.

Let us enthusiastically and boldly pray as Jesus taught us,

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Thanks be to God!



Please be seated

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome.
Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you;
come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* By: William H. Doane & James Southbridge

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

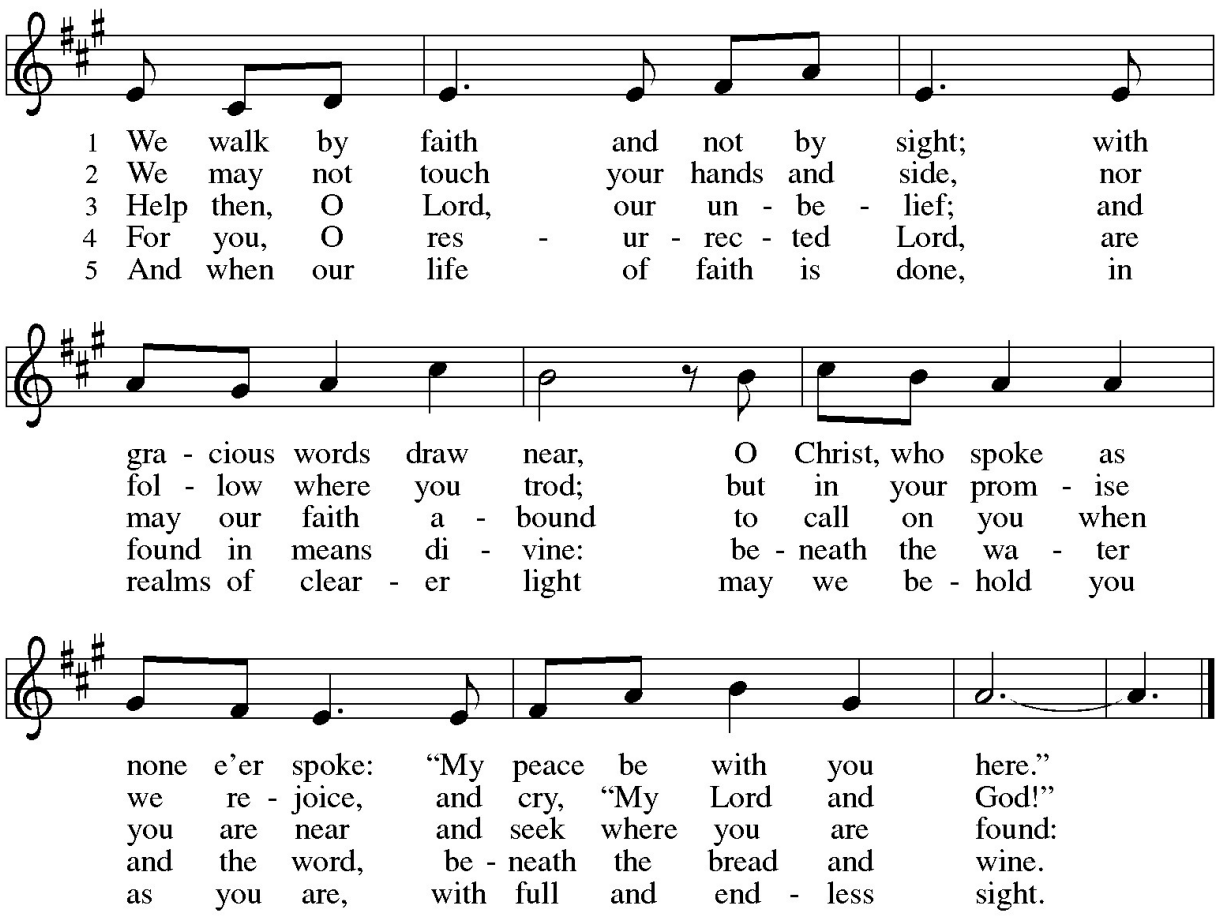
AM: Let us pray,
Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son.
I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen

Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
Then follow it out to join in God's work.

We Walk by Faith



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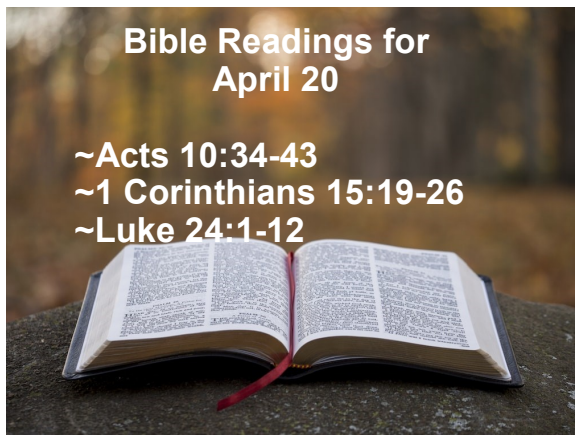
PM: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you

We will, with God's help!

Postlude: *Open the Gates of the Temple* By: Phoebe Knapp



Today's Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. David Houdeschell
Assisting Minister: Beth Heller
Acolyte: Eli Haga
Accompanist: Steve Moore
Audio/Visual Technicians:
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Juanita Cignetti
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Reader: Randy Cizek
Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross

Flowers by: Randy Elsass in celebration of Sondra Elsass's birthday!

April 20, 2025 Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. David Houdeschell
Assisting Minister: George Miller
Acolyte: LJ Brown
Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians:
Chancel Guild: Connie Riffle and Nikki Milek
Nursery Attendant: Amelia Milek
Reader: Mark Denman
Trustees: Ron Frock and Scott Gross
Flowers By: Lou & Darlene Milavickas in loving memory of Anna Mae LeBeau
Flowers By: Lou & Darlene Milavickas in celebration of Irene Milavickas's birthday!!

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