



Palm Sunday

Welcome to Messiah!

You are a beloved child of God who is unique and special. You are respected and accepted for who you are, with all your differences and gifts, including: sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, ability, culture, and economic status. Join us in acts of reconciliation and joyful celebration of our diversity, not only as members of our faith community but as volunteers and leaders.

We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

By working together and being open with each other, we develop our faith and follow the example of Christ by humbly loving one another as God loves all of us.

NURSERY CARE

Is available Sunday from 8:00 - 9:20 am and 10:15 - 11:35 am

Ages 6 weeks- 6 years old, downstairs Nursery.

Secure sign-in, parent pagers available

Palm Sunday + March 28 - 29, 2026



BLESSING OF THE PALM BRANCHES

10:30 AM PROCESSION WITH THE CHILDREN

OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM	<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	ELW Red Book #855
8:15 AM	<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	ELW Red Book #855
10:30 AM	<i>Pave the Way With Branches</i>	Page 6

GREETING

KYRIE

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

Congregation: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens, awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free

Refrain



Come, O Lord, and set us free. Come, and set us free.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

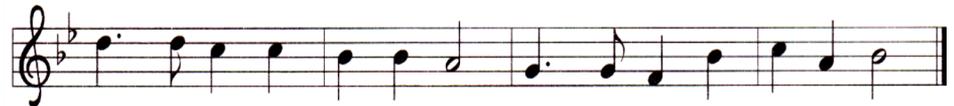
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

‡ THE HOMILY ‡

PASTOR JEFF VANDEN HEUVEL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

All Respond after each prayer: Hear our prayer.

SIGN OF PEACE *Greet one another with: Peace be with you.*

BERAKAH (Ancient Hebrew Blessing)

Bread: Pastor: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation...

Congregation: **Blessed be God forever.**

Wine: Pastor: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation...

Congregation: **Blessed be God forever.**

GRATITUDE OF THE OFFERING

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God...

Congregation: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, our life and our breath, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by All

HOLY COMMUNION

*Here at Messiah, we believe that Christ is the host of this meal.
Regardless of your background or tradition, we believe that
all are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an
usher know and communion will be brought to you.
Grape juice is available on the trays in the central cups.
Gluten-free wafers are available in the gold container on the stand
between the bread distributors.*

COMMUNION HYMN

5:00 PM *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* ELW Red Book #592
8:15 AM *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* ELW Red Book #634
10:30 AM *Jerusalem My Destiny* **Page 7**
Jesus Name Above All Names W&P Purple Book #77

CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG

*Please keep lit candles upright
and tip unlit candle to light it from another.*

At Evening

1
Now it is evening: lights of the city
bid us remember Christ is our light.
Many are lonely, who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring, Christ is our light.

2
Now it is evening: food on the table
bids us remember Christ is our life.
Many are hungry, who will be neighbor?
Where there is sharing, Christ is our life.

3
Now it is evening: little ones sleeping
bid us remember Christ is our peace.
Some are neglected, who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring, Christ is our peace.

4
Now it is evening: here in our meeting
may we remember Christ is our friend.
Some may be strangers, who will be
neighbor? Where there's a welcome,
Christ is our friend.

BLESSING *Congregation: Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

8:15 AM *All Glory, Laud and Honor* ELW Red Book #344
10:30 AM *Majesty* W&P Purple Book #94

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Pave the Way With Branches



*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

**Additional verses ad lib.:*

Release for the captives . . .

Hope for the downtrod . . .

Land for the landless . . .

Debts are forgiven . . .

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla

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April 2	Maundy Thursday Worship Service	7:00 PM
	The church is open until 10:00 PM for personal prayer and reflection	
April 3	Good Friday Worship Service	1:00 PM
April 4	Easter Vigil Worship Service	5:00 PM
April 5	Easter Sunday Worship Service	8:15 AM
	Easter Sunday Worship Service	10:30 AM

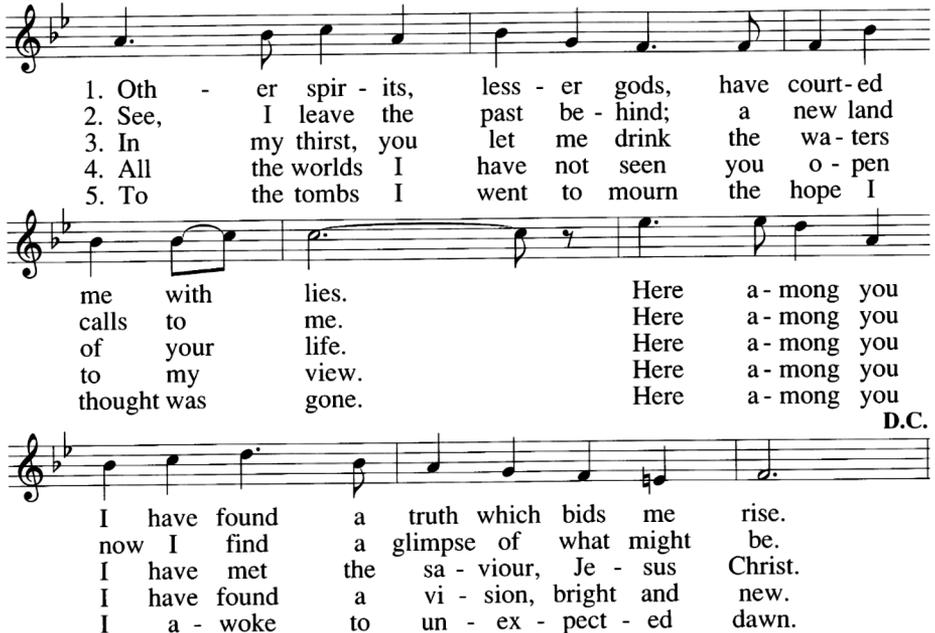
Jerusalem My Destiny

Refrain



I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I
me with lies. Here a - mong you
calls to me. Here a - mong you
of your life. Here a - mong you
to my view. Here a - mong you
thought was gone. Here a - mong you

D.C.
I have found a truth which bids me rise.
now I find a glimpse of what might be.
I have met the sa - viour, Je - sus Christ.
I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952
Tune: Rory Cooney, b.1952
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*Palms are given in Memory of Penny Duane
by Judy Armelin and Pam Shellberg*

THIS WEEK

March 30 - April, 2026



Monday, March 30

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Office Closed - phone & email monitored
Men's Breakfast Group..... 9:00 AM

Tuesday, March 31

Divine Yoga..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 1

Morning Bible Study 7:00 AM
SAM Luncheon & Presentation 12:00 PM
No YOW Holy Week..... 6:00 PM

Thursday, April 2

Pew Keepers 9:00 AM
Women's Conversations..... 10:00 AM
Maundy Thursday Worship Service... 7:00 PM

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Worship Service..... 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday Worship Service 8:15 AM
Easter Sunday Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... April 6
SAM at Second Harvest April 6
Ladies Lunch Bunch..... April 8
YOW Activity Night..... April 8
Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... April 13
Messiah Church Council Meeting..... April 14
YOW online..... April 15
Counters Nancy Schmidt, Dan Battist
Snow Removal 3/29-4/4 Dan Battist

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday.....8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday.....8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE DROP BOX

to the left of the main front entrance

5:00 PM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Kelli Weisinger
Greeter.....Kathy Bultman, Kelli Weisinger
Reader.....Phil Lawler
Communion.....Phil & Char Lawler
.....Elaine Stampfli, Kathy Bultman
Ushers.....Robb & Melissa Remiker
.....Essie Remiker, Leighton Remiker
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
.....Mike Digman, Dave Down
.....Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Kathy Lukens
Coffee Ministry.....Kelli Weisinger
Greeter.....Julie Hanson, Karen Komprood
Reader.....David Down
Communion.....Cynthia McVay, Julie Hanson
.....Kathy Lukens, Sharon Ryan
Ushers.....Lamont Liefke, Tim Coulthart
Musician.....Mark Huth
Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy
Nursery.....Christina Teschendorf

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Mathew Uselman
.....John Uselman & Elizabeth Crummy
Communion Cups.....Tara Von Dollen
Coffee.....Jennifer Stelse
Greeter.....Steve & Kathy Lyons, Grace Kylo
Reader.....Carla Fears
Communion.....Carla Fears, Julia Neppel
.....Gretchen Wahl, Karen Clark
.....John Uselman, Grace Kylo
Ushers.....Carla Fears, Matthew Uselman
.....John Uselman & Elizabeth Crummy
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Michael Savides
Nursery.....Christina Teschendorf

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