

WORSHIP GUIDE

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026

IN-BETWEEN

Pre-Service Video

Chimes

Introit:

Lift Up Your Heads

Words: Psalm 24:7-10

Music: Giovanni Gabrieli, 1557-1612

Sanctuary Choir, Brass, Organ, and Percussion

Call to Worship

People of Hope, we come on this Palm Sunday to praise our God:
The One who calls us beloved;
Who meets us on our Holy Week journey;
And who teaches us how to live together in the middle.
So rise, Cathedral, in body or spirit. Give glory to our God!

****Processional Hymn: *All Glory, Laud and Honor***

*All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in our God's name coming, the King and blessed One.

*All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

*All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit

**** Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11**

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to You, O God.

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 they will send them immediately.”

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your Sovereign 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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.”

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word.

****Hymn: *All Glory, Laud and Honor***

*All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
whose justice and whose mercy and sov’rignty hold sway.

*All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

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Welcome and Life of the Church

Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas

Rev. Jeremy Rose

**Sharing of the Peace

Modern Lesson

Angela Whorton

Our Modern Lesson is from our Lenten Study Book Good Enough, by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. Hear these words:

Liminality is also a place where we are not yet settled. Not yet solidified. Exposed is one way to put it. But also open to something new. So, let's take a minute here, in the in-between. Sometimes when we feel lost, floating outside of what we know, who we wanted to be and where we wanted to be, it's tempting to feel small and wonder... maybe. Maybe I should just shut this down a bit. Maybe no one needs to hear from me. Maybe that's enough for now.

So, my loves, bless you if you are there, in that place that is in-between. In-between can be an awfully lonely place. In transition, exposed, that place of waiting and vulnerability. A place that doesn't fit anyone's idea of normal because there aren't words for it and it isn't there yet. Instead of trying to escape it, let us settle there for the moment. Knowing and trusting we aren't alone. We're in this strange middle place... together.

May God bless the hearing of these new words. Amen.

Gradual

Word of God, Speak

Choir: *Holy Spirit lead me to the wilderness,
beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need is to be with you
and in the stillness to hear your voice.*

**All: Word of God, speak, would you pour down like rain,
washing my eyes to see your majesty,
to be still and know that you're in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness.
Word of God, speak.**

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit

TEXT TO GIVE

Simply send a text message to (855) 717-1039 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$20. **The minimum text-to-give contribution is \$3.**

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washing my eyes to see your majesty,
to be still and know that you're in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness.
Word of God, speak. Word of God, speak.
Word of God, speak.**

****Scripture Lesson: Acts 1:4-8 *The Message, edited***

One: Our Scripture Lesson is from the First Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, as paraphrased in *The Message*. Hear these words:

As they met and ate meals together, Jesus told them that they were on no account to leave Jerusalem but “must wait for what God promised: the promise you heard from me. John baptized in water, you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit. And soon.” When they were together for the last time they asked, “Jesus, are you going to restore the kin-dom to Israel now? Is this time?”

Jesus told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is God’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witness in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.”

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

****Scripture Response *Word of God, Speak***

**Word of God, speak, would you pour down like rain,
washing my eyes to see your majesty,
to be still and know that you're in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness.
Word of God, speak. Word of God, speak.
Word of God, speak.**

Sermon

In-between

Rev. Dr. Neil G. Thomas

Offering Call

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Offertory

At the Name of Jesus

Words adapted from Philippians 2:6-11

Music by Cindy Berry

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

*Jesus, though he was God, did not cling to his rights as God,
but laid aside his mighty power, his mighty power and glory,
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like us.*

*He humbled himself, he humbled himself
and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.*

*At the name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus,
every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.*

*That every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord!*

At the name of Jesus! At the name of Jesus!

SCAN TO GIVE



The Great Thanksgiving for Lent

Sursum Corda

One: God be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks and praise to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Our hearts overflow with love for you, God of the ages.

When there was no time, you crafted day and night.

When we turned away from you, you remembered the promises you made to Noah, Sarah, Josep, and Hannah, and sent the prophets to remind us of your covenant and to point the way to your heart.

When we continued to ignore the prophets' words, you sent Jesus to be with us, to set us free from the bonds we created for ourselves.

So, we lift our voices with those who waited patiently and with those who saw the fulfillment of your promises, joining the choirs of heaven and earth to forever sing your praise:

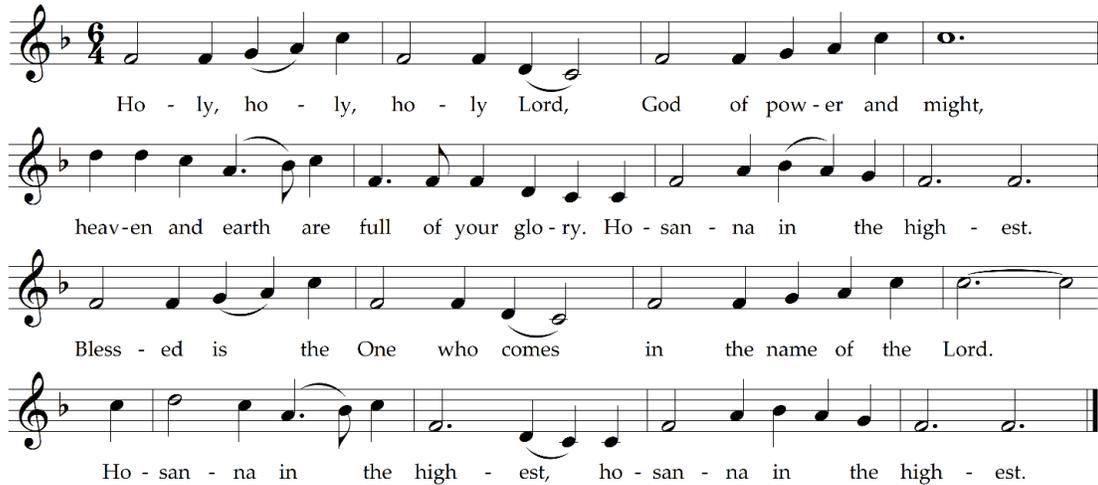
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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Land of Rest*; adapt. Marcia Pruner, © Church Pension Fund
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Words of Institution

Faithful and holy are you, Creator of all, and blessed is Jesus the Christ.
When he could have stayed at your side, Jesus came to be Emmanuel,
God-with-us.

When he could have feasted on power, Jesus came to prepare a Table for
us where our broken lives might be made whole.

When he could have had the angels wait on him, Jesus came to offer us
your grace, enduring death on the cross so we could have life eternal.

On the night in which he was betrayed.... When we eat of this bread, and
drink from this cup, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of
Jesus Christ, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Prayer of Consecration

Let us pray.

Pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, gifts of your creation.

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit

As we are filled with the Bread of Life, may we never cease to feed the hungry of our world.

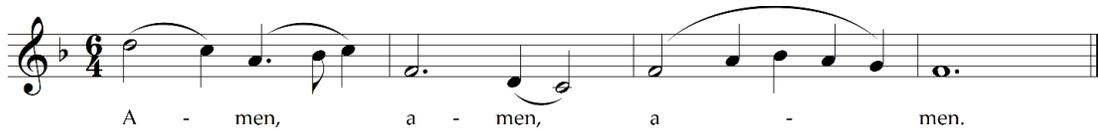
As we are nurtured by compassion's cup, may we take the lost, last and least by the hand, walking together into the realm you have prepared for all.

As we gather around the Table with your beloved children of every time and place, may we join our voices with theirs, praising you,

God of the priests and the prophets, God of the apostles and martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations.

Great Amen



Invitation

Music during Communion

Just as I Am

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy love was shown to me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed.

I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled.

I come guilty to be pardoned through the love of Christ, the Lamb.

And I'm welcomed with open arms, praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am, I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom bought.

And now, to glory in the cross, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended, I come wounded to be healed.

I come desperate to be rescued, I come empty to be filled.

I come guilty to be pardoned through the love of Christ, the Lamb.

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ONLINE GIVING

At www.cathedralofhope.com/give you can make a one-time donation or even set up a recurring electronic gift (by automated checking account withdrawal or credit card). One of the best things you can do to support your church is to make arrangements to give electronically.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek, you are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,
you are my all in all.

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.*

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless your name. You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up; When I am dry, you fill my cup.
You are my all in all!

***Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.*

****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

****Recessional**

Lift High the Cross

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.*

Come, Christians follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Child of God.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.*

**Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit

O Christ, once lifted on that glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the crucified for victory.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.*

****Benediction**

Postlude for Dismissal



On this glorious morning, we will proclaim the good news: Christ is risen! Our Easter worship services will be filled with inspiring music, heartfelt prayer, and a powerful message of renewal, reminding us that light always overcomes darkness and love always has the final word.

Bring the whole family and join us for a joyful Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00am, a fun and festive celebration for children and families to share in the excitement and wonder of the day!

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to experience this meaningful and joy-filled celebration together.

WORSHIP *Services*

Sunday English Services

8:30am Traditional
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

10am Traditional
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

11:45am Contemporary
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

Sunday Spanish Service
1:30pm (Spanish)
In-Person Worship (Live-streamed)

Mid-Week Pick Me Up

Our Hope@11:45 Contemporary Sunday service is broadcast the following Wednesday evening at 7:15pm on Facebook, YouTube, and our Website as your mid-week pick me up.



53 CHRISTOPHER COUNSELING & PSYCHOTHERAPY

The therapists at 53 Christopher Counseling & Psychotherapy are offering free drop-in mental and emotional support on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Appointments are available at 10am, 11am, 12pm, and 1pm. You can scan the QR code to set up time with us. No commitment required! Just a caring, confidential space to talk and be heard.



*Scan QR code for more info about our upcoming events

COMING UP @ CATHEDRAL

Easter Flower Dedications Due March 30, 2026

The breathtaking display of flowers that fills our sanctuary each Easter is made possible by the generosity of our community. For a donation of \$40, you can dedicate a flower in honor or memory of a loved one — a beautiful way to celebrate their presence in your life while helping to cover the cost of our Easter flowers.

All dedications will be included in the Easter worship guide.

After Easter Sunday worship, you are welcome to take your potted flower home.

Scan the QR code or purchase your dedication at Sources of Hope on Sunday.

Thank you for helping us create a stunning Easter display filled with love, remembrance, and beauty.



Childrens Easter

Easter Candy

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5th, is right around the corner, and we are so excited to celebrate with our kids! To help make this fun tradition extra special, we are collecting individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. If you are able, please consider donating a bag or two of candy to help us prepare for the big hunt. To help prevent melting, we kindly ask that you avoid chocolate if possible. (Plus, who doesn't love Skittles, Starbursts, Now & Laters, and Smarties?) Candy donations can be dropped off at the church in the coming weeks. Thank you for helping us create a joyful and memorable Easter celebration for our children!

Book Fair

Get ready for a great week of reading! Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open March 29 through April 3 in the lobby of Hope Day School, featuring a fun selection of books perfect for elementary school readers. It is a wonderful chance to discover new stories, encourage a love of reading, and support our young readers. If you are attending services on March 29, we especially invite you to stop by before or after the services to browse the fair. Please note that the book fair is cashless, and purchases can be made using approved digital payment options. We hope you will come take a look and find a new favorite book!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Amani at amurphy@cathedralofhope.com

Maundy Thursday | 7:15pm

You are invited to a deeply meaningful and moving Maundy Thursday contemporary worship service as we reflect on the love, humility, and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This holy evening commemorates the Last Supper; when Jesus gathered with his disciples, shared a final meal, and offered a powerful commandment: to love one another as he has loved us.

Through contemporary music, heartfelt prayer, and a spirit-filled message, this service creates space for both reflection and connection. Together, we will remember the sacred moments of that final night; honoring the call to serve, to love deeply, and to walk alongside one another in faith.

We will conclude the evening by sharing in the sacred meal of communion, grounding ourselves in the grace and presence that unites us as a community. A Taizé service will also be offered at 7:15pm in the Interfaith Peace Chapel (IPC) for those seeking a more contemplative time of prayer.

Good Friday | 7:15pm

Through meaningful scripture, meditative music, and intentional moments of silence, we will enter into the story of Good Friday with reverence and reflection. This service creates space to hold both the sorrow and the sacred beauty of this day; honoring the love that endures even in the face of suffering.

As a community, we will gather to contemplate the profound significance of the cross and the ways it calls us into lives of compassion, justice, and hope. Whether you come seeking peace, renewal, or simply a quiet place to reflect, you will find a welcoming and inclusive space here.

Good Friday invites us not only to remember, but to prepare our hearts for what is to come. The promise of resurrection and new life.

IMPORTANT

Information

Incense Use in Worship

Christmas Eve (9pm) & Christmas Eve (11pm)
Epiphany Sunday (10am)
Good Friday
Easter Sunday (10am)
Pentecost (10am)
and All Saints Sunday (10am)

Incense Use in Worship At Cathedral of Hope, incense is used as part of our worship experience on select holy days, including Christmas Eve (9pm, 11pm), Epiphany Sunday (10am), Good Friday, Easter Sunday (10am), Pentecost (10am), and All Saints Sunday (10am). We use a hypoallergenic incense designed to minimize irritation, but we recognize that sensitivities vary from person to person. If you have concerns, we invite you to speak with an usher or clergy member so we can support your worship experience in a way that feels safe and comfortable.

BOARD

Update

At its regular meeting on March 23rd, the board considered the following items:

The Strategic Planning Committee, led by Chair Ed Johnson, provided a thorough analysis and recommendations of potential vendors to guide COH in a strategic planning process that will shape church strategy for the next 5+ years.

The board approved motions to approve the design concept and fund critical repairs and expansion of the columbarium using reserve funds.

LIFE GROUPS

Sign Up

Don't miss out on the opportunity to be in a life group that follows the sermon series so that we can grow spiritually together! We have groups that meet each day of the week both in person and virtually. Scan the QR code to check out our groups or email, Rev. Jeremy, for more information at jrose@cathedralofhope.com!

SCAN ME



First Time Guests

If you are joining us for the first time, stop by the Connect Center to meet and greet with volunteers and staff, and to pick up a special gift from us to you.

Children and Families

We offer Children's Church for children between infancy and 5th grade. We meet in person on Sundays during all four services for faith-filled and fun programming. Childcare for the littlest ones is available on Sundays.

Youth

Our youth group is for those between 6th and 12th grades. It is a safe space to share struggles and joys. We meet Sundays at 10am in Rm. 102 for Youth Group.

Restrooms

You're invited to use the restroom that corresponds with your gender identity or the restroom that feels the safest and most comfortable to you. Gendered, multiple occupancy restrooms are located near the double glass doors behind the Sanctuary. All-gender, single occupancy restrooms are available off the hall to the right of the Hall of Heroes area.

Congregational Care

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**Children and youth are always welcome in worship! Children and youth programming is available during all four worship services for infants through 12th grade. Please ask an usher for directions or more information.*

A friendly reminder...

As you may know, we have security presence at all worship services and other major events. We have a security team and a security plan in place in case of need. We ask you to partner with us and ensure that you are aware of your surroundings and the main exits in the building. And, if you see something, say something. Speak to a member of staff or a member of our security team. Thank you for your assistance.

Assisted listening systems are available in the bookstore

Please note that by sitting in the sanctuary, you may be filmed or photographed. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, please feel free to worship in the Fellowship Hall