



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

March 29, 2026

10:30 a.m.

St. Peter's by-the-Lake
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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation gathers outside in the garden. Palm branches will be distributed to the people before the service.

In the event of rain, the service will begin in the church.

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from Matthew.

When Jesus and his disciples 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, saying,

"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."

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession from the garden to the front of the church,
all hold branches and join in singing "We Cry Hosanna, Lord."*

We Cry Hosanna, Lord

refrain **We cry, "Hosanna, Lord! Yes, hosanna, Lord!
Yes, hosanna, Lord to You."
We cry, "Hosanna, Lord! Yes, hosanna, Lord!
Yes, hosanna, Lord to You."**

**Behold, our Savior comes, behold the Son of our God.
He offers Himself and He comes among us, a lowly servant to all. *refrain***

**Children wave their palms as the King of all kings rides by.
Should we forget to praise our God, the very stones would sing. *refrain***

**He comes to set us free. He gives us liberty.
His victory over death is the eternal sign of God's love for us. *refrain***

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The procession stops in front of the church doors.

Celebrant

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The procession enters the church

Procession into the church

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

refrain **All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. *refrain***

**The company of angels is praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *refrain***

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *refrain***

From the *Hymnal 1982*, Hymn 154

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day.

A reading from Isaiah

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens 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 up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 31:9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,
 and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies
 and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.

- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 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.**
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ 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,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of 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.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the place called The Skull (Matthew 27:33), all stand.

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called **Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull)**, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Sermon—The Very Rev. Carol Mead

Prayers of the People

As we experience this season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation, we pray to God to teach and transform us through our practices, our thoughts, and our community.

For peace and patience—in our hearts and in the world around us—in the face of anxiety and turmoil:

Come, O Lord, and calm us.

For Dorothy our bishop, Carol our priest, and for all who minister in the name of Christ:

Come, O Lord, and shape us.

For the leaders and members of all churches, as we prepare once again to recall, and be changed by, the sacrificial events of Christ's Passion:

Come, O Lord, and sanctify us.

For the leaders of our nation and in the world, that all work diligently to organize government to enable us to love God and love neighbor:

Come, O Lord, enlighten us.

For wisdom in understanding what forms us spiritually so that we know what to set aside and what to embrace:

Come, O Lord and strengthen us.

For each person in this season of penitence, that we acknowledge all that we have done and left undone to interfere with our relationship with God:

Come, O Lord, encourage us.

For persons struggling to forgive, that they may know the freedom of letting go of past hurts:

Come, O Lord, reassure us.

For all persons who suffer from addiction or are otherwise afflicted in body, mind or spirit:

Come, O Lord, and heal us.

Joining our voices with all the saints, angels, and people of God, in this Lenten season let us offer ourselves and our gifts to the living God through Christ:

To you, O Lord.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory

Presentation of our Gifts

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Fraction Anthem from the 1940 hymnal # 706

Communion Hymns

Ah, Holy Jesus

**Ah holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone thee.
'Twas I Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on my pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.**

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O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

**O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!**

**Thy beauty, long-desirèd, hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expirèd, and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.**

**In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-belovèd, yet thank thee for thy death.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever! and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for thee.**

**My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal power,
to hold me that I quail not in death's most fearful hour;
that I may fight befriended, and see in my last strife
to me thine arms extended upon the cross of life.**

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Postcommunion Hymn

Lamb Of God

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side;
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God.**

Refrain **O, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love they crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *refrain***

**I was so lost. I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side;
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God. *refrain***

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Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Procession into the World

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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The Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday in Holy Week

March 30

6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist - In-person worship only

Tuesday in Holy Week

March 31

6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist - In-person worship only.

Wednesday in Holy Week

April 1

6:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist - In-person worship only.

Maundy Thursday

April 2

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist - In-person worship & streaming.

Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

April 3

12:05 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy - In-person worship only.

3:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - In-person only

6:30 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy - In-person worship & streaming.

Holy Saturday

April 4

12:05 p.m. - Holy Saturday Liturgy (in the garden, weather permitting)

In-person worship only.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

April 5

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (no music) In-person worship only.

10:00 a.m. Easter egg hunt for those 10 years of age and younger.

Flowering of the cross.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music & choir.
In-person worship and streaming.

Reception following the late service