



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 10:15 a.m.



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

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Palms

The ushers hand out palms as people enter 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.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Blessing of the Palms

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.**

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 forever. **Amen.**

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

Hymn

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Hymnal #154

Refrain:

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

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

Refrain

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

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

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

The Liturgy of the Word of God

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **God’s mercy endures forever.**

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the Book of 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?

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

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."

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **Sequence Hymn**

“Were You There?”

Hymnal #172

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble. Were you there when they crucified my
Lord?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the
side? Were you there when they pierced him in
the side? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble. Were you there when they
pierced him in the side?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the
tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the
tree? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble. Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree?

4. Were you there when they laid him in the
tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the
tomb? Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid
him in the tomb?

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ *presented by Children and Youth*

Meditation *followed by a time of silence.*

The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Handbell Choir

The Prayers of the People *from Intercessions for the Christian People*

On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into whom we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church throughout the world, all the baptized, the clergy, and the bishops, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace among nations that a spirit of respect and forbearance grows among all people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in Holy Land, and all countries devastated by war, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, for Sherry, Jenny, Jarrod, Jacques, Debbie, Jackie, Matt, Sue, Rich, Mary, Megan, Tony, Kip, Kathy, Kevin, Calvin H, and those in our prayer list, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Beverly, Michele and others, who celebrate their birthdays this week, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are oppressed or persecuted, for all the victims of violence, and all who suffer or are in danger. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who do not yet believe, and those who have lost their faith, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

To make an online offering, please scan the QR code that is on the last page of the bulletin.

Offertory

“In the Shadow of His Cross”

arr. Michael Akers

Handbell Choir

✠ Presentation Hymn

Tune: Hamburg

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.

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Hymnal #S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,
10 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea - ven and
18 Bless - ed is
27 earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
he who comes in the name of the Lord. high - est,
ho - san - na in the high - est

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

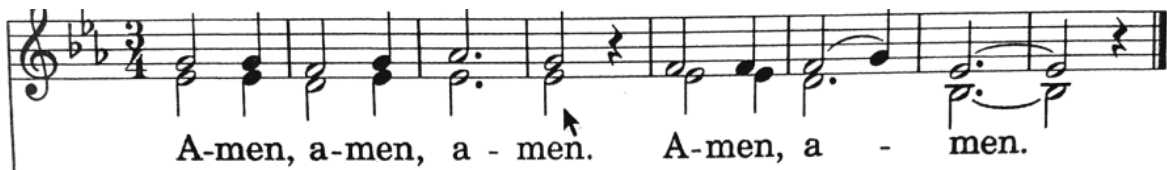
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Luke and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

The Great "AMEN"



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

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 Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei - "Jesus, Lamb of God"

Hymnal #S164



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion in front of the altar. Gluten-free communion wafers are available on demand. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharist minister on both sides of the priest.

Communion Music “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

1. How deep the Father's love for us; How vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many to His glory.

3. I will not boast in anything; no gifts no power no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward; I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

2. Behold the Man upon a cross; my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

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“Jesus, Remember Me”

J. Berthier

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Prayer over the People

Bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, given into the hands of sinners, and suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Hymnal #158

1. 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.

3. 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.

2. 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.

Words: Johann Heermann
Music: *Herzliebster Jesu*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Assistants	Palm Sunday: April 13	Easter Sunday: April 20
Organist	Mary Butler	Donna Parker
Musicians	Adult Ensemble/Handbell Choir	Praise Ensemble
Ushers	David and Ellen Anderson	<i>2 needed</i>
Acolyte	Kat Dittrich	<i>1 needed</i>
Lector(s)	Kevin McIntyre: Scripture readings Barbara Sears: Intercessor	Betsy Reinders
Chalicians	Helen Lang, Kevin McIntyre, Rick Reinders, Betsy Reinders	Betsy Reinders, John Holbert, Sandy White, Bobbie Gooding
Worship Slides	Jeanne Cox	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden
Audio Visual	Travis Collins	Travis Collins

April Altar Guild: Team 3

Ellen Anderson Dorothy Carpenter Jennie Grabill Lisa Jamison Melissa Leahy

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Tom and Sharon Schwartz, in celebration of Michele Schwartz's birthday.

Attendance - April 6:

8:00 am - 28 10:15 am In-person - 70 YouTube - 4 Facebook - 2 **Total: 104**

Readings for Next Sunday: Easter - C

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-2 Luke 24:1-12