

Traditional Worship

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major – David Johnson

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL *

*As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Welcome & Opening Hymn.
A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

WELCOME *

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS *

Leader: 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.

Assembly: **Amen.**

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

Assembly: **Hosanna in the highest.**

OPENING HYMN #259 *

Fling Wide the Door

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 24

*The Cantor sings the Psalm Refrain and then the Assembly joins in the refrain.
The Cantor sings the Psalm Verses and the Assembly joins in each refrain as indicated.*



¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers...*Refrain*

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by what is false.

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob...*Refrain*

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory...*Refrain*

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

*The cantor sings the acclamation through once
and then the assembly joins in singing a second time.*

The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are as follows:

- Staff 1: Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na
- Staff 2: in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
- Staff 3: san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

GOSPEL LESSON *

Matthew 21:1-11

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "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."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus: A Palm Sunday Medley – arr. Sylvia Berg Oines

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue, with palms and scattered garments strewed.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

Ride on, King Jesus, no one can-a hinder me.

*King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, no one works like him,
the river Jordan he did cross, no one works like him.*

*For he is King of kings and he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last,
no one works like him.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #344 *

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

APOSTLE'S CREED *

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in "Hosanna,"

Assembly: save us.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with "through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Assembly: Amen.

PEACE *

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Assembly: And also with you!

*The assembly greets each other with
"peace be with you...and also with you."*

You're invited to share God's peace with those around you.

If you're worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

OFFERING

The Palms – Jean Baptiste Faure

As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.

Gifts can also be given electronically using the QR Code.

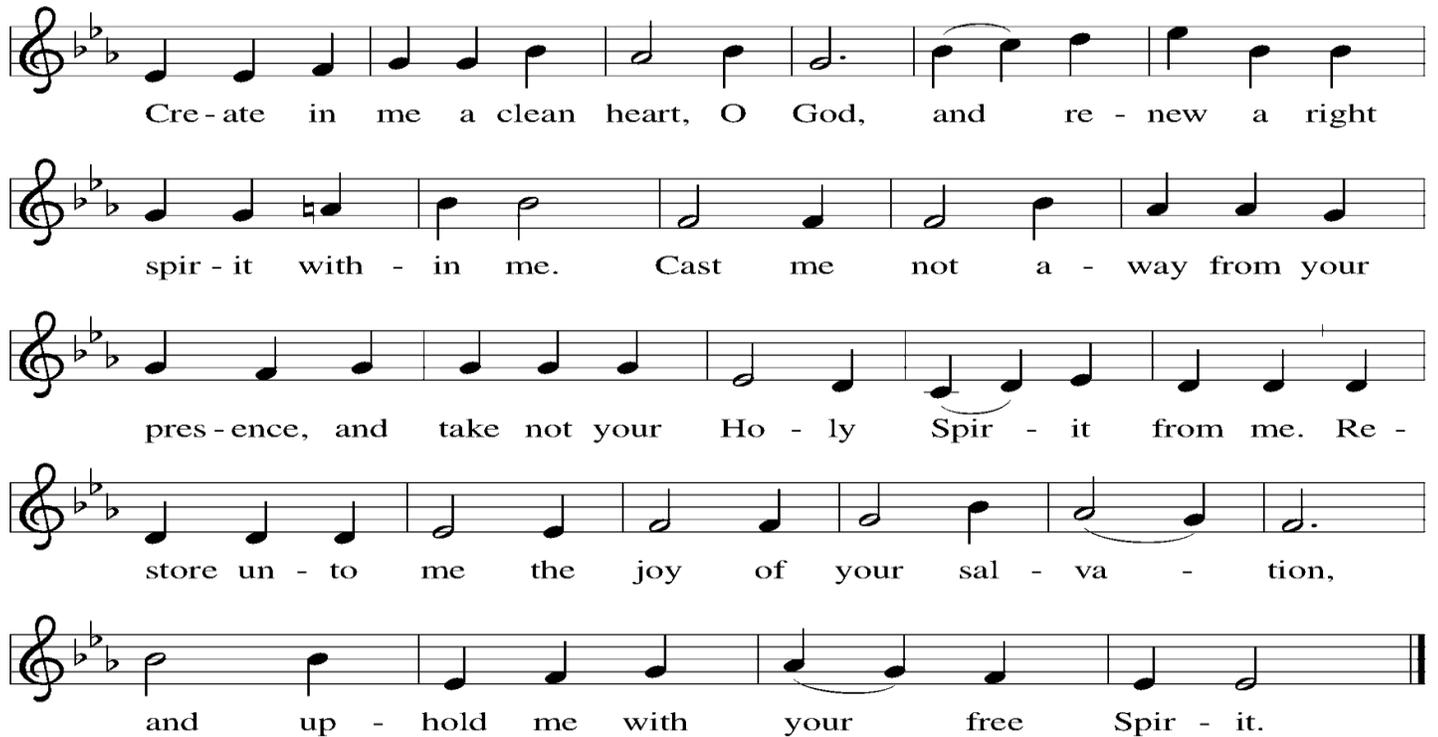


*O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away;
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.*

*Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let every voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praise Ye the Lord,
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.*

OFFERTORY *

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

CONFESSION & GREAT THANKSGIVING *

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Holy God, we confess that though we lift our hearts to you,
we often turn away.

Assembly: We shout "Hosanna," yet resist your way of humility and peace.

We long for your salvation, yet fail to trust your mercy.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

that we may follow Christ on the way of the cross.

Amen.

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Jesus comes to us in humility, bringing mercy and peace.
By his suffering and death, he has taken away our sin.
By his resurrection, he gives us new life.
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
We are set free to love and serve the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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.

On this day he entered the holy city in triumph,
humble and riding on a donkey,
and was greeted with palms and shouts of praise.

Yet he came not to claim an earthly throne,
but to bear the cross for the life of the world.

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:

The musical score is written on seven staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. A first ending bracket with a '4' above it spans the first four measures. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the seventh staff.

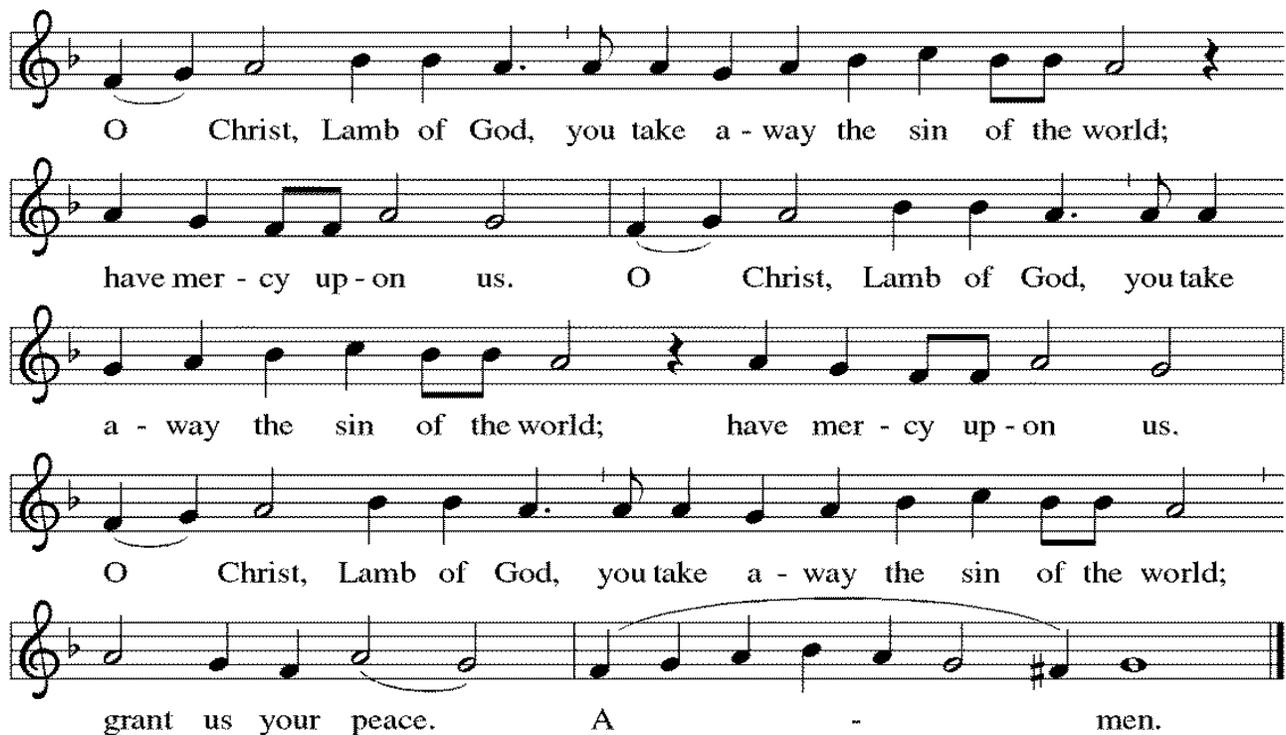
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san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

LORD'S PRAYER *

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.

LAMB OF GOD *



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of
the cups and packaging after the service.*

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Pastor: Come to the table.

Blessed are those who partake in this holy mystery.

As you are served communion:

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you
Communion Receiver: Amen.

Music at Distribution – Hymn #484 – *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Assembly: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

BLESSING *

Leader: The God of all grace,
who in Jesus Christ calls you to follow on the way of the cross,
keep you steadfast in faith,
and lead you into the promise of new life.
May Christ, your humble king,
guide your steps in peace and bring you to the joy of his resurrection.
Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #239 *

Hark, the Glad Sound!

DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go in peace.
Serve the Lord as you journey through this Holy Week.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *

All Glory, Laud, and Honor – arr. Janet Linker

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor Leslie Fox Lott, Transition Pastor
Pastor Denny Asp, Associate Pastor
Deacon Diane Schwiger-Alexander, Director of Youth & Family
Susan Quintenz, 8:00 Lector & Communion Assistant
Pris Petzinger, 11:10 Lector & Communion Assistant
Karl Petzinger, 11:10 Communion Assistant
Chad Baker, Director of Worship & Music
Samuel Owens, Cantor
Jane McFadden, Chancel Choir Accompanist
Robin Terschak, Anthem Soloist
Max Kramer, Anthem Soloist (11:10)

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

*The altar flowers are given in memory of his mother, Bea Petzinger,
by Karl and Pris Petzinger.*

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