



# PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING



# **PALM SUNDAY: SUNDAY OF THE PASSION APRIL 13, 2025**

## **WELCOME, FRIENDS AND GUESTS!**

A cordial welcome is extended to all who have come to worship with us this morning. May God's loving presence fill us with joy and hope as we prepare ourselves to follow Christ. If you are a guest or visitor with us, please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Binz or Pastor Swenson and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

## **SERVING YOU TODAY**

<b><i>Preacher</i></b>	<i>Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor</i>
<b><i>Liturgist &amp; Celebrant</i></b>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
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<b><i>Ushers</i></b>	<i>Tom Wedergren, Steve Wood,</i> <i>Alex Lew, Robert Bok</i>
<b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>	<i>Darlene Hartman, Ernestine Gutter,</i> <i>Carol Slettvedt, Jing Li</i>

## ***PROCESSION OF PALMS***

### **PRELUDE**

*If the procession begins outside the nave, the congregation gathers around the processional cross. If the congregation is already seated in the nave, it now stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave. Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Stand*

### **GREETING**

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

### **COLLECT**

- P** Let us pray.
- Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 12:12-19**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,  
**C** in the name of the Lord.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**    *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*    **LSB 442**

**Refrain**

All glory, laud, and honor  
To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the King of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and Blessèd One. **Refrain**

2 The company of angels  
Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply. **Refrain**

3 The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before You we present. **Refrain**

4 To You before Your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

- 5 As You received their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Our good and gracious King. *Refrain* Public domain

*When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:*

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**C** Hosanna in the highest.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen

*Sit*

#### OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

The LORD will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants,  
when he sees that their power is gone  
and there is none remaining, bond or free.  
Then he will say, "Where are their gods,  
the rock in which they took refuge,  
who ate the fat of their sacrifices  
and drank the wine of their drink offering?  
Let them rise up and help you;  
let them be your protection!  
"See now that I, even I, am he,  
and there is no god beside me;  
I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE****Philippians 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON HYMN***A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**LSB 438*

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer,  
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies,  
"All this I gladly suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,  
The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
Whom God the Father chose to send  
To gain for us His favor.  
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,  
"And free My children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation.  
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by Your passion they will share  
The fruit of Your salvation."

- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly  
 I'll bear what You command Me.  
 My will conforms to Your decree,  
 I'll do what You have asked Me."  
 O wondrous Love, what have You done!  
 The Father offers up His Son,  
 Desiring our salvation.  
 O Love, how strong You are to save!  
 You lay the One into the grave  
 Who built the earth's foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see  
 And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,  
 Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
 My joy beyond all measure!  
 When I appear before Your throne,  
 Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
 With these I need not hide me.  
 And there, in garments richly wrought,  
 As Your own bride shall we be brought  
 To stand in joy beside You.

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**SERMON "Your King is Coming"**  
**Text: John 12:12-19**

*Stand*

**NICENE CREED**

**All:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven  
 and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of  
 God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of  
 God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not  
 made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom  
 all things were made; who for us men and for our salva-  
 tion came down from heaven and was incarnate by the  
 Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and  
 was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suf-  
 fered and was buried. And the third day He rose again  
 according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven**

and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.

*Sit*

#### TITHES AND OFFERING

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

Choir Sings *Blessed Are They*

*Stand*

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

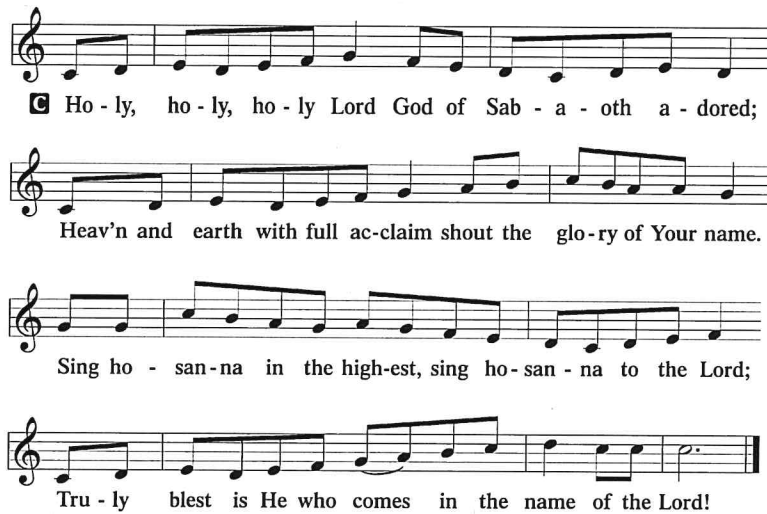
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks



for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- P** At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.
- P** As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
- P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us. Je - sus Christ.  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

### **DISTRIBUTION**

Regarding our Holy Communion practices this morning:

- We ask that you who are communicant Lutherans prepare to receive the Lord's Supper by reading the Communion Registration side of our Welcome-Worship Registration Card. If communing, please sign both sides of the card and either hand it to an usher when you go up to commune or place it in the collection plate during the Offering.
- The consecrated wine may be received by common cup (the chalice) or individual chalices. **Non-alcoholic wine is provided in the chalices in the inner circle of the tray for those who are unable to consume alcohol.**
- If you are unable to come to the altar rail for Communion, please let the usher know, and Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*LSB 443*

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

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***O Bride of Christ, Rejoice***

***LSB 335***

- 1 O bride of Christ, rejoice;  
Exultant raise thy voice  
To hail the day of glory  
Foretold in sacred story. ***Refrain***

***Refrain***

Hosanna, praise, and glory!  
Our King, we bow before Thee.

- 2 Let shouts of gladness rise  
Triumphant to the skies.  
Now comes the King most glorious  
To reign o'er all victorious. ***Refrain***
- 3 A humble beast He rides,  
Yet as a King presides;  
Though not arrayed in splendor,  
He makes the grave surrender. ***Refrain***
- 4 The weak and timid find  
How meek He is and kind;  
To them He gives a treasure  
Of bliss beyond all measure. ***Refrain***
- 5 Then go thy Lord to meet;  
Strew palm leaves at His feet;  
Thy garments spread before Him  
And honor and adore Him. ***Refrain***

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*Stand*

# NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN    *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*    *LSB 441*

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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**LET US PRAY TO THE LORD GOD** for those who are ill, home-bound, or recovering from recent hospitalization: Elfriede Bonfert; Charlene Bruggemann-Wong; Angie Cheung, Helen Bok's sister-in-law; Bill Eves, Virginia Ferry's cousin; Jimmy Fong, Evelyn Fong's father; Karen Goeglien, Bob Bok's cousin; Kenny Hioe, Julia Tom's brother-in-law; Eliza Latimore; Sigrid Rogge; Ruth Stresow; Marilyn Tom, Stanley Tom's sister-in-law; Annalise Traub, Peter Traub's daughter; Nancy Tso; Lisa Westermann; Cheryl Wong; Marilyn Wong; Franklin Yee.



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## **Palm Sunday Services**

**April 13**

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper

## **Maundy Thursday**

**April 17**

7:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

## **Good Friday**

**April 18**

8:30AM Sunset Campus Chapel

11:15AM Sloat Campus Chapel

7:00PM Tenebrae Service

## **Holy Saturday**

**April 19**

7:00PM Easter Vigil

## **Easter Sunday**

**April 20**

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper

Easter Brunch following Worship Service

Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn following the Brunch

**Everyone is welcome to attend all Services  
and to join us at the Easter Brunch.**

If attending the Easter Brunch and/or Egg Hunt, please kindly  
RSVP by **Tuesday, April 15th** with the names and number of  
adults & children attending to Helen Bok by text or voicemail at  
415-307-1536.

*(Each child should bring his/her own personal Easter Basket.)*

*For more information, please contact the Church Office at  
415-661-0242*



## EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 20



The Easter Service with Lord's Supper at 10:00 AM.

The Easter Brunch following the Easter Service.

The Easter Egg Hunt will follow after Easter Brunch. It will be located on the Church lawn featuring our special guest, "The Easter Bunny" for children ages up to 10 years old.

Please RSVP for Brunch or Egg Hunt (or both) as early as possible but no later than **Tuesday, April 15th** with the names and number of adults & children attending to Helen Bok by text or voicemail at 415-307-1536.

(Each child should bring his/her own personal Easter Basket.) For more information, please contact the Church Office at 415-661-0242.



## Easter Flowers

As we look forward to the celebration of Easter, the Altar Guild is again planning to have special floral arrangements around the Altar area. If you would like to help by donating to the flower fund, please complete this form and return it to the Church Office at **the end of service today**.

The suggested minimum donation is \$15.00.

Please make the check payable to Altar Guild—

West Portal Lutheran Church.

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Name of person(s) donating flowers

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Name of person(s) honored or remembered.

If you have any Calla Lilies growing in your garden and would like to share some with us, please bring them Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. There will be containers in the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Luke 22:11 – “Tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ”** Did Jesus really *need this man’s Upper Room*? If the man had refused to let Jesus use it, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this room! It is the same with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor it is for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY (4/13) PALM SUNDAY

9:00AM Adult Bible Class  
 9:00AM Children Sunday School  
 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper  
 11:15AM Choir Practice

#### WEDNESDAY (4/16)

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY (4/17)

3:30PM Confirmation Class  
 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service-  
 Lord's Supper

#### GOOD FRIDAY (4/18)

8:30AM Good Friday Service/Sunset  
 Campus Chapel  
 11:15AM Good Friday Service/Sloat  
 Campus Chapel

School—Early Dismissal

7:00PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service

#### HOLY SATURDAY (4/19)

7:00PM Easter Vigil Service

### NEXT WEEK

#### EASTER SUNDAY (4/20)

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper  
 11:15AM Easter Brunch  
 12:00PM Easter Egg Hunt

4/21-4/25 Easter Break—No School

#### WEDNESDAY (4/23)

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class in person  
 and on-line

#### THURSDAY (4/24)

No Confirmation Class

#### SATURDAY (4/26)

5:00pm Worship-Lord's Supper

### Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week

Wednesday, 7:00 PM

In Person ..... 22

On-Line ..... 79

Saturday, 5:00PM Service

In Person ..... 13

Sunday, 10:00AM Service

In Person ..... 118

On-Line ..... 107

**Total ..... 339**

Communed Sunday ..... 59

Sunday Bible Class ..... 20

Wednesday Bible Class ..... 9

West Portal Lutheran  
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**Worship Services**

Saturday, 5:00PM

Sunday, 10:00AM

**Bible Classes**

Wednesday, 11:00AM

Sunday, 9:00AM

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4/13/25  
10:00AM