



**Pilgrim**  
LUTHERAN  
**Church**

## Divine Service



**March 29, 2026**  
**Palm Sunday**

# Welcome

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village in front 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, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.' "

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Opening Hymn

### Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



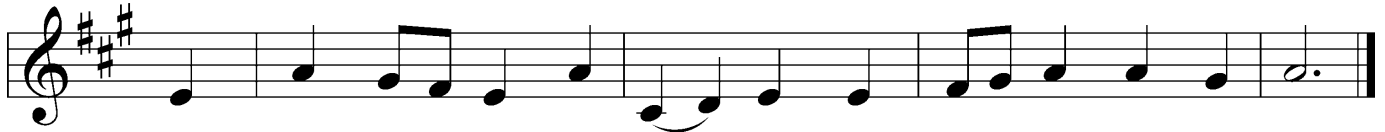
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

## Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



## The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Songs of Praise

### The King of Glory

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices  
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices

Who is the king of glory, how shall we call Him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices  
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices

In all of Galilee, in city or village  
He goes among His people, curing their illness

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices  
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices

Sing then of David's son, our Savior and brother  
In all of Galilee was never another

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices  
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices

### Hosanna (Will You Rise)

When the waters rise all around  
When the rocks and trees they cry out

Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in Heaven  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in Heaven

Hosanna Hosanna  
Will You rise, will You rise?  
Hosanna Hosanna  
Will You rise, will You rise?

Fill us with Your breath to renew  
To care for what You've made as You do

Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in heaven  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in heaven

Hosanna Hosanna  
Will You rise, will You rise?  
Hosanna Hosanna  
Will You rise, will You rise?  
(Repeat)

Will You rise, will You rise?  
Will You rise, will You rise?

Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in heaven  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done  
Here on earth as it is in heaven  
(Repeat)

## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray...  
Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading

### Isaiah 50

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.  
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

6 I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

7 But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

8 He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

### Psalm 31

#### Tone



#### Refrain



**Refrain: My times are in your hand, O God. You deliver me.**

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 am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to • my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street • they avoid me.

**12 Like the dead I am forgotten, • out of mind;  
I am as useless as a • broken pot.**

**Refrain: My times are in your hand, O God. You deliver me.**

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 Let your face shine up- • on your servant;  
save me in your • steadfast love.”**

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son  
and to the Holy • Spirit;  
as it was in the be - • ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

**Refrain: My times are in your hand, O God. You deliver me.**

## **Second Reading**

### **Philippians 2**

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Message**

**Gemma Rodriguez**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Lew Upchurch**

# Confession of Faith

## Apostles' Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, +  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

# Prayers of Intercession

*Following each prayer petition:*

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

# Offering

## The Sacrament of the Altar

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 indeed our duty and our joy...evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed + is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in  
the highest.**

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## Words of Institution

### The 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.**

## O Lamb of God...

### Ways to Commune

**Intinction** – Pastor places bread in hands. Communicant dips bread in chalice held by Communion Assistant.

**Sealed Cups** – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together).

**Prayer** – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest.



# Communion Song

## Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone/ Near the Cross

Must Jesus bear the cross alone  
And all the world go free  
No there's a cross for everyone  
And there's a cross for me

The consecrated cross I'll bear  
Till death shall set me free  
And then go home my crown to wear  
For there's a crown for me

In the cross in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

Upon the crystal pavement  
Down at Jesus' pierced feet  
Joyful I'll cast my golden crown  
And His dear name repeat

In the cross in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

O precious cross O glorious crown  
O resurrection day  
Ye angels from the stars come down  
And bear my soul away

In the cross in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

How happy are the saints above  
Who once went sorr'wing here  
But now they taste unmingled love  
And joy without a tear

In the cross in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

# Blessing

## Closing Hymn

### No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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## Announcements

### Hosanna

Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

Lord we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted oh Lord my God  
Hosanna in the highest

Glory glory  
Glory to the King of kings  
Glory glory  
Glory to the King of kings

Lord we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted oh Lord my God  
Glory to the King of kings

Lord we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted oh Lord my God  
Hosanna in the highest

*Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used  
Holy Communion Cups as you leave the Sanctuary*

# Sermon Notes

# Serving at Worship Today

## **Preaching & Presiding**

Pastor Lew Upchurch

## **Director of Music**

Mary Harper

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through Word and Sacraments.**

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