Palmarum Sunday
13 April A+D 2025

"Palmarum" is from the Latin language. In English it means "*Sunday* of palms."
Like Ash Wednesday, the name comes not from the first words of the Introit, rather what is used that day.
This year's palms will be used to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday next year.
During Passiontide the Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father…) is also omitted at the end of both the Introit and Nunc Dimittis in preparation for the glorias and alleluias to be returned to the Divine Service at Easter.

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Prelude: "Ein Lämmlein geht" - Johann Pachelbel

Procession of Palms

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.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

O God, who for our salvation didst send Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to humble Himself to us and to call us back to Thee; before whom, as He came to Jerusalem to fulfill the Scriptures, the multitude of believers devoutly strewed His way with their garments and with palms: Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may prepare before Him the way of faith, and removing every stone of stumbling and rock of offense, may flourish before Thee with the fruitful branches of righteous works, that we may follow in His steps, through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Holy Gospel *Luke 19:29–40*

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

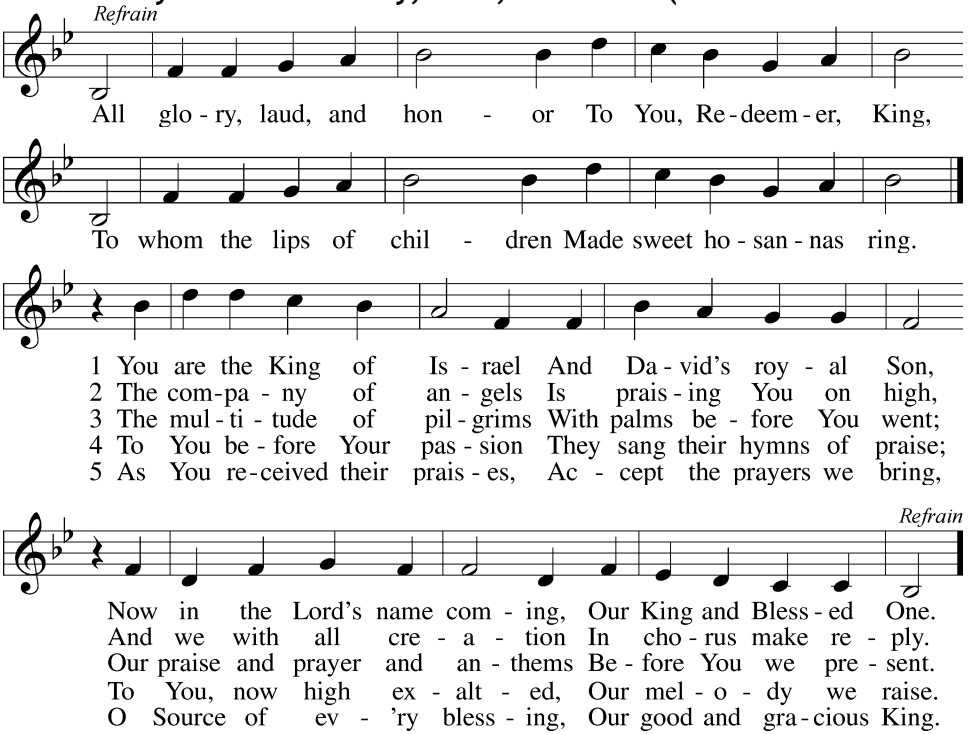
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, He sent two of His disciples, saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’ ” So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of him.” Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: “ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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

Processional Hymn: 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor (kids: sts. 1-2 all: sts. 3-5)



Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.
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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.**

A time of silence may be observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

Kyrie *LSB 186*

C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast sent Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Lesson *Selections from Zechariah*

Thus says the LORD God: "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst. Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the LORD of hosts, the Holy Mountain. The city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; I will bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people and I will be their God, in truth and righteousness. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth,' " says the LORD. Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver—that princely price they set on me. Then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. And one will say to him, "What are these wounds between your arms?" Then he will answer, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion," says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the LORD—neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light. And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, and the LORD shall be King over all the earth.

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

Epistle *Philippians 2:5-11*

Brethren: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A The Word of the Lord.
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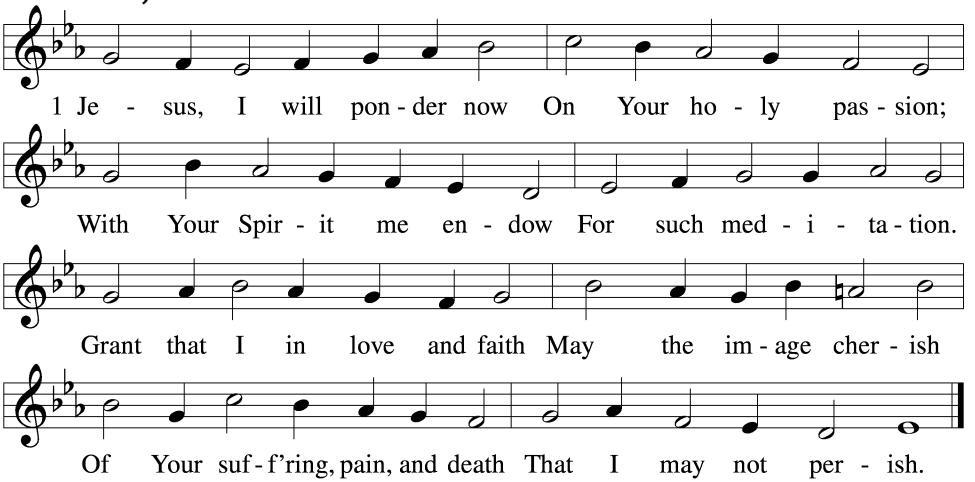
Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now *st. 1*



Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew *Matthew 26*
Stand
The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew *Matthew 27*
Nicene Creed
Sit
Hymn of the Day: 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
Sermon
Stand
Offertory *p. 192 ff*
Offering Hymn: 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain
Rite of First Communion Prior to Confirmation *(see insert)*
Rite of Confirmation for Adults

Stand

Prayer of the Church [P] let us pray to the Lord: [C] **Lord, have mercy.**

Preface

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And with thy spirit.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

[C] **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

[P] It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Distribution Hymns:
441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty /
436 Go to Dark Gethsemane sts. 1-3 /
617 O Lord, We Praise Thee /
618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table /
619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior /
453 Upon the Cross Extended /
443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *p. 199 ff (omitting the Gloria Patri)*

Thanksgiving

[A] O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

[C] **and His mercy endureth forever.**

[A] 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.**

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Remaining Holy Week Services

Spoken Divine Services: Holy Monday 6:30pm, Holy Tuesday 6:30pm, Holy Wednesday 6:30pm
Maundy Thursday Divine Service 6:30pm
Good Friday Chief Divine Service 1:00pm & Tenebrae Vespers 7:00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7:40pm (sunset), Easter Sunday 7:00am & 10:00am

Catechumens Receiving First Communion Today

The Rite of First Communion Prior to Confirmation is on page 25-27 in Lutheran Service Book: Agenda.

Hannah Rose Kenitzer

Margaret Grace Kenitzer

Emilia Rose Stephan

Welcome Family and Friends

We welcome you to our worship service today. We know that your presence here serves to make this day even more special to these boys and girls who are receiving the Sacrament for the first time. We ask that you read our practice concerning Holy Communion found on the back of this worship bulletin. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated.

We ask that no pictures be taken during the worship service, including *The Rite of First Communion.* Pictures may be taken after service. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our ***Welcome Center*** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.

Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"*Repetitio est mater studiorum*: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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