

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Palm Sunday – April 13, 2025

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*(In Meditation Garden)*

*Presider* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Presider* 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 GOSPEL FOR PALM SUNDAY

Luke 19:28-40

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."

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God 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 for ever. **Amen**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*As we say the Psalm responsively, each person receives a palm branch*

### PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's mercy endures for ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now proclaim, "God's mercy endures for ever."**

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> **"This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."**

<sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> **The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> **On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup> Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! LORD, send us now success.

<sup>26</sup> **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;**

**we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup> God is the LORD; God has shined upon us;

form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> **"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, God is good; God's mercy endures for ever.

### THE PROCESSION

*Presider* Let us head out in peace and joy!

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen**

*We process around the corner into the front doors of the church.*

OPENING HYMN

All glory, laud and honor, vv. 1,3,4

Hymnal 154

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.  
 People **And God's Spirit with you.**  
 Presider Let us pray.

Holy Lord, we draw near to you because you first drew near to us. Help us to come close to you, Lord Jesus, as we begin this walk with you to the cross. Help us to feel your awesome love, that endured all this for us. Help us to worship you in true humility and hear the story of your passion, grateful for the freedom you won for us. Let us worship you in the power of the Holy Spirit given to us: **Amen.**

READING

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us:

People **Thanks be to God**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

SONG

Were you there?, v 1

Hymnal 172

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

SCENE 1

**Betrayal and Arrest** (Luke 22:39-53)

SCENE 2

**Peter Denies Knowing Jesus** (Luke 22:54-62)

SCENE 3

**Jesus on Trial Before Council, Herod and Pilate** (Luke 22:63 – 23:25)

SONG

Were you there?, v 2

Hymnal 172

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Where 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?

SCENE 4

**Jesus is Crucified** (Luke 23:26-43)

**SCENE 5**                      **Jesus Dies and Is Buried** (Luke 23:44-56)

**SONG**                              Were you there?, v 4                              Hymnal 172

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Where 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?

**REFLECTION**                      What wondrous love is this?      The Rev. Dr. Kate Heichler

**PRAYER SONG**                      When I survey the wondrous cross                      Isaac Watts



1When I sur - vey the wond - rous cross where the young  
2For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3See from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain  
cross of Christ my God. All the vain things  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love  
off - e - ring far too small. Love so a - ma -



I count bu - t loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
that charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
or sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown.  
- zing, so di - vine de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

**OUR PRAYERS**

Hosanna to the Son of David!  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.**

Jesus Christ, you were the stone we rejected,  
**Yet you have become our Cornerstone;**  
The one we look to as the best example of God's Love;  
**The one we exalt above all others.**

We spread our cloaks out on the path  
**Laying palm branches at your feet**  
We offer every good thing we have:  
**Every talent, every blessing,**  
Every moment, every word and thought.  
**Everything of value that we claim**  
We lay at the feet of the King who comes in humility, in peace, and in godly Love.  
Help us to remain in your steadfast love –  
**Rooted in gratitude, grounded in your presence;**  
To stay – no matter what the crowds around us do –  
**Steeped in compassion, centered in mercy.**

We pray for the desires of our hearts...  
*Please offer aloud your prayers for the world, the church and those in need of grace and healing.*

We confess the ways we have betrayed and denied you, failing to live your way of love...  
*Please offer your repentance to God, aloud or in silence.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

As Jesus forgave Peter and looked on him with love, so he regards us with love and mercy. Know that in the love of Christ you are forgiven and invited into the embrace of the God who waits for us at the end of every road. **Amen**

**THE PEACE** *(Please rise in body or spirit)*

*Presider*      The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*              **And also with you.**

*As a sign of our unity, please share Christ's peace with your neighbors.*

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

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**OFFERTORY HYMN**                      [My song is love unknown](#), vv. 1-3, 6-7                      Hymnal 458

**DOXOLOGY (LENTEN)**

Praise God throughout these forty days; praise Christ our Lord, whom God did raise,  
And praise the Spirit, who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

## THE HOLY MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The people are invited to participate praying the words in bold type.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We do give you thanks and praise, Lord Jesus, our servant King, the Lord of Creation. You humbled yourself to be born into this world to die a death you did not deserve. You were God, yet you emptied yourself, taking on the form of a servant to free us; **You have shown us that true power is hidden in weakness.**

And so you came into Jerusalem, the place you loved, where you would die;  
you came in, riding on a lowly donkey, attended by multitudes;  
**and all the people praised you, crying, “Hosanna in the highest.”**  
And so we too praise you, joining our voices with all the heavenly host,  
who sing this hymn for all eternity:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)

Kate Heichler, 2000

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed, bless - ed,  
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 hosannas were still ringing in the air when the crowd turned against you, and the cries of “Blessed is he,” turned to “Crucify him!” In the same way we turn from you, honoring you one moment, denying You the next as we go on our way. And still you love us. Still your words from the cross sound for us: **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** In your passion You secured our forgiveness and set us free from sin. **In your death you overcame death and set us free to truly live.**

On the night you were handed over to suffering and death, Lord Jesus, you took bread; and when you had given thanks, you broke it, and gave it to Your disciples, and said, **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

After supper, You took the cup of wine; and when you had given thanks, you gave it to them, and said, **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”**

And so we, a people on the road, moving toward Easter joy, come together to remember and to be remembered, reunited in Christ. **To recall His suffering and death on the Cross;** To celebrate His resurrection and ascension; **To await His coming in glory.**

We come together to be fed with the bread of life and cup of salvation: **Come, Holy Spirit, and make this holy food for your holy people.** We come together to be forgiven, freed and filled with Christ’s life: **Send Your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may offer our wills, our lives, our hearts as a resting place for God.**

All this we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is the Father’s, now and for ever. *And all the people said: AMEN.*

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Jesus' Original*)

**Our Father in heaven,  
holy is your Name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
And forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Elizabethan translation*)

**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**

**AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** Jesus, Lamb of God Kate Heichler, 2006

Je-sus, La- mb of God, have mer- cy on us; Je- sus, Bear- er of our sins, have mer- cy; Je- sus,  
Light and Re- deem- er of the world, Gra- nt us your peace; gra- nt us your peace.

*All are welcome to communion, coming up the center aisle and returning by the side aisles, disposing of the wine cup in the basket on your way back to your pew.  
Those who wish to sip from the common cup, please indicate so to the chalice bearer.  
If you don't wish to receive you may cross your arms for a blessing.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** O Young And Fearless Prophet S. Ralph Harlow

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord Jesus, our Savior, thank you for feeding us with this heavenly food, for the forgiveness we taste in this bread and wine, your body broken for us, your blood shed to set us free. Be near us as we walk the way of the Cross with you. Help us to learn from you this love which is replenished as it is poured out, by your almighty strength made perfect in our weakness. We pray in the name of Love made real, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**BLESSING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

Almighty God, this meal does not end here – you continue to nourish us, and to feed others through us. Bless these elements and vessels, and the lay eucharistic visitors who carry them out, that your Body and Blood may nurture those members of our family unable to worship with us today.

**BLESSING**

**PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CLOSING HYMN** Lift high the cross Hymnal 473

**SENDING**

**POSTLUDE** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Jeanette Threlfall

**MUSIC AND WORSHIP NOTES**

*Organ and Piano: Timothy Credle; Guitar: Kate Heichler  
Hymns are found in the hymnals in our pews, and words are provided on slides.  
Those worshiping online can click the link on the hymn name and find the tune there.  
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**OUR PRAYERS**

**We give thanks for:** A full Lent and the start to Holy Week.  
**Milestones:** Michael Albrittain, Ryan Kamienski  
**We pray for:** Our world and all in need.  
**Those in need of healing** – Pat, Karen, Patsy, Gerald, Bill, Bob, James; Chris  
**Those who have died** –

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you would like to help beautify the church for Easter, giving flowers in memory or in honor of someone, use envelopes at the back of the church or online **by tomorrow at noon**. Help decorate the church for Easter on Saturday, April 19, 10 am.

**HOLY WEEK begins today, and continues until sundown Saturday.** Please walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus and your church community this week, online and in person, and discover how it is in fact the Way of Love. Here's the line-up:

**Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday** there will be worship services [online](#) at 7:30 pm.

**Maundy Thursday** Supper and Service will be at Christ Church in La Plata at 6 pm – register [here](#) so we have a count for food and set-up.

**Good Friday** we will have Stations of the Cross at Christ Church Wayside at noon, and the Liturgy for Good Friday at Christ Church [online](#) at 7:30 pm.

**FAREWELL TO REV. KATE APRIL 27** - Please come to a special worship service and lunch to celebrate Kate's ministry among us for the past seven years. This will be her last Sunday with us. Sign-ups for lunch appreciated.

**ONLINE GIVING – La Plata:** You can text a donation - text "CCLAPLATA" to 73256, and follow the prompts. You can give to Open Plate or toward your pledge. You can also give online - go to [www.christchurchlaplata.org](http://www.christchurchlaplata.org) and scroll down to the "Donate" link.

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