

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH DIVINE SERVICE FOR PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025



+ SERVICE OF THE PALMS +

All worshipers gather in the narthex. Ushers will distribute palm branches to be held during the Procession of Palms.

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 OF THE PALMS

John 12:12-19

- $\overline{\mathbf{P}}$ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12^{th} chapter.
- 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

PROCEDAMUS

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





All arrive at their places.

PALM SUNDAY ANTIPHON

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

Sit. A brief time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

ANTHEM

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

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Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Stand

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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 READING

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY



(sung as indicated)

- ① *Open to me the gates of \rightarrow righteousness,* that I may enter through them and give thanks \rightarrow to the LORD.*
- This is the gate | of the LORD; * the righteous shall enter | through it.
- I thank you that you have | answered me * and have become my sal- | vation.
- **C** The stone that the builders re- | jected * has become the | cornerstone.
- This is the LORD's | doing; * it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- This is the day that the | LORD has made; * let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
- Save us, we pray, | O LORD! * O LORD, we pray, give | us success!
- **©** Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD! * We bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- ☐ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- \ on us. * Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the \ altar!
- You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you; * you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.
- ☐ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for \ he is good; * for his steadfast love endures for \ \ ever!

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5–11

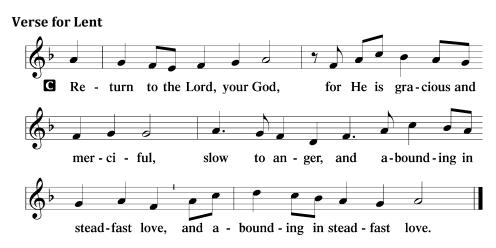
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by 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.

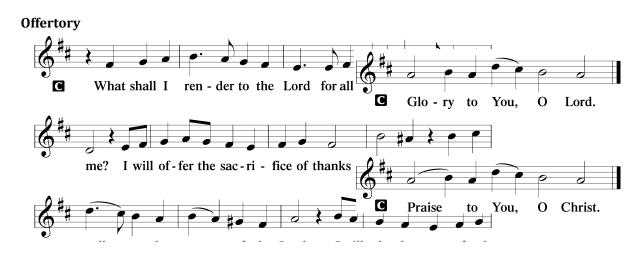
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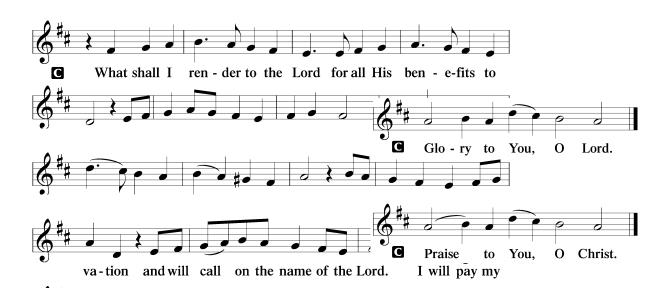
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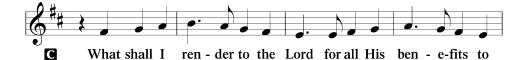
Stand

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SERMON

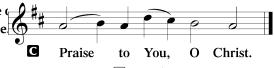
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© I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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 salvation 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 suffored and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both 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 I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

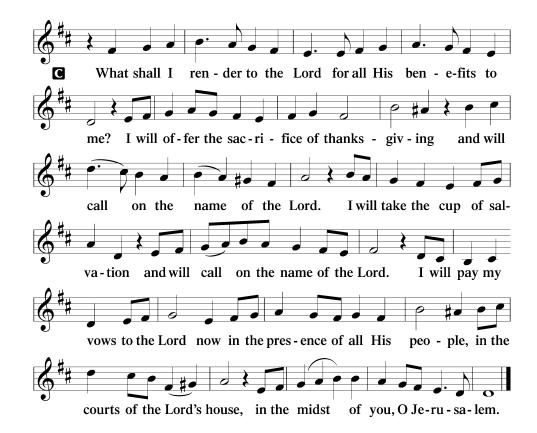
P Lord, in Your mercy.

G Hear our prayer.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Worshipers may leave offerings in the plates near the sanctuary doors.

OFFERTORY





Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those wh of the Lord. Ho - san - na begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF THE 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."

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."

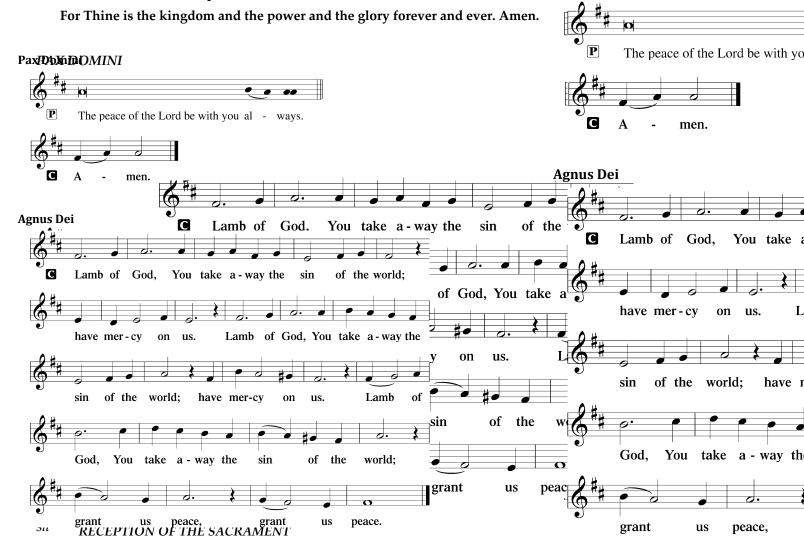
PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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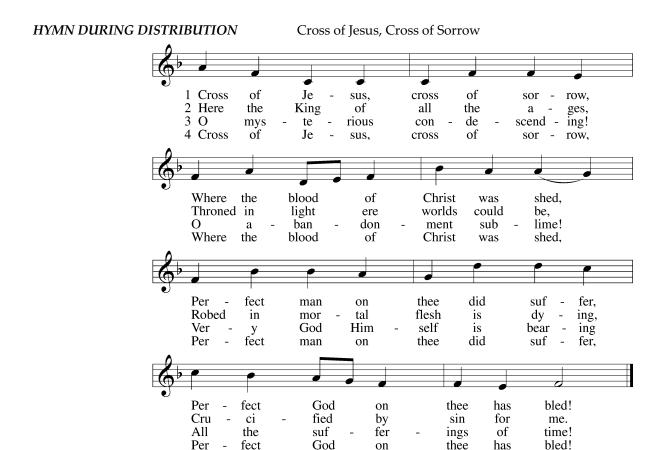
HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION Hosanna, Loud Hosanna The lit - tle chil - dren sang; Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd, high - est!" 3 "Ho - san - na in the That an - cient song we sing; Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly 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 His breast, To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed The Lord of earth and heav en Rode on in low - ly state With heart and life and voice Oh, may we ev - er praise Him

chil - dren sang their prais - es, The

His bliss - ful

Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid-ding wait.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.
 Nunc Dimittis



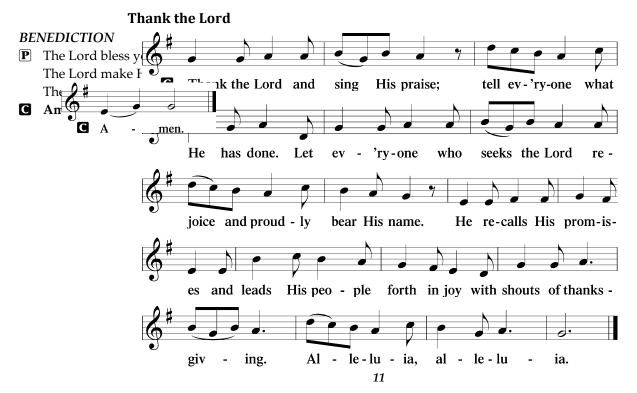
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C Amen.

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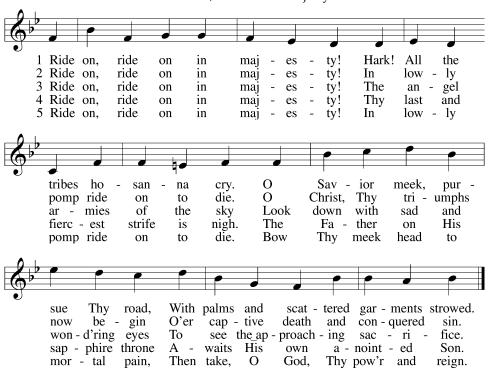


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CLOSING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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The events of Holy Week will be commemorated with worship services held on Holy Thursday (April 17), Good Friday (April 18), and Holy Saturday (April 19).

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