

Palm and Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:30 AM



Entry of Christ into Jerusalem by Wilhelm Morgner (1891-1917)

University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and a sanctuary congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Jen Nagel and Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Marty Lewis-Hunstiger (assisting minister); The Hope Choir, Robert Ragoonanan (musicians); Seneca Brooks (lector); Kelleen Brooks (greeter); Alex Carlson, Seth Struthoff (tech facilitators); Esther Dant, Beth Kautz, Jo Schroeder, Sarah Wille (communion servers), Julian Kobiske (altar guild); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Diane Greve (healing prayer); Randall Brooks, Michael Kneer, Uli Koester (ushers); Malena Carlson, Jacob Lanthier (acolytes) Pauline Hendrickson, Evan Peterson (communion cleanup); Jayne Lindesmith (land acknowledgment); Ann Agrimson, Gretchen Peik (fellowship hosts)

GATHERING

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

ACS refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

Our service this morning begins with the reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel. We gather in front of the church by the main sanctuary steps for this reading. Following the blessing of palms, enter the sanctuary and our service continues.

+ **Processional Gospel Reading** - Mark 11: 1-11 NRSVue, Emended

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The gospel according to Mark, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" The disciples told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming dominion of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Cuando se acercaban a Jerusalén y llegaron a Betfagué y a Betania, junto al monte de los Olivos, Jesús envió a dos de sus discípulos con este encargo: «Vayan a la aldea que tienen enfrente. Tan pronto como entren en ella, encontrarán atado un burrito, en el que nunca se ha montado nadie. Desátenlo y tráiganlo acá. Y si alguien pregunta: "¿Por qué hacen eso?", díganle: "El Señor lo necesita y enseguida lo devolverá"». Fueron, encontraron un burrito afuera, en la calle, atado a un portón y lo desataron. Entonces algunos de los que estaban allí preguntaron: «¿Qué hacen desatando el burrito?». Ellos contestaron como Jesús había dicho y dejaron que lo desatara. Llevaron, pues, el burrito a Jesús. Luego pusieron encima sus mantos y él se montó. Muchos tendieron sus mantos sobre el camino; otros usaron ramas que habían cortado en los campos. Tanto los que iban delante como los que iban detrás gritaban: — ¡Hosanna! — ¡Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor! — ¡Bendito el reino venidero de nuestro padre David! — ¡Hosanna en las alturas! Jesús entró en Jerusalén y fue al Templo. Después de observarlo todo, como ya era tarde, salió para Betania con los doce.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

El Evangelio del Señor.
Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

+ Blessing of the Palms

God be with you.

And also with you.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. For one brief moment in time, Jesus' ministry of justice, healing, and love triumph on the world's terms. Jesus' followers, so many of them outcast and oppressed, experience the joy of justice-made-manifest. As these palms bless our procession in this sacred space and time, let us now bless these palms.

Let us pray: We praise you, O Holy God, as the palms of last year's Palm Sunday became the ashes of this year's Ash Wednesday, so we mark the ebb and flow of life and death—celebration and mourning, hello and good-bye. Though surely mourning will come soon, we pause in this moment for celebration, lifting our cries of praise like Jesus' followers in Jerusalem that day. We bless these palms that they might be palpable reminders of your justice, your peace, and our deep longing for your reconciliation, we pray through one God, now and forever.

Amen

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

+ Processional Hymn

Pave the Way With Branches

ACS 928

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics '*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.' The second staff has the lyrics 'Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.' The third staff has the lyrics 'Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -' The fourth staff has the lyrics 'san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.' There are first and second endings marked with '1' and '2' above the staff lines.

*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

**Additional verses ad lib.:*
Release for the captives . . .
Hope for the downtrod . . .
Land for the landless . . .
Debts are forgiven . . .

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+ Blessing and Prayer of the Day

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, **in the mystery of the passion of your Son, you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

Our service today concludes with the Passion reading. We will hear again the story of Holy Week read from the Spark Story Bible. Our children will have front row seats for this reading.

Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning the Lord God wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; the one who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Reading - Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but relinquished it all, taking the form of a slave,

Mi SEÑOR y Dios me ha concedido tener una lengua instruida, para sostener con mi palabra al fatigado. Todas las mañanas me despierta, y también me despierta el oído, para que escuche como los discípulos. El SEÑOR y Dios me ha abierto los oídos y no he sido rebelde ni me he vuelto atrás. Ofrecí mi espalda a los que me golpeaban, mis mejillas a los que me arrancaban la barba; ante las burlas y los escupitajos no escondí mi rostro. Por cuanto el SEÑOR y Dios me ayuda, no seré humillado. Por eso endurecí mi rostro como el pedernal y sé que no seré avergonzado. Cercano está el que me justifica; ¿quién entonces contendrá conmigo? ¡Comparezcamos juntos! ¿Quién es mi acusador? ¡Que se me enfrente! ¡El SEÑOR y Dios es quien me ayuda! ¿Quién me condenará? Todos ellos se gastarán; como a la ropa, la polilla se los comerá.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

La actitud de ustedes debe ser como la de Cristo Jesús, quien, siendo por naturaleza Dios, no consideró el ser igual a Dios como algo a qué aferrarse. Por el contrario, se rebajó voluntariamente,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of
death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to 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.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

tomando la naturaleza de siervo

y haciéndose semejante a los seres humanos.

Y, al manifestarse como hombre, se humilló a sí mismo
y se hizo obediente hasta la muerte, ¡y muerte de cruz!

Por eso Dios lo exaltó hasta lo sumo y le otorgó el nombre
que está sobre todo nombre, para que ante el nombre
de Jesús se doble toda rodilla en el cielo y en la tierra
y debajo de la tierra, y toda lengua confiese que
Jesucristo es el Señor, para gloria de Dios.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Homily - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

+ Hymn of the Day

All Glory, Laud, and Honor, v. 3-5

ELW 344

Prayers of the People

Following each petition:

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Thanks for the Faith and Life of Bernice Davenport

+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words “Peace be with you” or “La paz del Señor.”

MEAL

Offertory

Hosanna to the Son of David

Thomas Weelkes

(1576-1623)

Translation from Latin and transcription from English:

Hosanna to the son of David. Blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna to God in the highest.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Offerings can be sent electronically or by mail. Find more information on the last page of the bulletin.

+ Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

+The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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 forever. Amen.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and sitting with others...

When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."

If you are at home on your own...

Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."

If you are worshiping in-person today...

We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. There are two stations for Holy Communion. Following the direction of the ushers and honoring distance, please come to a station, pick up the elements, and hear the promises of grace. A basket is available for empty cups and refuse. If you'd prefer, coming forward to the front for a blessing is always an option. Simply indicate this to the server and they will offer a blessing.

If you seek healing prayers today...

A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, for other situations, you are invited to come forward to the station. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will.

Music During Communion

Christ Is the Life

ACS 927

1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the

Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -

worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise

time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -

brings all things to be and brings all things to death.
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

+Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

+Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Embodied God, **at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

Announcements

Passion Reading - Mark 14:1–15:47, Spark Story Bible

+Hymn (see page 9)

Drop, drop, slow tears, sung twice

Orlando Gibbons

First time: choir

(1583-1625)

Second time: choir and congregation

SENDING**+Blessing**

God, the giver of love,
 ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
 and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
 bless you, keep you, this Holy Week.
Amen.

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God.

Holy Week and Easter Worship Opportunities

Maundy Thursday, March 28: Noon service (sanctuary) and 7pm service (sanctuary/[YouTube](#)).

Good Friday, March 29: Noon service (sanctuary) and 7pm service (sanctuary/).

Easter Vigil, March 30: 7pm service (begins in the courtyard).

Easter Morning, March 31: 10:30am Festive Easter Worship (sanctuary/Zoom/[YouTube](#)).

9am-10:15am Easter Breakfast.

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Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous feet, which

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brought from heav'n the news and Prince of peace. Cease not, wet eyes, his

mer - cies to en - treat; to cry for ven - geance sin doth nev - er

cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and

fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

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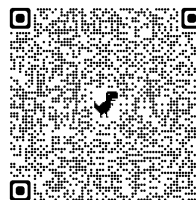
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