

Palm and Passion Sunday
April 13, 2025
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 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.

Land Acknowledgment

This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.

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.

GATHERING

+ *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.

+ Welcome

+ Processional Gospel Reading - Luke 19:28-40

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After he had said this, [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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Dicho esto, Jesús siguió adelante, subiendo hacia Jerusalén. Cuando se acercó a Betfagué y a Betania, junto al monte llamado de los Olivos, envió a dos de sus discípulos con este encargo: «Vayan a la aldea que tienen enfrente y, al entrar en ella, encontrarán atado un burrito en el que nadie se ha montado. Desátenlo y tráiganlo acá. Y si alguien pregunta: “¿Por qué lo desatan?”, díganle: “El Señor lo necesita”». Fueron y lo encontraron tal como él les había dicho. Cuando estaban desatando el burrito, los dueños preguntaron:—¿Por qué desatan el burrito?—El Señor lo necesita—contestaron. Se lo llevaron, pues, a Jesús. Luego pusieron sus mantos encima del burrito y ayudaron a Jesús a montarse. A medida que avanzaba, la gente tendía sus mantos sobre el camino. Al acercarse él a la bajada del monte de los Olivos, todos los discípulos se entusiasmaron y comenzaron a alabar a Dios por tantos milagros que habían visto. Gritaban:—¡Bendito el Rey que viene en el nombre del Señor!—¡Paz en el cielo y gloria en las alturas! Algunos de los fariseos que estaban entre la gente reclamaron a Jesús:—¡Maestro, reprende a tus discípulos! Pero él respondió:—Les aseguro que, si ellos se callan, gritarán las piedras.

El Evangelio del Señor.

Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

+ Blessing of the Palms

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.

God be with you.

And also with you.

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

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1 **You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. REFRAIN**
- 2 **The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. REFRAIN**
- 3 **The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. REFRAIN**
- 4 **To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. REFRAIN**

+ 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.

Sermon

+ Hymn

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

ELW 602

Choir sings the first line, all join at the second line of music

Prayers of the People

*Following each petition: God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

MEAL

Offertory

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

arr. Mark Sedio (2024)

Alden Tetlie, violin

- 1. A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall harbour heaven, a stall become a shrine.*
- 2. This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by; the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull and dumb, and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.*
- 3. Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die; the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry for gifts of love abused; God's blood upon the spearhead, God's blood again refused.*
- 4. But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry in praises of the child by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.*

Thank you for your continued generosity! Donations may be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. A QR code is available on the last page of the bulletin.

+ Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others and all creation. 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 Simple 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 worshipping 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	Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!	ELW 346
	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	ELW 803
	What Wondrous Love is This	ELW 666

+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 - Spark Story Bible

+Hymn (see below)

Drop, drop, slow tears, sung twice

Orlando Gibbons

First time: choir

(1583-1625)

Second time: All

S
A

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

T
B

The first system of musical notation is for the Soprano (S) and Alto (A) parts. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: "Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beau - teous feet, which".

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody. The lyrics are: "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

The third system of musical notation concludes the phrase. The lyrics are: "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.

Postlude

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee arr. Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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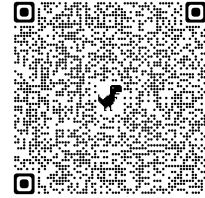
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Today’s Worship Leaders

Pastor Susan Debner, Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding ministers); Mary Reimann Perez (assisting minister); The Hope Choir; Alden Tetlie, violin; and Paul Stever (musicians); Deb Bordsen, Ruth Hedman, Jacob Lanthier, Julia Reimann-Perez (communion servers); Alex Carlson, Seth Strudthoff (tech facilitators); Sheila Hougén (Zoom facilitator); John Hensrud, Michael Kneer, Williams Santana, Ron Sorensen (ushers); Malena Carlson, Lydia Rapacz (acolytes); Kathy Kufus (altar guild); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Ann Agrimson (healing prayer); Pauline Hendrickson, Leena Rapacz (communion clean-up)

Worship this week

April 17 Maundy Thursday 7pm service (in the sanctuary and YouTube)

Music led by the TB singers from Hope Choir

April 18 Good Friday 7pm service (in the sanctuary and YouTube)

Music led by the SA singers from Hope Choir

April 19 Easter Vigil 7pm service (beginning in the middle courtyard)

April 20 Easter, Music led by the Hope Choir and guest brass quartet