

Palm/Passion Sunday



March 24, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church West Seattle, Washington

TO JOIN THE PROCESSION:

Get a palm branch and meet us on the westside patio.

Those who prefer to be seated may find a place in the sanctuary.

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This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

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ABOUT THE PALM BRANCHES

The palm branches we use are sourced from ECO-PALMS, a project allied with the University of Minnesota Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management. You can read more about them on the announcement page below. Following the service, you may take your palm branch home or place it in one of the brass urns.

✝ GATHERING ✝

P – *Presider* C – *Congregation* L – *Lector* A – *Assisting Minister*
ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal* ACS – *All Creation Sings Hymnal*

WELCOME *We gather on the westside patio for the procession.
Children are welcome to play a rhythm instrument during the procession.*

THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS *At every “Hosannah!” lift your branches high.*

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

C Hosanna in the highest!

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th Chapter.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them,

C “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.’ ”

P 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?” They 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,

C “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

P Then he 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.
The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

P Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lift your branches high as the procession begins.

P Let us go forth in peace.

C In the name of Christ! Amen!

Follow the procession from the westside patio, up Thistle Street, to the double doors of the nave.

At the doors to the nave, join in the final exchange.

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Follow the procession into the nave as we sing All Glory, Laud, and Honor.

+ PROCESSION +

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW #344

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P As we enter now into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on his journey to the cross, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nicole Klinemeier

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Kathleen Keyes

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16 *Congregation joins choir on each refrain.*



1. In you, O Lord I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, oh my faithful Lord, in your hands I commend my spirit.

2. For all my foes reproach me; all my friends are now put to flight.

I am forgotten, like the unremembered dead, like a dish that now is broken.

3. I place my trust in you, Lord; in your hands is my destiny.

Let your face shine upon your servant, Lord, in your hands I will place my life.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MARK ✠

Readers tell the story of Christ's passion, beginning with his anointing by a woman disciple in Bethany, the Passover meal he shares with his disciple community, his arrest at Gethsemane, his trial before the Sanhedrin and before Pontius Pilate, and his crucifixion at the place called Golgotha. Images accompanying the reading help to tell the story. Please join in singing the verses of the hymn, My Song Is Love Unknown, at the appropriate times.

My Song Is Love Unknown, verse 1

TUNE: RHOSYMEDRE

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

MARK 14:1-31 Response: *My Song Is Love Unknown, verse 2*

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

MARK 14:32-72 Response: *My Song Is Love Unknown, verse 3*

Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.

MARK 15:1-39 Response: *My Song Is Love Unknown, verse 4*

We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes
that he his foes from thence might free.

MARK 15:40-47 Response: *My Song Is Love Unknown, verses 5 and 6*

In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing - no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Petitions are offered, ending with the response:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

When all petitions have been offered:

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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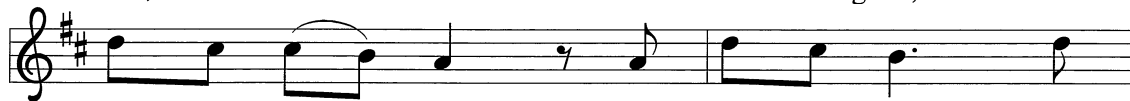
OFFERTORY HYMN

We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord

ELW#690 vs. 1-3



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
2 What good and blessing you bestow are
3 Oh, make our barren trees to grow, our



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.
forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food, but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. 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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and includes some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,', 'heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the', 'high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -', and 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

C **Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C **This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death, and his glorious resurrection,
we give thanks to you, O God, not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

C **All glory and honor is yours, O God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all,
in your holy Church, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Traditional*

P Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to Jesus, our Host and our Meal.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

We commune processionally. Extend your hands to receive bread. A gluten free wafer is also available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Lord, Remember Me

Douglas E. Wagner

COMMUNION HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

ELW #666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW #803

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

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

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Adagio

Antonio Vivaldi



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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

At the Congregational Meeting on February 4, we embraced a plan for funding our mission in 2024. That plans anticipates offering income averaging \$26,477 monthly. Thank you for your gifts which support God's mission at Peace, in the larger community, and internationally through the ELCA!

Offering Income received March 2024

3/03/24	\$ 2,380.00
3/10/24	\$ 2,490.00
03/17/24	\$ 5,515.00
<u>Electronic</u>	<u>\$ 7,678.76</u>
Total	\$18,063.76

THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

Like everything of nature, the boughs strewn along Christ's path could be left where they lie to decompose naturally into dust. Not so with the waste lining our paths today. In recognition of the UN's International Day of Zero Waste on Saturday, let us all today consider not only how to reduce our plastic waste, but *all* the waste in our lives. Refuse disposable options and instead choose reusable bags, storage containers, drinking cups and compostable solutions.

Pray for Creation: This week we pray that the humility of Jesus become the model for our lives in order that we turn from seeing ourselves as the center of God's creation to serving God's creation.

BOB GAINES IS TURNING 90 TOMORROW

His name has been left off the Birthday list in the Peace Notes the last several years, so we will have a little celebration at fellowship time after worship today. Please stick around to sing him Happy Birthday.

ABOUT THE PALM BRANCHES

The palm branches used today are sourced from ECO-PALMS, a project allied with the University of Minnesota Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management. Working together with the Rainforest Alliance TREES program and Smartwood, this program certifies palms harvested

from the forests of Mexico and Guatemala for sale to Christian congregations in the United States and Europe. Harvesting palms is an important source of income for families. Gatherers receive a higher price for “fair trade” palms, improving their income. Palms protect valuable natural forests because they provide income to forest communities. The sustainable harvesting and management of palms protects palms and the forests they need for shade and improves the income and living conditions for the communities gathering the palms.

REVISIONING AT PEACE SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Please Sign Up! The Re:Visioning Team would love to invite you into a conversation with your fellow community members at Peace Lutheran Church! We are hoping to create a vision and plan for what the next 10+ years will look like for our congregation. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome, encouraged, and needed! Please choose a date and time that will work for your household...we are expecting these meetings to last about 60-75 minutes. A huge thank you to the wonderful folks who are willing to host! Please note: The meeting on March 17 after church at Peace will have childcare available in the nursery. **Sign up online or on the hard copy in the narthex.** Sign Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EAAA2EA5FC1-48238442-revisioning>.



LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK ~ MARCH 24-31

The Following Services will take place during Holy Week—mark your calendars:

March 28, MAUNDY THURSDAY @ 7pm

March 29 GOOD FRIDAY @ 7pm

March 30 EASTER VIGIL @ 7pm

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION – MARCH 31st

Easter at Peace begins with Easter Brunch from 9:00am – 10:00am served by our young people, followed by **Children’s activities at 9:45am. Festival Worship begins @ 10:30am**, with special music provided by the Peace Ringers and the Peace Choir.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: Sick/Recovering: Cay Bell; Jan Burt; Rick & Charlene Coulson; Marsha Davis; Joe Flint; Deena Fuller; William Gerhardt; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Verna Hernandez; Maria Iriarte; Jeff & Dolly; Ken Keyes; Dee Levy; Evelyn Martinez; Pete McIntyre; Steve Metzler; Bill Morrell; Susan Munn; Eleanor Ness; Clifford & Minda Olson; Penelope Grace; Michelle Pierce; Jill Remsey; Joey Roberts; Rosemary; JoAnne Spangler; Pat Spangler; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; John Truog; Karin & Wade VanSant; Pam Webber; Roger Wingfield; Patti Wunder; Audrey Zemke.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Marjorie Johnson; Jan Madsen

PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ’s call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society. As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.



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