



**PALM SUNDAY &
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
APRIL 13, 2025**

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS**

On our Lenten journey, Jesus meets us on the ancestral land of the Wahpekute, Ojibwe, and Ojibwe peoples. And just as government and religion joined forces in Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, we acknowledge that church and state worked together to eliminate this land's indigenous inhabitants.

In this season of repentance, God replaces our stony hearts with hearts that ache: for stolen children suffering abuse in church-run schools; for our homes built on discarded treaties; for unhoused indigenous neighbors displaced again and again. Into our broken hearts, the Holy Spirit pours love and power, that we may renounce evil and rise to follow Jesus: restoring relationships, resources, and land.

When you see this symbol ✠ you're invited to stand as you are able.

We love to sing! When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

Children belong in worship! We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

Help love reach beyond these walls. You can give online at gracemempls.org/give or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion (envelopes are on the cart in the Commons).



All are welcome at Jesus' table to receive holy communion. We set the table with wheat bread, gluten-free crackers, white grape juice, and red wine.

Join us for fellowship time! All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Stay connected to what's happening at Grace: sign up for our weekly online newsletter, "The Scroll." Find the latest editions and the link to subscribe on our home page at gracemempls.org.

Two single-stall and wheelchair-accessible restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the Commons, and another one is down the hallway across from the gym.

✠ PROCESSIONAL GATHERING *in the multipurpose room*

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

Hosanna in the highest!

✠ PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord!

After Jesus had told them many parables, he 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. Now as he was 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.”

This is the good news.
Praise to you, O Christ.

✠ PROCESSION WITH PALMS

*All are welcome to process around the building. Wave palms! Sing! Make noise!
If you don't feel up for processing, make your way into the sanctuary—festively!*



*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 . . .

Since at least the fourth century, Christians have commemorated Jesus' entry into Jerusalem the Sunday before Easter, often with a literal procession of palms. Procession can be an act of solemnity (as at a funeral) or an act of celebration (as at a wedding). On this Sunday of palms and passion, celebration and solemnity meet. We are invited to join in this tension, keeping in mind that the ultimate procession is yet to come: from death to life.

✠ GREETING *in the sanctuary*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CHORAL OFFERING

As we prepare to hear the Word, music opens our hearts to receive God's blessing.

During the choral piece, the assembly is invited to join in the song, at the invitation of the music director:



3. Ho - san-na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil-dren sang; Through
4. "Ho - san-na_ in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing, For



pil - lared_ court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang. To _
Christ is _ our Re - deem - er, The Lord _ of heav'n, our King. O _



Je - sus, who had blessed _ them Close_ fold - ed to His breast, The
may we ev - er praise _ Him With_ heart and life and voice, And



chil - dren_ sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
in His_ bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

OBJECT LESSON

Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a reflection and short prayer. Parents and guardians are welcome too!

FIRST READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter to the Philippians:

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: who, though existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. Christ relinquished it all, taking the form of a slave, becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, Christ humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honored him with the name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of life.

Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL CHANT

You may rise to greet the Gospel

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

During the reading of the passion, you may be seated.

GOSPEL READING

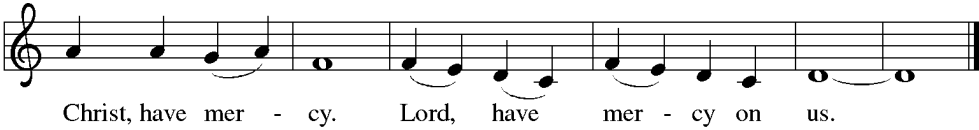
The passion of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading the passion on the Sunday before Easter is part of the effort many churches have made in recovering ancient Christian practices. As Lent draws to a close, we are reminded that our faith is cruciform ('cross-shaped'): following Jesus, we do not turn away from suffering—our own or others'.

During the reading, let this story wash over you. Pay attention to what you notice, what details stand out to you, but don't feel pressure to analyze or "understand" what's happening. You may find that coloring or free-journaling enhances your prayerful listening. If you wish to color, crayons and markers are available at the entrance table.

At various points in the reading, we sing the ancient prayer for compassion.



At the conclusion of the passion reading:

This is the good news.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Andrew Baumgartner



✠ HYMN

Where Charity and Love are Shown

ACS 931

Refrain / Estribillo

Don-de hay *ca - ri - dad* *y a - mor,* *a - llí* *es -*
Where char - i - ty and love are shown, our God is



tá el *Se - ñor,* *a - llí* *es - tá el* *Se - ñor.*
there made known, our God is there made known.



1 *U - na* *sa - la* *y u - na* *me - sa,* *u - na* *co - pa,*
1 One as - sem - bly at one ta - ble; one the cup, the
2 At the ta - ble we are wel - comed to the ban - quet
3 This, the bread of life e - ter - nal; this, the sav - ing



vi - no y *pan,* *los* *her - ma - nos* *com - par -*
bread, the wine; in one love we are com -
from a - bove. We re - call the Lord's com -
cup we claim, draw us close with - in one



tien - do *en a - mor* *y en* *u - ni - dad.*
pan - ions, and in u - ni - ty we dine.
mand - ment that we live and grow in love.
fam - 'ly, make us one in Je - sus' name.



Nos re - ú - ne la pre - sen - cia y el re - cuer - do
 Brought to - geth - er by the pres - ence and the prom - ise
 As the gifts of God are giv - en, Je - sus' bod - y
 Let us tell the liv - ing sto - ry of his suf - f'ring



del Se - ñor; ce - le - bra - mos su me -
 of God's Word, here in joy and in re -
 and his blood, so we give our - selves to
 and his pain, and pro - claim the ho - ly



mo - ria y la en - tre - ga de su a - mor.
 mem - brance we re - ceive our lov - ing Lord.
 oth - ers and we seek our neigh - bor's good.
 mys - t'ry: Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In prayer, let call upon God's presence to bless the earth and its peoples.

A repeated refrain:



1 Come by here, my Lord, come by here; come by here, my Lord, come by here;



come by here, my Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the presider continues:

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. As the peace-sharing concludes, make your way back to your seat.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Let us offer our lives to God. You can give online at gracenempls.org/give or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion.



COMMUNION: SINGING THE STORY



Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken by and by, Lord, by and by? There's a



bet - ter home a - wait - in' in the sky, Lord, in the sky.

Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it,
shared with friend and foe alike.

“Take and eat, this is my body.
In this meal I’ll be by your side.”

Will the circle be unbroken...

“Drink this cup and find forgiveness.

When you do these things, recall:

Heaven’s banquet is a-coming!

I will feast again with you all.”

Will the circle be unbroken...

✠ COMMUNION: PRAYER

...And let the church say, Amen! **Amen!**

Join the “Amen!” as you are invited.

With the boldness of God's children, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done**

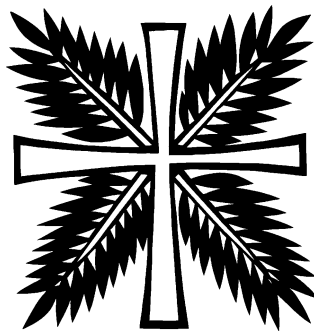
**on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL

In this simple meal that is the banquet feast of the universe, may Jesus Christ give you strength for the journey. **Amen.**

All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The pastor will place a piece of bread or a gluten-free cracker in your cupped hand as you hear "Body of Christ, given for you." In the brass trays are cups of red wine or golden grape juice. Take a small cup as you hear, "Cup of Christ, given for you." You may respond with "Amen," "Thank you," or with quiet acceptance.

If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.



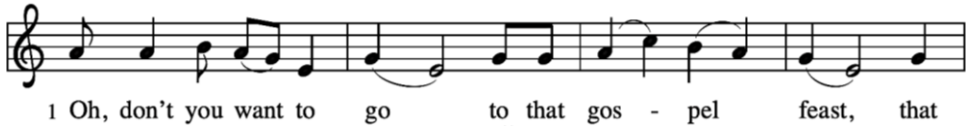
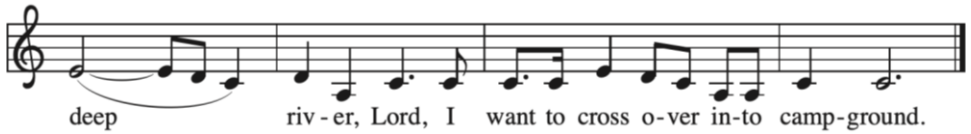
As we celebrate Communion, you may join in singing:

HYMN

Deep River

ACS 951

Refrain



HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW 697

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray:

**God of the mountain, the valley,
and everything in between, make this meal a fresh start:
new courage to meet tomorrow's challenges,
new-found faith in your grace today,
renewed love to share with everyone, everywhere,
in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ BENEDICTION

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

✠ HYMN *Let All that is within Me Cry, "Holy!" TFF 282*



1 Let all that is with - in me cry, "Ho - ly!"
2 Let all that is with - in me cry, "Bless - ed!"
3 Let all that is with - in me cry, "Wor - thy!"



Let all that is with - in me cry, "Ho - ly!"
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Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly is the Lamb that was slain.
Bless-ed! Bless-ed! Bless-ed is the Lamb that was slain.
Wor - thy! Wor - thy! Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain.

✠ SENDING

Go in peace. God meets you in the midst of life!
We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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