



As Jesus triumphantly arrives in Jerusalem and restores the temple, how are we to find our way during this Holy Week? What might Jesus do upon entering the buildings of Easter Lutheran Church?

Welcome!

Welcome to worship and the beginning of the greatest story on earth — the story of God's love in Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter Resurrection. May this hour be the blessing your heart is looking for and God desires for you.

Parents, you can find canvas activity bags for your children in the back of the sanctuary. For infants up through age three, the nursery is available.

Thank you for joining us today. We welcome you! You are also invited to take an Announcements sheet here at Easter, or visit easter.org for events & activities (Announcement sheets are posted weekly under Events & News).



Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019
8:30 & 10 a.m.

Easter Lutheran Church

"to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ"

Prelude: "Arioso" - Handel

Ben Kornelis, organ

Greetings and Announcements

Liturgy of the Palms

Greeting (from the back of the sanctuary)

P: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!

C: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Introit: "Blessed Is He" - Fettke

The Easter Choir and Choristers

Opening Prayer

God our hope, today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King.

Help us to honor him every day so we may enjoy his kingship in the new Jerusalem, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

Amen.

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

After the Gospel:

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

The Palm Procession

Processional Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Hymnal #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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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Prayer of the Day

God of grace, be with us as we witness your ways this week. Help us to be your faithful people. Let your passion dwell within us, restoring us.

Quiet our minds and guide our days. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Word

Children's Message

Lesson: Psalm 118: 25-29

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 12-17 (NRSV)

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?" He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Anthem: *"Ride On, King Jesus"* - arr. Hogan

Easter Choir

Sermon

Pastor Brandon Newton

Hymn of the Day: *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

Hymnal #434

“Father” is a specific and accessible image of God that Jesus gave us. Jesus did not limit God to this image. References to God as Creator, Parent, Mother, Counselor can be equally as helpful and valid.

The Sharing of the Peace is a way of demonstrating hospitality and grace with others. Please understand if some people choose not to shake hands while sharing the Peace for health reasons, but simply greet you with a smile.

NEW! Text-to-Give

Simply send a text message to **651-419-3775** with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and thank you for supporting the ministries of Easter Lutheran Church.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the *Father* almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Meal

Offering of Gifts

Offering Hymn: *“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”*

Hymnal #833

Presentation: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Hymnal #885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Offering Prayer

**God of all vision, we thank you for these gifts that we now return to you.
We lift up our worship, our brokenness, our relationships, our callings, and our hope to you. Use Easter Lutheran Church to be a powerful presence of your grace. In your loving name we pray, Amen.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Children who have received instruction are welcome to commune.

Communion today is by intinction - the dipping of the wafer in the wine.

Gluten-free wafers are at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

"Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless"

Hymnal #357

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,

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"Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless" continued



pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:
from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.

1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

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"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Hymnal #345

Prayer after Communion

Post-Communion Canticle: *"My Song Is Love Unknown"* verses 1-3

Hymnal #343

God blesses and sends us
in mission to the world

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song: *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"* stanza 1

Hymnal #325

Dismissal

Postlude: *"Herzlich tut mich verlangen"* - Telemann

Ben Kornelis, organist

Holy Week Worship

Maunder Thursday service with Holy Communion and foot washing, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Easter on the Hill.

Good Friday, April 19:

- The Crosswalk for all ages will begin at 10 a.m. at Easter by the Lake
- Be prepared to walk about 1.5 miles. A shuttle van will be available.
- A Family Service, 5 p.m. at Easter by the Lake
- Tenebrae service (Seven Last Words), 8 p.m. at Easter on the Hill

Easter Saturday Worship: April 20 at 5 p.m., an early Easter worship service, at Easter on the Hill

Easter Sunday Worship - April 21

Easter on the Hill: (Continuous communion 8:45-11 a.m.)

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m. Festive Worship (traditional)

11 a.m. service includes Holy Communion

Easter by the Lake: (Continuous communion 9-11 a.m.)

9, 10, and 11 a.m. Celebration Worship (band-led)

11 a.m. service includes Holy Communion

Faith5 (Faith Acts in the Home)

SHARE your highs and lows. **READ** a Bible story. **TALK** about how the Bible story relates to your highs and lows.

PRAY for one another's highs and lows, and **BLESS** one another. This can be done at home or over the phone.

It can be done with one person or many! Families together, spouse to spouse, grandparent to grandchild, friend to friend, aunt to nephew, sponsor to godchild...the combinations are endless!



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