

Early Service Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Three

As We Gather This Palm Sunday, the prophet Isaiah tells us that the Lord wounds and kills, heals and makes alive. All this He does for sinners! Jesus parades into frenzied Jerusalem, knowing full well the death that awaits Him. Wounds will be inflicted upon Him. Blood will flow from His head, hands, feet, and side. The One hailed as King of the Jews will die amidst the taunting jeers: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" God's beloved Son is wounded and killed for our healing and resurrection.

Prelude *The Royal Banners Forward Go* Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20] LSB 184*

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 118:16, Matthew 21:9*

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C We bless you from the house of the Lord.

P Hosanna! Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Hosanna in the highest!

Opening Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* *LSB 443*

Exhortation *Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5 LSB 184*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Please kneel as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C We bless You from the house of the LORD.

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C that the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory?

C The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C that the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory?

C **The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

C **We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22 LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

A The Old Testament Lesson for Palm Sunday is from Deuteronomy, chapter thirty-two.

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷ Then he will say, "Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,

³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

³⁹ "See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 31:9-16

P Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

**C my eye is wasted from grief;
my soul and my body also.**

P For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;

**C my strength fails because of my iniquity,
and my bones waste away.**

P Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,
especially to my neighbors,

**C and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.**

P I have been forgotten like one who is dead;

C I have become like a broken vessel.

P For I hear the whispering of many—
terror on every side!—

**C as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.**

P But I trust in you, O LORD;

C I say, "You are my God."

P My times are in your hand;

C rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

P Make your face shine on your servant;

C save me in your steadfast love!

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

A The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter two.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Lenten Verse

Joel 2:13



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

Please be seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

LSB 192

☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4 LSB 175

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy.

☩ Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

☩ Amen.

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register. Please indicate whether you are a member or visitor. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

Voluntary

The Prophecy
Katie Michaels-Johnson, soprano

Alec Rowley
(1892-1958)

*Then Mary took her young Son and set Him on her knee.
"I pray thee now dear Child, tell how the world shall be."
"O I shall be as dead, mother, as the stones in the wall;
O the stones in the street, mother, shall mourn for me all."
"Upon Easter day, mother, my uprising shall be;
O the sun and the moon, mother, shall both rise with me."
--15th century English carol*

Please stand as you are able

Offertory Hymn

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB 196

P Lord, 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.**

Collect

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Benedicamus

2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1 LSB 201-202

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

Announcements

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Alexandre Guilmant

(1837-1911)

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Music Notes for April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

The Prelude for Palm Sunday is an arrangement of the Latin hymn “The Royal Banners Forward Go” (LSB 455) by American composer and organist Wilbur Held (1914-2015). The work opens with a stark but commanding harmonization of the plainchant melody featuring a full *plenum* registration. This bold opening is followed by a more reflective setting of the chant melody. Following this reserved interlude, the full organ registration returns suddenly, and the chant melody is juxtaposed against fragments of the hymn “O Dearest Jesus” (LSB 439), reminding us amidst the triumph of Palm Sunday that we are journeying with Jesus to his cross and burial. The piece concludes with a final declamatory statement of the chant, made even more striking by the addition of the brightest, most powerful stops of the organ.

The Voluntary is “The Prophecy” by the English composer and organist Alec Rowley (1892-1958). This dramatic piece is excerpted from the composer’s *Cycle of Three Mystical Songs*. The text is drawn from a stanza of “The Cherry Tree Carol,” a 15th-century English carol. The words of the fourth line recall the words of Jesus to the Pharisees on that first Palm Sunday as recorded in Luke, chapter nineteen: “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.” In the closing lines of this carol, we are reminded that even as we journey through the events of Holy Week, recalling Our Lord’s Passion and death, a risen Savior stands ready to meet us, bearing the marks of His suffering but incontestably alive. And this meeting with the risen Lamb of God is not limited to the celebration of the Resurrection that we are preparing to observe in just a few days. The Risen One meets us on this day and in this place in the waters of Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar, and we wait in joyful anticipation of that final Easter Day when He will return to renew us and all of creation, that we, like him, may rise.

The Communion Voluntary is a meditative *Toccata* by Jean Langlais (1907-1991). Although blind from infancy, Langlais enjoyed a long career as one of the premier French organists of the twentieth century. Langlais served as *organiste titulaire* at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris from 1945 to 1987. This prestigious position had previously been held by several eminent French organists, including César Franck (1822-1890) and Langlais’ most notable teacher, Charles Tournemire (1870-1939).

The Postlude, a majestic setting of the Hymn of the Day, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (LSB 442), was written by the French Romantic composer Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) in 1894. This piece is based on the first phrase of the hymn tune and features flowing sixteenth-note figurations throughout. The work concludes with a grand pedal flourish, wherein the sixteenth-note passages that have predominated throughout the piece are passed from the hands to the feet, underpinning a final grand statement of the opening phrase of the hymn tune.