

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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**Sunday, March 29, 2026 + 10:30 a.m.**

## **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

### **The Liturgy of the Palms**

#### **ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT**

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **FIRST LESSON**

A Reading from the Book of Zechariah (9:9–12).

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

*All raise their palm branches.*

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

## THE PROCESSION

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The people enter the church in procession, waving their palm branches.*



*As the procession enters the nave, everyone sings:*

HYMN “All glory, laud, and honor”

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



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*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

—Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821), tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.  
Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Mechior Teschner (1584–1635), alt.;  
harm. William Henry Monk (1823–1889).

# The Liturgy of the Word

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:5–11).

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Ride on, ride on in majesty” *Standing; everyone sings.*



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -  
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride  
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies  
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and fierc - est  
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride



1 san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues its road  
2 on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin  
3 of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes  
4 strife is nigh: the Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne  
5 on to die: bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain,



1 with palms and scat - tered gar - ments stowed.  
2 o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
3 to see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
4 ex - pects his own an - oint - ed Son.  
5 then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

—Words: Henry Hart Milman (1791–1868), alt.

Music: Winchester New, adapt. *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

**GOSPEL** *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:1–11).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples 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.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Ann Backus for Children’s Chapel.  
They will return at the Peace.*

**SERMON**

*A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Standing.*

Leader: As we enter the most holy of weeks, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “All glory, laud, and honor: to thee, redeemer King.”

For Christian communities near and far, that their mission of reconciliation may be strengthened as they journey with Jesus in his passion and resurrection. All glory, laud, and honor:

People: To thee, redeemer King.

Leader: For this nation and all who bear the responsibility of authority, that they may follow the example of Jesus and lead as ones who serve. All glory, laud, and honor:

People: To thee, redeemer King.

Leader: For the earth and her inhabitants, that all of creation may share in the abundance offered by Jesus at the table. All glory, laud, and honor:

People: To thee, redeemer King.

Leader: For this community of Knoxville, and especially for the people of Good Samaritan, that we may reflect the love of Jesus in our common life. We pray for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. All glory, laud, and honor:

People: To thee, redeemer King.

Leader: For those who have asked for our prayers, those for whom we know to pray, and those whose needs are known to you alone, that they may feel the healing power of Jesus’ touch. We pray for...

ED Archer

CHIP Beets

CHRISTINE Bell

MEGAN Brown

BEVERLY Burns

JOANNE Calhoun

DAVID & NANCY Cazalet

RON Dearolf

DANA Downey

DOUG Embler

JOYCE Grubb

BEVERLY Guiler

BRONWYN Hogan

LYNN Hopps

MARGE Hudson

PATRICK Hundley

FRANCIS Lloyd

DOLORES Marsden

ANN McClain

TIM Oglesby

PAT Pagni

SABRA & KENT Parish

JUDI Perry

ALLAN Philp

MARILYN Randall

KRISSA Randolph

JANE Reed

GORDON Sisk

LAURIE and MICHELLE Smith

THE SMITHWICK FAMILY

THE STAPLETON FAMILY

DENISE Tivedo

SAM Venable

IDALEE Vogel-Jackson

and

GRADY Williams

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Leader: All glory, laud, and honor:

People: To thee, redeemer King.

Leader: For all those who have died, that they may rest with Jesus in Paradise. We pray especially for the repose of the souls of parishioner Sue Wager; and Carol Bush, sister of Laurie Smith and aunt of Michelle Smith. All glory, laud, and honor:

People: To thee, redeemer King.

*Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. *Amen.*

**PEACE** *Standing.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Seated.*

## The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. —*Ephesians 5:2*

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

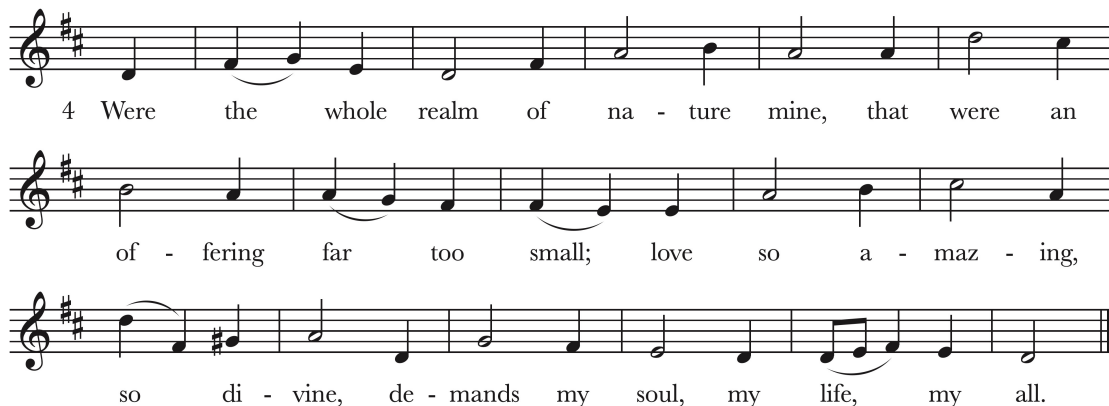
Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed in an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest,” that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  
and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice. Amen!

—Words: Jeanette Threlfall (1821–1880), adapt. Evelyn R. Larter (b. 1953)  
Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Wirtemberg Gesangbuch*, 1784  
arr. Evelyn R. Larter

HYMN “Were the whole realm of nature mine” *Standing; everyone sings.*



4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

—Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)  
Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, 1780

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Everyone sings:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

*The people stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our forbears: God of Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All: AMEN.

*Silence is kept, as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

## INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

## DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “What wondrous love is this” *Everyone sings.*

*Unison*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 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 that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay 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.

—Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835

Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** *Standing, all who able.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that  
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body  
and blood. We who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

HYMN “Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth” *Everyone sings.*



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth, up - on a cross they  
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -  
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then by  
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom the  
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we



thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs may weave  
 powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone is left on  
 wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri - umphs o - ver



now new thorns to pierce that stead - y brow,  
 stone, and all those na - tions' pride o'er - thrown,  
 loss, we bring our hearts be - fore thy cross,



and robe of sor - row round thee.  
 went down to dust be - side thee!  
 to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

—Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt..

Music: *Aus tiefer Not*, melody attr. Martin Luther (1488-1546)

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

*The people may be seated for the first portion of the reading.  
The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

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- Narrator: At that festival the governor used to release a prisoner....  
Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus the Anointed One?  
People: Barabbas!  
Pilate: What shall I do then with the Anointed One?  
People: Crucify him! Crucify him!  
Pilate: Are you certain of his guilt?  
Narrator: The crowd took up the chant:  
People: Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!  
Pilate: Shall I crucify your king?  
People: We have no king but Caesar!

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- Narrator: The soldiers led Jesus away within the governor's palace.... They began to mock him by kneeling before him.  
People: Hail, King of the Jews!

*All stand at the mention of "Golgatha, which means 'skull.'"*

*At the conclusion of the reading, silence is kept for a space,  
after which all depart quietly, without ceremony.*

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