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WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

April 13, 2025
Palm/Passion Sunday
Order of Worship

**** GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

**** PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ 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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now 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, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**** BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. Bless these branches and those who carry them. 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, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 344

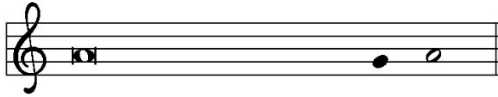
“ All Glory, Laud, and Honor ”

**** GREETING**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

**** KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



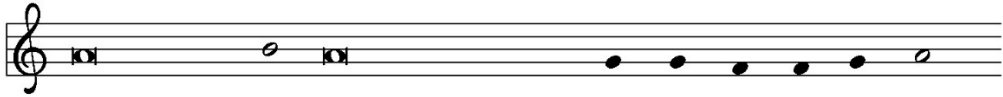
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“ He Comes in the Name of the Lord! ”

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

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 awakens— awakens 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. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

I am as useless as a broken pot. R

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

I have said, “You are my God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;**

save me in your steadfast love.” R

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians. ⁵Let 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.

INVITATION AND READING OF THE PASSION

(Please be seated)

**** HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 350

“ They Crucified My Lord ”

**** APOSTLE’S 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 *(Please be seated)*

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable.

God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

OFFERING

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Intermezzo” by James Mansfield

** OFFERTORY HYMN

No. 188

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

** OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

PREFACE

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

**** LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 SONG**



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the wine and bread at our Lord's table. Grape Juice is in pre-poured glasses and gluten-free wafers are available on the tables as you come forward.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

“ For the Bread Which You Have Broken ”

**** TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

**** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**** BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

**** RECESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 342

“ There in God's Garden ”

**** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. WE WILL!

POSTLUDE

“ Psalm XX ” by Gordon Young

St. Mark's Mission Statement

“United in Christ, sharing his Good News,
we invite all people to grow in God's love.”

Church Calendar April 13, 2025 – April 20, 2025

- Today** - **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
with Holy Communion
- Tuesday** - Yoga at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday** - Handbell Quartet Practice at 6:00 p.m.
- Handbell Practice at 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday** - **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
- Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.
with Holy Communion
- Friday** - **GOOD FRIDAY**
- Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.
- Sunday** - **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY**
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Acolyte:	Nicklaus Bennett
Lector:	Judy Bertsch
Reader:	Gary Wotherspoon
Music Directors:	Debi and Sean Beachy
Organist:	Sean Beachy
Recording:	Stephanie Berger
Safekeeper:	Phyllis Rinker
Ushers:	Terry Savage; Capt, Carol Savage, Paul LeDuc, Donna Swift

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Prayer Requests

Illness: Jeremy Lewis, Anita Scheffel, Cheri Scheffel, John Burk, Emelee DeWitt, Philip, Jim Bosley, Danny Bosley, Gary Wotherspoon, Debbie, Michelle Michaels, Joe Cook, Scott Rohrbaugh, Jason McClung, Bill Roszell, Diane, Ida Durben, Helen Ferrell, Lisa Joy Stowers, Cork Grove, Bob Sr, Gary Thompson, Lauren Orcutt, Valerie Minor, Paul LeDuc, Mike Null, Elaine, Kacey, Dave Hoff, Bradley, Sue, Blake Hogan, Griffith, Erin, John Scriven, Linda, Jimmy, Danny

Special Needs: Gary, Chase, Linda, Karen, Bill, Mary, The Null Family, Kim, Erin, Mandie, Bill, Linda, Dan Elliott, Brenda Harvey, Tristyn, Randi, Nancy, Steph & Sarah, Stephanie Lowdermilk, Jason Sisler, Tim Sines, Molly Rose, Ben Brace, Willow, Will Roszell, Bob Fike, David Lewis

Upcoming Events

Today	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 17	Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.
Friday, April 18	Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 27	Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Hymn Sing Sunday Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting After Worship
Thursday, May 8	Sight and Sound Bus Trip
Saturday, May 10	Bikes For the World Collection Day
Sunday, May 11	Blessing of Prayer Shawls and Blankets

Spring Clean Alert!

We've done a little spring cleaning downstairs in our Social/Fellowship Hall! Items that are no longer needed or being used have been placed on the tables in front of the kitchen—they are free to a good home and available to anyone who can use them. A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who jumped in this week to help clean out the cabinets and counters. Your hard work made quick work of the task!

Special April Offering

This April, our special offering supports Bikes for the World, a nonprofit organization that provides bicycles to people in need across the globe. A bicycle can open doors to education, employment, and essential services. In addition to financial donations throughout the month, we will also be collecting bikes on Saturday, May 10th.

Your generosity—whether through a check marked “Bikes for the World” or a gently used bicycle—can change a life.



April 13, 2025, Palm/Passion Sunday

Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, we celebrate your coming as our ruling sovereign, and cry out our hosannas with all of creation. Yet we know we will not always remain steadfast, just as the crowds will soon turn against you. Walk with us on the upcoming journey to the cross. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

³⁷As he was now 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, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" (Luke 19:37-38)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When Jesus enters Jerusalem the people welcome him, showing no sign that they will soon have a change of heart and call for his crucifixion.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **Who are people that receive parades in their honor today? Do they deserve the praise? Why or why not?**
- **For the littles: Have you ever been to a parade? What does a parade feel like? Do you think Jesus liked the parade they threw for him? Why?**



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.
May King Jesus bless your holy week. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Make crosses out of palm fronds, enough for each room in your home. Display them throughout your home this week. Each time you see one, say a prayer, either of gratitude for all that Jesus has done, or an intercession for someone in need.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Sunday, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

Monday, Isaiah 42:1-9; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tuesday, Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Wednesday, Isaiah 50:4-9a; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thursday, Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25 or
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; 1 Peter 4:1-8;
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42