

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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Palm Sunday & Sunday of the Passion

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Intercessor: *Christine Pickup*

Usher: *Bob Jenkins*

Altar Guild: *Cathy Ufheil*

Celebrant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

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Welcome to Holy Week at Gloria Dei.

During this week, we dwell in the mystery that Jesus, the Word of God who took on flesh, died for our sins – and that he rose again by the power of God's love. The services of this week trace out the major events of the last week of Jesus' natural life, beginning with his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Like the crowds outside Jerusalem 2000 years ago, we gather today and wave palms to mark the coming of our king. But, as we will see today, and throughout this week, Jesus is not a king like other kings, for his crown will be made of thorns, and his throne will be a cross.

Weather allowing, our service begins outside on the bricks near the Roak House.

Liturgy of the Palms

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

All Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray together:

All 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.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *(led responsively, by Rev. Chris)*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! *
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Blessing of the Palms & Procession to the Church

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All 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. 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.

All Amen.

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Congregation processes to the church, repeating the following anthem:

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Opening Hymn #154

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Hymnal 1982

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
All **His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant Let us pray together a Collect for Palm Sunday
All **Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

(All are invited to sit for the readings)

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Megan Bartlett

The 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 wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I 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. The 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; he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 31:9-16 *(Read responsively, as directed by Lector)*

- 9 Have 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.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, *
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For 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.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading **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.

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People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn # 435

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal 1982

Proclamation of the Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (19:28-40)**

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus 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. 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, 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon **Rev. Chris Micklewright**

The sermon is an opportunity to reflect on the readings in light of the whole of Scripture and tradition. You are free to disagree with Rev. Chris, and further conversation on the sermon is always welcome. After the sermon we will stand for a time of prayer.

Prayers of the People - Based on Psalm 91 *(leader and people pray responsively)* **Christine Pickup**

Celebrant Dear people of Gloria Dei, as we move through this season of self-examination, fasting, and preparation, let us come before the merciful God in prayer, lifting up the needs of our community, our nation, and our world.

Intercessor We pray for the church around the world and across time, that we might resist the temptation to seek power for its own sake, and might be a faithful witness to God's everlasting love.

(pause) You, God, are our refuge and our stronghold,

People **Our God, in whom we put our trust.**

Intercessor We pray for our nation in this time of turmoil and fear, that our leaders might be called to use their power on behalf of the people they serve, and that God's justice and mercy might prevail.

(pause) May You, oh Lord, be our refuge,

People **And the Most High our habitation.**

Intercessor We pray for our world, and for those suffering from hunger, exploitation, warfare, and climate change. Today, we pray especially for a just peace in Ukraine, Palestine, and Israel.
(pause) May no evil happen to your people,

People Nor any plague come near our dwellings.

Intercessor We pray for the needs of our city, remembering especially immigrants, refugees, and those who have lost jobs, healthcare, or housing.
(pause) Merciful God, give your angels charge over your people,

People That we may not dash our feet against any stone.

Intercessor We pray for those in our community facing trouble, illness, or grief, especially: **Thomassina, Gregory, Julie, Denise, Jason, Roberta, Keith, the Juline Family, Barb, Laurie, Jerry, Peggy, Carol, Thomas, Honey, Amy, Patty, Joann, Monica, Terry, Bob, William, Paul, Coalton, Joanna, Mark, Eileen, Marcine, Margie, Bonnie, Kathryn, Keith, Connie, and Jack.**
(long pause for additional names) Deliver us, for we are bound to you in love;

People Protect us, as we call upon your name.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died, as they now stand in the presence of God.
(long pause for additional names). You are with us in trouble, oh Lord;

People Rescue us, and bring us to honor.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace & Announcements

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you. (Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)

Pre-Offertory Hymn # 439

What Wondrous Love

Hymnal 1982

Offertory

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

Collecting an offering is a way for us to remember that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are responsible to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests should feel no obligation to give. Electronic giving is possible using the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. Those seeking to support our long-time organist, Paul Fejko, can do so through his website: www.andre-cafe.com. At the end of the offertory, the congregation will stand to sing a song of thanks, praising God for the many blessings we have been given.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.' The score is attributed to Thomas Ken, 1674, and GENEVAN 134 (OLD HUNDRETH) L.M. Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1674 GENEVAN 134 (OLD HUNDRETH) L.M. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

The Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer, Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

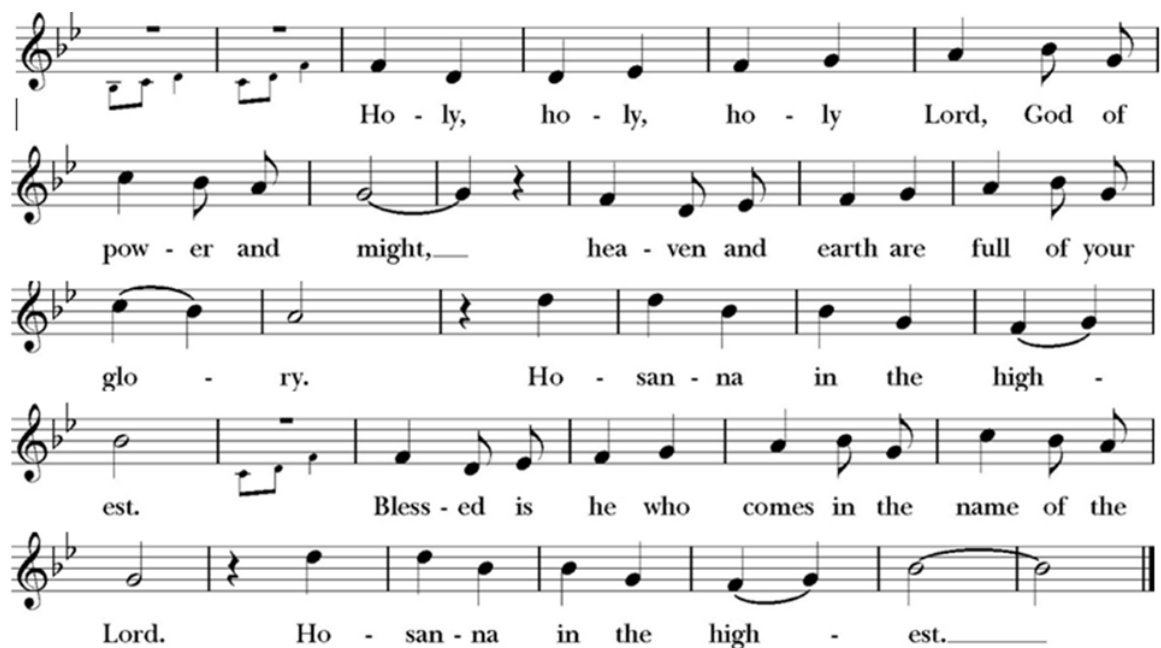
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All *(In a LOUD voice!)* **AMEN!**

Celebrant	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,	
People	Our Father, who art in heaven,	As we forgive those who trespass against us.
	Hallowed be thy name;	And lead us not into temptation;
	Thy kingdom come;	But deliver us from evil.
	Thy will be done;	For thine is the kingdom,
	On earth as it is in heaven.	And the power and the glory,
	Give us this day our daily bread.	For ever and ever. Amen.
	And forgive us our trespasses,	

Fraction & Invitation

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

All those interested in receiving communion should begin to make their way forward, while the priest and the altar guild assistant receive the bread and wine and prepare to distribute it to the congregation.

Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and that baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith – and that Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his community.

Therefore, all are welcome at this table (including children!).

Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers are available – just hold up one finger. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in your outstretched hands. You may sip from the cup or dip your wafer. If, for any reason, you prefer not to receive communion, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Reading of the Passion

Please use the booklets for The Reading of the Passion According to Mark.

The Congregation takes the part of the People. Please stand, as you are able, when speaking your part.

Narrator – Candace Roberts

Jesus – Carol Jenkins

Peter – Daria Kulp

Judas – Omega Moore

High Priest – Charles Moore

Servant – Corin Micklewright

Pilate – Cathy Ufheil

Centurion – Jeanette Woehr

A period of silence is kept after the reading of the Passion.

Solemn Prayer Over the People

Celebrant

Bow down before the Lord. *(Bow or kneel as you are able)*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

Closing Hymn # 164

Alone Thou Goest Forth

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal & Postlude

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen (O world, I must leave thee)

Johannes Brahms

*All are invited to listen to the postlude,
and then to join us for a time of fellowship in Riverside Hall.*

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