

# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday - Praise

March 29, 2026 – 8:15 am & 10:45 am

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*ELW= the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.*

*† indicates stand as able*

*The congregation gathers in the fellowship area to begin the service. Those who prefer not to join the procession may sit in the sanctuary.*

**Prelude**

*Jesus, Hold My Hand*

**† Welcome and Announcements**

**† Reading: John 11:1-46, 12:1-11**

*The final sign, when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, was the event that pushed the Jewish authorities over the edge from tolerating Jesus and his ministry to actively seeking to stop him. Days later, when Jesus visited Mary, Martha, and Lazarus again, Mary would pour out a costly offering of anointing oil, marking Jesus as the Messiah, or Christ, (both of which mean “anointed one”) of God.*

**† Offering**

*As Mary made her offering of costly oil, so we make our gifts to Jesus. Please place your offering in the basket at the entrance of the sanctuary as you join the procession.*

**† Processional: All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

**ELW 344**

*During the hymn, the congregation processes down the center aisles with their palm branches.*

*Refrain:*

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious king. *Refrain*

***Reading: John 12: 12-17***

*Jesus and his disciples entered into Jerusalem to the shouted cheers of a crowd: "Hosanna!" "Hosanna" means "Save us!" It is a cry of praise, but even more so, it is a prayer to Jesus to help the people be free from their oppression.*

***Children's Procession: Pave the Way with Branches***

Jesus is coming – Pave the way with branches

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Hosanna! Jesus is coming

Hosanna! To the King of Kings

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***Call to Worship***

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

***Prayer of the Day***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Eternal and holy God, you reign in our hearts and in all the earth, and creation gives testimony to your glory and power. Yet you are a ruler like none we have experienced, and gave all of yourself for the sake of the world. Teach us the kind of sacrificial love that can transform all things, for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***Reading: John 12:23-30, 32-33***

*In the days leading up to his arrest and crucifixion, Jesus spoke openly about what was about to happen. He pointed to his coming death as a means of giving glory to God, even as the people did not understand it.*

***Choir Anthem: Thy Will Be Done***

**Adult Choir**

***Reading: John 13:1-8, 12-15***

*Jesus loves his disciples even to the end, a love demonstrated in acts of humble service. We remember that love whenever we*

*serve our neighbors and each time we come to his Table.*

**† Lord's Prayer / Padrenuestro**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

***Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga tu reino.  
Hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros  
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es  
el poder y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y siempre. Amén.***

***Sharing of the Meal***

*If you are communing at home, take the bread with these words "The body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you." In-person worshipers follow the usher's direction. Communion may be brought to those who cannot come forward.*

***Communion Song: Love to the World***

***Communion Song: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712***

***Reading: John 13:21-27, 31-38***

*During the meal, Jesus foretold both the betrayal by Judas and the denial by Peter. Nevertheless, he continues to emphasize that what is to come will be to God's glory.*

***Song: Did Trouble Me***

***Reading: John 17:1-5, 25-26***

*Even when his time on Earth was limited, Jesus took time to pray for his disciples.*

*Song: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

*Refrain:*

Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord, send your spirit in this place

Lord, listen to your children praying

Send us love, send us power, send us grace

*Response:*

Lord, listen to your children praying

***Prayers***

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

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. Let us never betray your love. *Response*

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. *Response*

Sustain the weary with your word. Grant perseverance 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.

## *Response*

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

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. *Response*

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.**

## **† Sharing of the Peace**

*Share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors— a handshake, high five, smile, wave, fist bump, or hug.*

## **Reading: John 18:1-14**

*Even as he is betrayed and arrested, Jesus remains in control, protecting his disciples and facing the soldiers assertively.*

## **Song: Take Up Your Cross**

## **Reading: John 18:15-27**

*While Jesus is inside the chief priest's home being questioned, Peter is outside facing questions of his own. Three times, Peter denies knowing Jesus.*

## **Song: Never Been Unloved**

## **Reading: John 18:28-40, 19:1-16**

*Two accusations seal Jesus' fate with the Roman authorities: he is called King and Son of God, both of which were seen as*

*treason against Caesar. The religious leaders and the political leaders were united in their determination not to allow Jesus to be a threat to their power or the power of Caesar.*

***Hymn: Ah Holy Jesus***

**ELW 349**

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended  
by foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.

***Reading John 19:16-24***

*Jesus was executed by crucifixion, a cruel and painful death penalty reserved for slaves, non-citizens, and rebels.*

***Song: Hosanna Song***

***Reading: John 19:25-30***

*Even with his last moments, Jesus cares for his sheep: he provides family for his mother and his disciple in each other. Finally, Jesus gives up his spirit with the declaration: "it is finished."*

***Hymn: O Sacred Head Now Wounded***

**ELW 351**

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed  
down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.  
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;

how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as  
morn!

Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.

These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

***Reading: John 19:31-42***

*The crucifixion ends with burial, as Jesus is prepared for burial and carefully laid in a tomb by Nicodemus, who long ago heard Jesus declare: "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that whoever believes in him may not die, but have everlasting life."*

***† Hymn: Messiah***

Someone's shouting from the desert  
Someone's shouting from the sea  
Someone's shouting from the mountain  
Someone's shouting from the valley

*Refrain:*

Messiah, Come and be our King  
Messiah, Come and be our King

Someone's shouting from the city  
I am young - I am cold

Someone's shouting from the country  
I am lonely - I am old

*-Refrain-*

Someone's shouting I am broken  
Someone's shouting make me whole  
Someone's shouting come and change me  
Someone's shouting save my soul

*-Refrain-*

**† 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.**

**† Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

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## **Holy Week Worship**

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 pm, April 2, 2025

Good Friday Worship at 7 pm, April 3, 2025

Easter Vigil at 5 pm, April 4, 2025

Easter Worship at 8:15 & 10:45 am, April 5, 2025

Easter Breakfast - 9:15 am

Egg Hunt - 10am