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where people encounter God's generosity  
and healing presence.

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Pastor Jim Coyl  
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

**Palm - Passion Sunday**

**March 29, 2026**

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**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: We welcome the King who comes in humility and peace.**

Leader: Crowds once waved palms and shouted praise,

**People: Yet soon their cries would turn to shouts of "Crucify."**

Leader: We gather at the gates of joy and sorrow,

**People: Walking the path from celebration to the cross.**

Leader: Christ comes to us—riding in, steadfast and faithful,

**People: We open our hearts to follow wherever he leads.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who reigns in love and sacrifice.

**People: Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

**Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

## **Scripture Reading** Matthew 21:1-11

21:1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 21:2 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. 21:3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." 21:4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet; 21:5 "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." 21:6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 21:7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 21:8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 21:9 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!" 21:10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 21:11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Hymn**            *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

**Sermon**            **The Passion of our Lord as told by St. Matthew**

**Pastoral Payer and the Lord's Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Hymn**            *Jesus Paid it All*

**Benediction**

## **Holy Week & Easter Schedule**

*Join us as we journey through Holy Week and celebrate the joy of Easter together.*

*All are welcome!*

### **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service April 2 – 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)**

Experience a Tenebrae service, meaning “shadows,” as we reflect on the events leading to Christ’s crucifixion. Through scripture readings, music, and the gradual extinguishing of candles, the sanctuary is darkened, inviting quiet contemplation of Christ’s suffering and sacrifice.

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt – April 4, 9:00 AM**

A fun-filled morning for children and families! Volunteers are needed at 8:00 AM to help prepare.

### **Easter Sunrise Service April 5 — 6:00 AM (Boardwalk Clamshell)**

Gather with the community at the boardwalk to greet the dawn and celebrate the resurrection story as the sun rises.

### **Easter Worship Service April 5 — 9:00 AM**

Celebrate the joy of Easter with uplifting music, a message of hope, and the good news of the resurrection. A meaningful and inspiring service for all ages.

## **Readings for Holy Week in the Gospel of Mark**

**Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1-11):** Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey, greeted by crowds waving palm branches and shouting “Hosanna”. **Holy Monday (Mark 11:12-19):** Jesus enters the temple and drives out the merchants and money changers, declaring it a “den of robbers”.

### **Holy Tuesday (Mark 11:20-13:37):**

Jesus teaches in the temple, answering questions from the religious leaders, and predicts the destruction of the temple.

### **Holy Wednesday (Mark 14:1-11):**

While Mark doesn't explicitly detail events on Wednesday, it's understood as a day of preparation and the betrayal by Judas is mentioned.

### **Maundy Thursday (Mark 14:12-72):**

Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his disciples, is betrayed by Judas, arrested, and faces a trial before the Sanhedrin and Pilate.

**Good Friday (Mark 15:1-47):**

Jesus is condemned to death, crucified, and dies on the cross.

**Holy Saturday:**

Mark's Gospel does not explicitly detail events on Holy Saturday, but it is understood a day of rest and preparation for Easter.

**Entering Holy Week** (Inspired by the Work of Richard John Neuhaus)

As we enter Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to contemplate the profound mysteries of Christ's Passion, death, and Resurrection. This is a time to immerse ourselves in the central events of our Redemption and to relive the Paschal Mystery with deepened faith. May we open our hearts to understand the invaluable gift of salvation obtained for us through Christ's sacrifice.

**A Prayer for Public Truth and Moral Order:** O God, who desires truth in all things, we ask for your guidance during this Holy Week, that we may seek and uphold truth in our public lives and strive for a moral order that reflects your divine will. In a world often marked by confusion and division, grant us the wisdom to discern right from wrong and the courage to stand for what is just and true. May our actions be guided by a commitment to the common good, inspired by the teachings of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**The Scandal of the Cross**

Lord Jesus Christ, as we reflect on your journey to the Cross, help us to embrace the scandal of its particularity. May we never forget that your sacrifice is the ultimate expression of God's love for humanity. In your nakedness and humiliation, teach us to strip ourselves of false illusions and to acknowledge the truth about ourselves, finding healing and the possibility of a new beginning in your wounds.

**A Call to Action**

Grant us the grace, O Lord, to carry the meaning of Holy Week into our daily lives. May we be moved to turn away from evil and to do good, seeking justice, freedom, and peace for all. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**Holy Week Bibliography****Marcus Borg & John Dominic Crossan**

*The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem.* HarperOne, 2006. An accessible and insightful walk through the events of Holy Week, day by day, focusing on political and theological themes.

**N.T. Wright**

*The Day the Revolution Began: Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus's Crucifixion.*

HarperOne, 2016. Wright reframes the crucifixion not just as atonement but as the turning point in God's rescue mission for the world.

**Raymond E. Brown**

*The Death of the Messiah: From Gethsemane to the Grave – A Commentary on the*

*Passion Narratives in the Four Gospels.* Doubleday, 1994. A scholarly and detailed analysis of the Passion narratives. Ideal for deeper theological reflection during Holy Week.

*A Crucified Christ in Holy Week: Essays on the Four Gospel Passion Narratives.*

Liturgical Press, 1986. A concise and more accessible overview of Brown's scholarly work on the Passion narratives.

**Richard John Neuhaus**

*Death on a Friday Afternoon: Meditations on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross.*

Basic Books, 2000. A deeply theological and pastoral reflection on the seven last words of Jesus. Rich for Good Friday contemplation.