



HOLY EUCHARIST
SECOND SUNDAY IN PASSIONTIDE:

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026 | 10:30AM

Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

PRELUDE *THE PRELUDE SIGNALS A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION.*

We stand.

The presiding minister, repeated three times.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

WHEN they 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."

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.

PROCESSION

The assisting minister then says:

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW 344

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

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

- 2 The company of angels are praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*
- 4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. *Refrain*

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

We stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

As we now contemplate the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the world's salvation through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection.

Silence is kept.

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.

We sit.

READING

ISAIAH 50:4–9A

A reading from Isaiah.

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?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir. Music by Sarah MacDonald (contemporary)

- 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."

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

APOSTLES' 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.

We kneel or sit.

BLESSING OF QUILTS

God, our neighbors around the world need hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, and your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.

God, we thank you for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and other items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.

God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers, and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

Amen.

Recognizing God's abundant hope, be a sign of hope to our neighbors near and far: offering hands to hold, sweet scents of justice, and a feast of God's goodness. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We sit.

GREETINGS

MEAL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us
and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.



OFFERTORY HYMN

ANDUJAR



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,
ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,



And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry;
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
 For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear - head,
 In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his king - dom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love re - fused a - gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. _____



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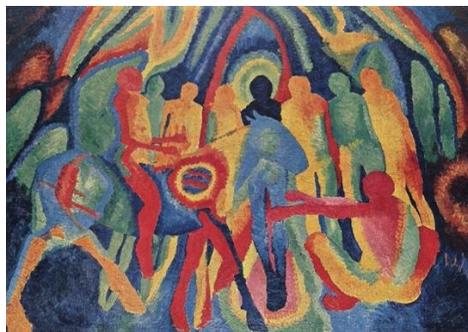
76. 76. 66. 76

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN 323 V. 3

All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right and salutary. . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Majestic

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Slower

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: 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

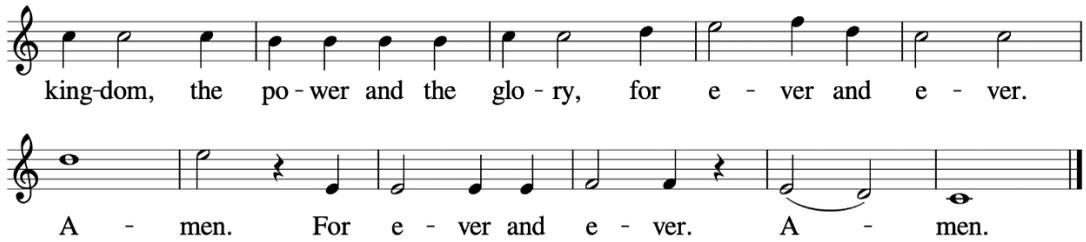
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

Our Fa - ther who art in__ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;
Thy king - dom come; thy will be__ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our__ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as
we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst__ us. And lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the



FRACTION ANTHEM & INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sins and promising eternal life, are welcome at the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

My song is love unknown

HYMN 343

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, **you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty,
 the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus,
 and the light of the Holy Spirit
 be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.



SOLO

Ride On, Ride on in Majesty

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

*Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

*In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

*The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.*

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

*Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.*

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

*In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.*

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

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LWR prayers: LWR, The Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Martha McCreight
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Communion Assistants	Lois Coffin
Acolyte	
Ushers	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler
Counters	Cheryl & Joe Milukas, Shirley Schulz, Michele Taylor
Little Free Pantry	

Coffee/Fellowship Time

Our thanks to *Lex and Susan Ylitalo* for hosting the fellowship time following worship today in the Welcome Room. The Welcome Room is located directly beneath the sanctuary.



LWR QUILTS

In 2024, Lutheran World Relief shipped over 340,000 quilts to people worldwide facing needs caused by catastrophic events, wars, and poverty. This year, LWR began delivering quilts within the United States, starting with the disaster that affected Asheville, NC, while still distributing quilts globally to places like Peru, Africa, and Ukraine. At St. John's, we have been quilting for over 10 years and have continued this ministry solely because of the generosity of the entire congregation. In addition to our dedicated church members, the ministry includes people who are not part of the congregation but have found their way to us. This year, we especially need financial donations to cover the costs of batting and binding due to the changing economy. Thank you for all your help and support.

Any questions? Email Sally Olson at Salanno@aol.com or Greta Schneider at Schneigreta@aol.com.

holy week



maundy thursday

7pm | Choral Eucharist

& First Holy Communion

8pm-12midnight

Altar of repose in the chapel

good friday

12noon | Stations of the Cross

First Presbyterian | 7:30pm

Concert: "Crucifixion" by Stainer



easter vigil

7.30pm | Choral Eucharist
with baptisms

easter

8:30am | Eucharist

9:30am | Easter Egg Hunt

10:30am | Choral Eucharist





EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH
8:30AM & 10:30AM



9:30AM

PRAYER
LIST



Beryl, Charlotte, Diane, Robert, Valerie, Gary, Br. Ian, Pr Harv Weitzel, Trish, Pam, Robert, Charlotte, Paul, Becky, Margaret, Jack

If you have someone to add to the prayer list, please email the parish office. Contact Pr Martha for pastoral needs at 406-565-3592.

ACOLYTE SIGN-UP



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, READERS,
USHERS, COFFEE HOUR, AND LFP SIGN-UP

