



ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVE OF PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

MARCH 23, 2024

Welcome to Advent. Glad you're here. Everyone is invited to receive communion at today's service. Responses from the assembly are in **bold**. Notes for the assembly are in *italics*. A ^ marks when the assembly is invited to stand.



PRELUDE "GATHER US IN"

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ACCLAMATION ^

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL ^

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden;

untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS ^

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

Let us pray. We praise you... now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN ^ “YOU ARE THE SON”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY ^

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GOSPEL ^ MARK 15:25-39

The is the holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, o Lord.** It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

HYMN "WEEPING OVER JERUSALEM"

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION ^

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE ^

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly shares a sign of Christ's peace.

HYMN ^ "ABOVE ALL"

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OFFERING PRAYER ^

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE ^

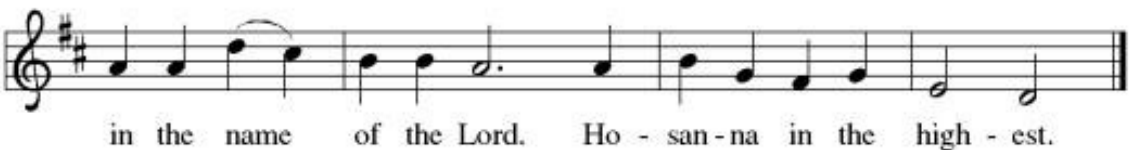
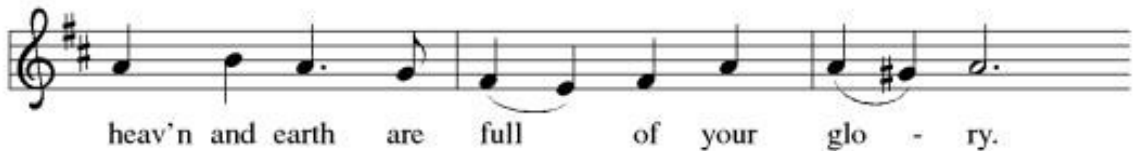
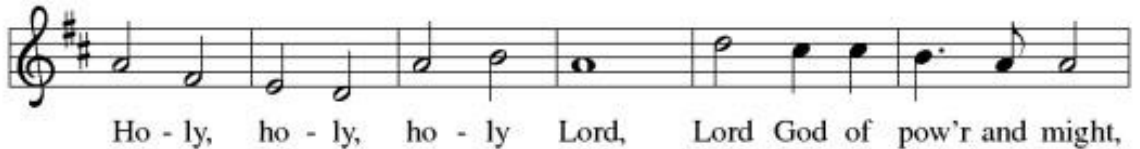
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

It is indeed right... join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ^



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION ^

... let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

... now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ^

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

THE MEAL

The assembly is invited to receive communion at the altar rail. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available. There are no outcasts, no strangers, no unwelcome guests at Christ's table.

HYMN "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

ELW (Red hymnal) #471

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ^

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

BLESSING ^

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you
with courage, and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN ^ "THE CROSS IS YOUR DESTINY"

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DISMISSAL ^

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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