

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
BRISTOL, CT**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
April 13, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday**

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

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+GATHERING+

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

ACCLAMATION

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

Hosanna in the highest.

JESUS' GREAT ENTRANCE

Let us prepare our hearts for Jesus' Great Entrance into Jerusalem.

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

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ 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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ Now as he was 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, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

BLESSING OF PALMS

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

Let us pray as we hold high our palms. *A brief silence is kept.*

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.**

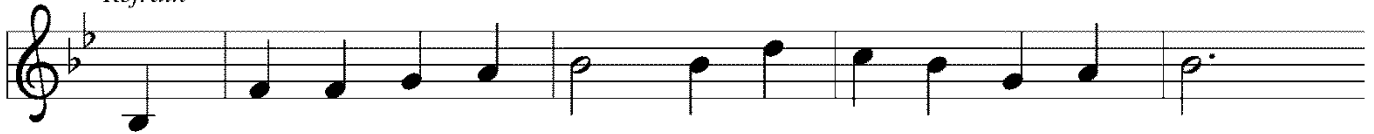
PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of the Lord.**

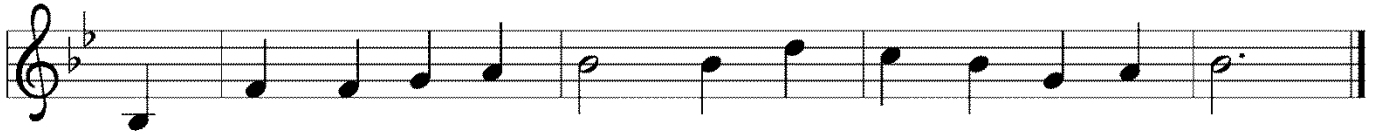
The congregation processes into the Sanctuary with palms raised singing. Follow the choir down the center aisle; split to the left and right; up the side aisles toward the back; and back down the center aisle to be seated.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

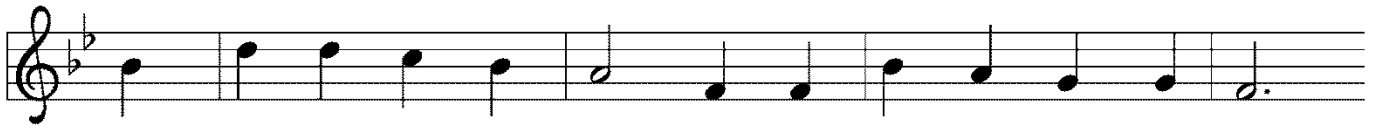
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,

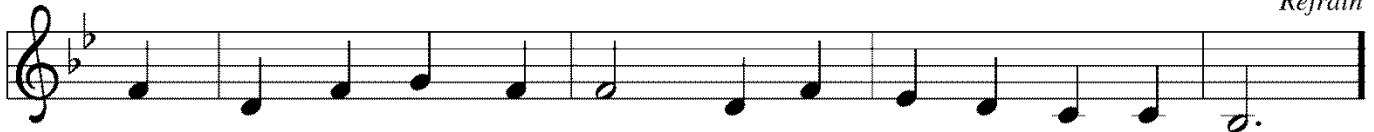


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God." ⁴⁵Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; ⁴⁶and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of robbers.'"

⁴⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

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

Luke 19:28-40

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+WORD+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please have an adult accompany children 3 yrs. old and younger.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Scenes:

The Last Supper (at the altar)

The Garden of Gethsemane (by piano)

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Peter's Denial (Whisper & Wiggle area)

Jesus Before the Council/The Sanhedrin (at font)

Jesus before Pilate (at lectern)

Jesus before Herod (behind altar)

Jesus before Pilate again (at lectern)

.....but the crowd kept shouting,

Congregation/Crowd: "Crucify, crucify him!"

Golgotha (by steps)

Jesus forgives the criminal

ANTHEM What Have We Done? (Senzeni na)
Traditional South African song and H.H.Hopson

Refrain

What have we done? What have we done? We crucified the Lord of Life.
 What have we done? What have we done? We crucified the Lord of Life.

Repeated.

Lord, we share the shame; our guilt brought this upon Thee.
 Hear our prayer. Lord, have mercy. *Refrain.*

Lord, restore the joy, the joy of our salvation.
 Hear our prayer. Lord, have mercy. *Refrain.*

Centurion speaks (at lectern)

.....The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY Now Behold The Lamb ELW 341

L: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God our healer, we continue to pray for those on our prayer list. In addition we lift up to your care these loved ones and concerns that we name aloud or in our hearts before you now...*(time is allowed for additions)*. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead, assist and support worship during Holy Week. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

SHARE THE PEACE

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

+MEAL+

God feeds us in the presence of Jesus Christ.

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OFFERTORY

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

L: OFFERING PRAYER

For all that we have received from God let us pray for what we return.

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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'S PRAYER (Luke's version)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us as we pray:

**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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

*At Faith **all** are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (or gluten-free wafers upon request) and wine (or white grape juice). Empty glasses can be placed in baskets provided as you return by the side aisles to your seat for silent meditation. If you need communion brought to you, please notify the usher.*

(if you are giving a reminder at the end of the service, please move to the lectern as the altar is cleared after communion distribution)

L: POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+SENDING+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

REMINDERS *(If you are giving a reminder, come to the lectern as the altar is cleared).*

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

ELW 346

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

All are welcome to refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall following the service.

WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, April 13, 2025

Presiding Minister: Pastor Chris Dion

Minister of Music: Deacon Gwynne Hopko

Assisting Minister: Jill Little

Lectors: Linda Klopp, Heather Johnson, Kathy Golden

Tech Team: Abigail Griffin, Ken Griffin, Connor Pratt

Ushers: Tina Beaudoin, Gerry Beaudoin, Carol Emond

Altar Guild: Kristin, Connor and Emily Pratt

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 13, 2025 Palm / Passion Sunday

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Congregational Conversation & Brunch

Monday, April 14, 2025

6:00 p.m. Bristol Chorale

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

Thursday, April 17, 2025 Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

7:00 p.m. AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Al Anon (YOUTH Room)

Friday, April 18, 2025 Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, April 19, 2025

12:00 p.m. Meals for Neighbors Easter Meal at 27 Judd St.

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Time

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

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