

PALM SUNDAY



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

GATHERING

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

All: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 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."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assistant minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

THE PROCESSION

The assembly follows the ministers into the church while singing the processional song, All Glory Laud and Honor (ELW 344)

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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

WORD

THE READING OF THE PASSION

The reading of Passion is done by volunteers.

There are a few parts where everyone is invited to join in.

The line just preceding your participation is indicated below.

Narrator: They shouted back,

All: Crucify him! The reading continues

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

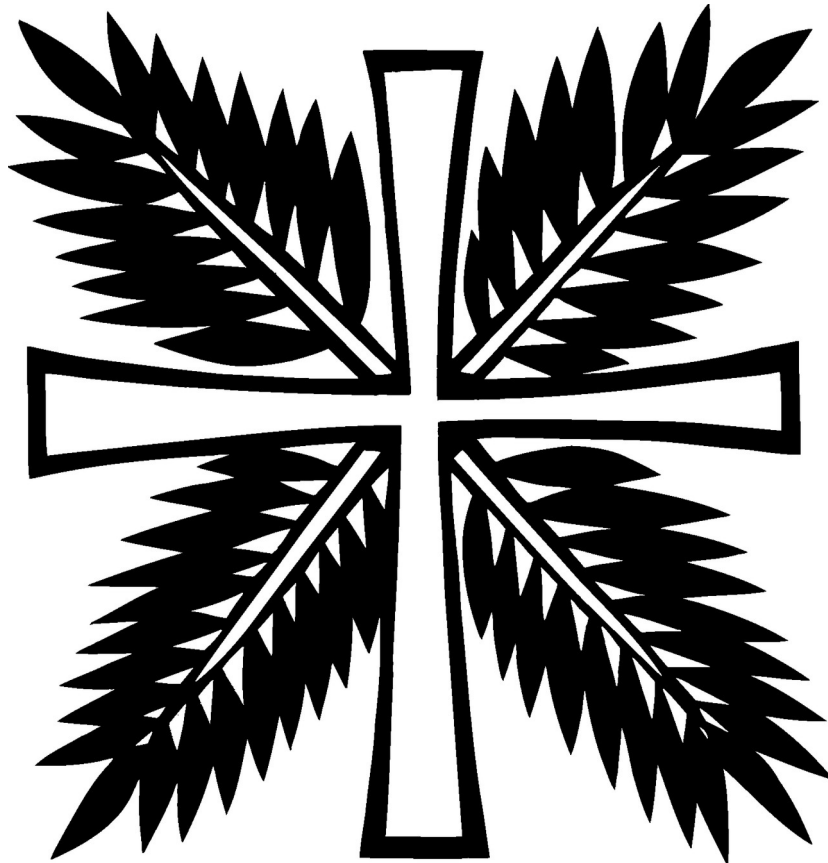
All: Crucify him! The reading continues

Narrator: And after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

All: Hail, King of the Jews!

HOMILY

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the homily.



HYMN OF THE DAY: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (ELW 338)

The assembly stands for the gathering song.

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up-on the way,
And from my con-trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the intercessory prayers.

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.

A brief silence.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations (*regions in conflict may be named*). Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love.

Be especially with all those we name now: Simion (3/24/24), Adelina (3/24/24), Tom (3/24/24), Jerry M. (2/25/24), Jacque (1/28/24), Ann P. (1/21/24), Rich G. (1/7/24), Jack (12/10/23), Karl B (7/30/23), Kate S. (7/30/23), Pamela (5/28/23), Cindy (5/28/23), Jay (5/28/23), Lauren (5/28/23), Frieda L. (5/17/23), Paul S. (4/16/23), Gary M. (11/14/21), Tim R. (12/18/18), and all our family members and friends; Give them comfort, reconciliation, and hope. Be their help and their shield. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers (*individuals preparing for baptism and confirmation may be named*). Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. (*We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today.*) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION CONCLUSION

The presiding minister concludes the intercessory prayers.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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.

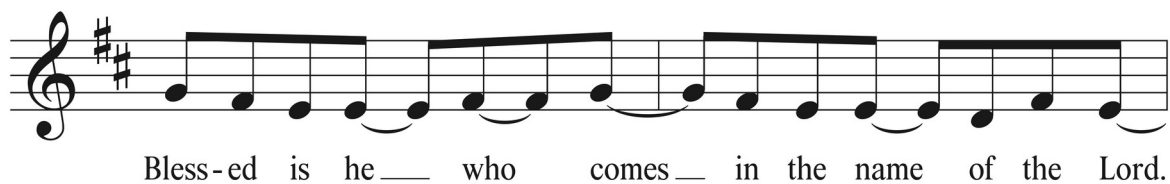
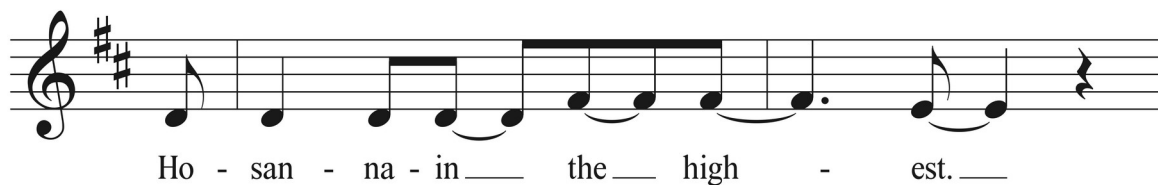
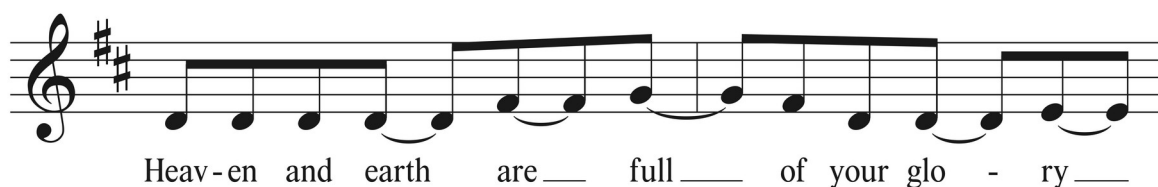
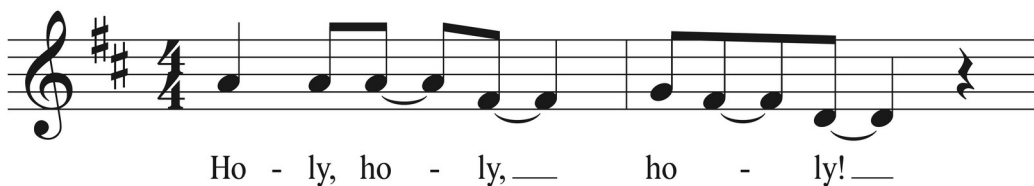
PREFACE

The presiding minister continues.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy is sung.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

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Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer.

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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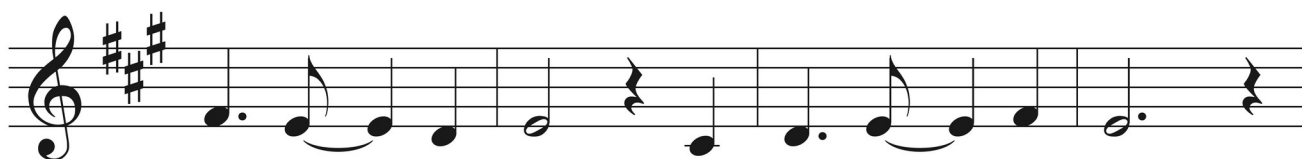
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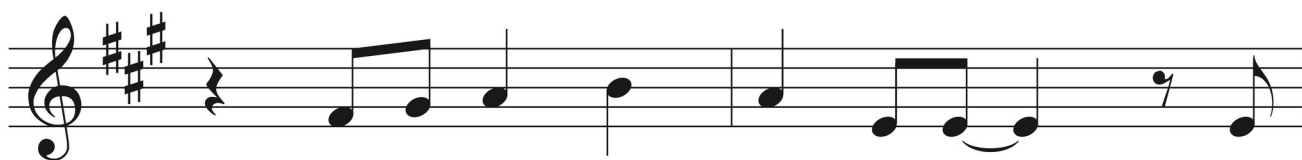
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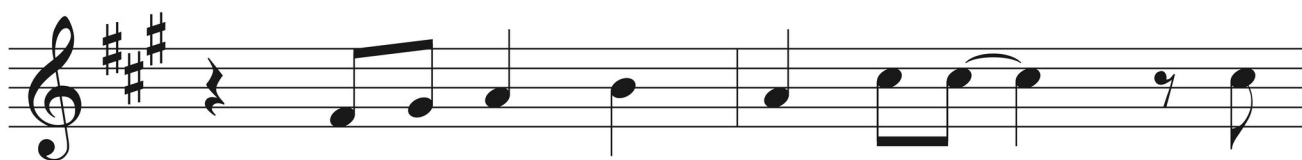
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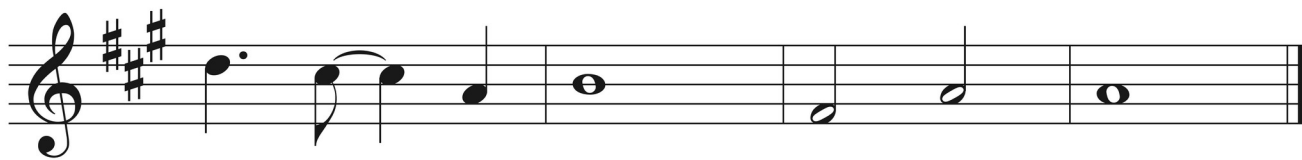
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of ___ the world. Grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING

The assembly stands as they are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. Amen.



MISSION NOTES

We are so glad that you are here with us for worship, and invite you to consider other ways to deepen faith and connect with the Redeemer community and the world around us - to which God calls us in loving service!

Easter Preparations

Easter Sunday is just over a month away, and with it comes our annual Easter flower order. By purchasing flowers, or making a donation to help offset Easter flower costs, you'll help beautify our sanctuary for Easter Sunday! Additionally, you can dedicate your flower contribution in memory or honor of someone special, in thanksgiving to God, or other dedication.

You can submit your flower order online via our secure website at <https://redeemernewpaltz.org/easter/flowers>, or complete a paper form (available in the narthex) and submit payment by check or cash.

Note: If you are making your purchase online and wish to add a dedication, please submit your dedication on the paper form or via email to community@redeemernewpaltz.org.

Special Fund Raiser For New Paltz Student Christian Center

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who donated to the SCC Fundraiser. We raised \$270 in gift cards. Such a blessing to see our Community at Redeemer step up and support the SCC!

Many of us may not realize that there are SUNY students choosing between rent and food. Additionally, our SCC and Episcopal Campus Ministry Food Pantry regularly hears of the need for personal care items. Your generous support will help address this need.

EarthCare: Solar Installation Complete!

The Solar installation at Redeemer, New Paltz, undertaken in partnership with Lighthouse Solar, has been completed just in time to take advantage of peak solar gain in the spring season - thanks be to God!

Installing solar at Redeemer is in keeping with our Focus Area of EarthCare, and is projected to provide 80% or more of our current electricity use, helping us develop a more stable baseline for the cost of electricity used in running God's House at Redeemer as well.

We especially thank Council member Jerry Banach for his tireless efforts to keep this Solar project moving forward, and the other Council volunteers who got this done!

Game Circle

Join us for a fun opportunity to pull generations together during Hospitality Time on the first and third Sundays of the month at Redeemer, New Paltz. Teenage hosts will help gather and lead favorite games such as “Uno,” “Taco, Cat, Goat, Cheese, Pizza.” Don’t know what one of these games is? Come join the excitement to find out!

Launch date/time: April 7th after worship

Holy Week and Easter Worship Opportunities: Come and Be Fed by the Mystery of Grace

Palm Sunday marks the end of our Lenten journey and the beginning of Holy Week when we embark on a sacred journey as we prepare our hearts and minds to reflect on the profound events of Jesus' final days. Join us this week to contemplate themes of *love, sacrifice, and hope*.

- **Maundy Thursday: March 28th, 7 p.m.** - We are gathered into Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples, his giving of the Greatest Commandment to love, and then the betrayal by Judas, after which the altar is cleared and we leave in silence.
- **Good Friday: March 29th, 7 p.m.** - Our journey with Jesus continues with the Passion Reading, interspersed with beautiful music from Kairos: A Consort of Singers.
- **Good Friday Vigil: March 29th, 8-10 p.m. (new this year)** - Remembering Jesus' invitation to the disciples to stay awake and wait with him, and how at the end all deserted him, we hold a silent vigil in the sanctuary with the cross. People may stay for however long they wish, and there will be hosts to help guide and support this time.
- **Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30th, 7 p.m.** - In the darkness we gather and light the paschal candle, then hear the stories of God's faithfulness throughout time. We process outside singing “Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,” and return to a sanctuary transformed into Easter joy, singing the first “Hallelujahs!”
- **Easter Morning: Sunday, March 31st, 9:30 a.m.** - Our celebration of Easter joy continues on Sunday morning, when special guest trumpet player and a choir anthem, with worship followed by Hospitality time and special no plastic Easter treats waiting for kids, grandkids, and grand nieces and nephews!

For more information about our Holy Week hybrid worship events, please visit:

<https://redeemernewpaltz.org/holy-week>

Mental Health First Aid Training – Saturday, April 13th, 10 am – 4 pm

Did you know that, on average, 130 people die by suicide every day? That nearly 1 in 5 people in the U.S. lives with mental illness, or that between 1999 and 2019 over 814,00 people died from drug overdoses?

That's why Redeemer is immensely proud to be able to support our community partner, New Paltz Community Werllness, in hosting this important training that helps you to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

Who is this training for? Employers, police officers, hospital staff, first responders, caring individuals.

Registration is required by April 4th to ensure completion of a self-paced online course prior to the in-person class. To register, please contact Phoenix Kawamoto at pkawamoto@townofnewpaltz.org.

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