



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

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We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety, if you have any questions about that, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

The ringing of the bell and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

Children are welcome at our worship services. However, if you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger, the room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

Holy Communion is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. First Sundays are a drive in Communion Service and the Third Sunday is in the sanctuary. Guests, if you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to come to the altar. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you.

There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." This was the welcome the crowd gave Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. Today we add our voices in the welcome, knowing that in order to save us from sin and its death, our Lord had to suffer in our place on the cross and die in our place to set us free from sin and its death. What a great entrance into Holy Week!

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING BLESSING

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

People: Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GOSPEL READING:

John 12:12-19

Jesus enters Jerusalem.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

People: Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING HYMN; "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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Refrain:

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

You are the king of Israel and David's royal son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

The company of angels are praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.

Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

Refrain

To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise.

To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

Their praises you accepted; Accept the prayers we bring,

Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

Refrain

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Leader: Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness.

People: Gracious God, we admit that we are sinners, and that we have gone against your loving will in thoughts, words, and actions. We do not want to hear your word challenging us in our lives and our priorities. We ask for your forgiveness, so that we are freed from our sin to live in your gracious love.

GOD FORGIVES

Leader: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament:

Zechariah 9:9-12

The prophet foretells of the humble King.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Epistle:

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled to death on a cross that we might be exulted with Him.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CHOIR RECORDING: "Hosanna, Hosanna"

(recorded on April 14, 2019)

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.
Hosanna, hosanna, rang through the crowded streets.
Thousands came to see Him, to cheer as He rode by.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna was their cry.*

Jesus entered into Jerusalem, people spread their garments on the road.
Blessed is the seed of Abraham. Blessed is the King foretold.
The multitudes all praised Him, they waved the palms in praise.
They welcomed the Messiah as He came through the gates.

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Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.
Hosanna, hosanna rang through the crowded streets.
Thousands came to see Him, to raise their voice and sing.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate.
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The holy Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord that He may hear us on behalf of the people of God and all people as they have need.

Leader: That the humility of our Lord's suffering and death bring forth in us the fruits of faith and renewed faithfulness, for us and for all who hear about what He did on the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That the wounds of the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying find healing in the wounds of Christ our Lord, (especially...), let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That by His gracious example of humility unto death we learn humility of faith, repent of our sins and unrighteousness, and learn to delight in His will and walk in His ways all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That God visit His grace to us and to all nations, that we have good leaders and that we be good citizens, until the day when we join the saints before the Lord in His eternal city, where He has prepared for us an everlasting place, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That God strengthen the bonds we share with our ministry partners. That those individuals and families who receive blessings from our ministry partners look to the cross for comfort this Easter, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *TOSB 118*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK – Services for Holy Week will be as follows:

- Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday 11:00AM Service in the Sanctuary and live stream.
- Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM Service in the Sanctuary and live stream.
- Friday, April 2 – Good Friday, 7:00 PM Service in the Sanctuary and live stream.
- Sunday, April 4 – EASTER Sunday, 11:00 AM Drive-in Service with Communion.

****Sunday School for adults is at the usual time on Palm Sunday. No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.****

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Ladies of Peace, you are invited to join in a bible study every first and third Sunday of the Month. The service takes place live via ZOOM at 2:00 PM. A great way to get some connection! Let Peggy Krueger know if you would like to receive that ZOOM Link!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Men of Peace, please join us on the second and fourth Sunday of each month for a live bible study via ZOOM at 2:00 PM. Great discussions to be had. Let Pastor Lucke know if you would like to join in.

EASTER CROSS – We are so delighted to be putting up the large cross in front of the church for Easter. This is the cross that is decorated with fresh flowers and greenery. Please drop off your fresh cut flowers (or store bought flowers) at the front door of the church on Friday, April 2 or Saturday, April 3. There will be buckets of water out to put your flowers in!

EASTER DECORATING – Come on down to the church on Saturday, April 3 if you would like to help with the decorating of the church for Easter's Drive-In service! Carole Gutbrod can give you more information on when the best time to arrive or what kind of jobs need to be done.

BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS – April will be a busy month for blood drives! If you can volunteer to assist please contact Ellen Holroyd.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE DATES:

- **April 22** – 12:00 pm to 6:30 pm – Peace Lutheran Church hosting.
- **April 28** – 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM – Philomath High School hosting at Peace.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LUTHERWOOD – Do you know someone planning on going to Camp Lutherwood this summer? Peace Lutheran Church Ladies guild is offering a \$200 scholarship to the first 5 people who apply! This is a great opportunity for our youth! Contact Peggy Krueger for an application.

Please let the church office know if you have an announcement you would like included in the bulletin.