

Service of Worship Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

elcome to Holy Week at Park Street Church! Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, during which Christians commemorate the events leading up to Jesus' death on the cross for the salvation of the world. Palm branches were used that day by the crowd to salute Jesus (John 12:13), and they also represent victory and peace (cf. Rev. 7:9). The beginning of the Palm Sunday service is joyful, permeated with the Hebrew praise-shout Hosanna, which means "Save [us]." Hosanna appears in the Bible only at Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem: that fleeting but glorious moment when heavenly reality was manifest on earth. Our Lord rode into his city, Jerusalem, as the right-

ful king (on a donkey, a symbolic action harkening back to the words of Zechariah 9:9), and was hailed as Messiah by all the people (including children), "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!" (Matt. 21:9). In churches around the world, this grand procession into Jerusalem is re-enacted yearly in worship, accompanied, for the past 1,200 years, by the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." In this service, the joy of the triumphal entry quickly gives way to a sober contemplation of the Passion of Christ which remains our focus for the duration of Holy Week. The liturgical color red is used during Holy Week to represent Jesus' blood.

This service booklet contains instructions (usually under the traditional symbol ¶, called a pilcrow) and explanations to aid the full participation of God's people in his worship. The People read or sing all **bold text** with a loud voice. It is not necessary to wait for a verbal cue before standing, sitting, or kneeling as indicated. Where hymns are listed, the name of the tune appears right-flush in small caps. Scripture lessons are taken from the English Standard Version.

THE PRELUDE

¶ Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord's worship.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Immediately at the conclusion of the Prelude, the People stand: "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey."

ANTHEM

Prepare the Way

Prepare the way, O Zion; ye awful deeps rise high; Sink low ye lofty mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh; The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred story. *O blest is he that came in God the Father's name*.

O Zion, he approaches, your Lord and King for aye; Strew palms where he advances; spread garments in his way. God's promise faileth never, *Hosanna* sound for ever. *O blest is he that came in God the Father's name.*

Words: Frans Mikael Franzên | Music: Traditional Swedish, arr. Margareta Jalkeus (b. 1966)

CALL TO WORSHIP

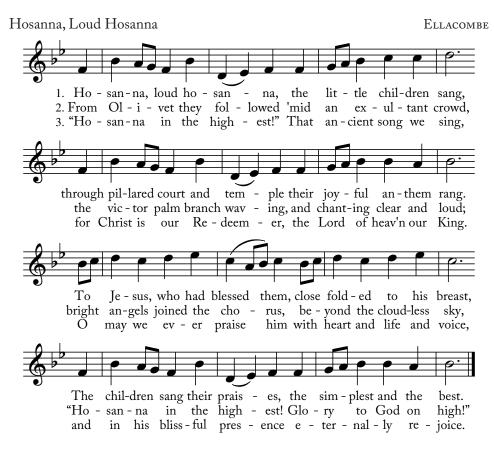
THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

THE PROCESSION

¶ Children are invited to join in the procession around the sanctuary by following behind the choir and ministers, waving their palms and returning to their seats at the conclusion.

Leader	Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
People	Who is this king of glory?
Leader	The LORD almighty—he is the King of glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
People	Hosanna in the highest!
Leader	With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.



Words: 1873 | Jennette Threlfall (1821-1880)

Music: Ellacombe, 1784, 1833, 1868 | adap. from German sources by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodulph



trans. 1854 | John Mason Neale (1818-1866) Music: *Valet will ich der geben*, 1613 | Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) 76. 76. D harm. 1861 | William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE PRAYER

¶ During the hymn, palms of the festal procession are removed from the Table; musicians depart.

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

The King's Majesty

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¶ The People sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

pew Bible p. 613

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Ι

¶ The People stand to recite the psalm antiphonally: Floor reads regular text, balcony reads bold text. Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so. but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; All as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ The People sit.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Matthew 26:36-27:66

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the

betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him."⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days." ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." ⁷¹ And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

27 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

³ Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷ So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. ³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.

¶ The People stand.

³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God." ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

¶ The People kneel, or may sit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

¶ A solemn melody is played by the musicians, from Heinrich Biber's "Christ on the Mount of Olives." When it concludes, the People sit.

SERMON

Catechesis: The Grounded Life

Mark Booker

LOVE UNKNOWN

HYMN

¶ The People stand.

My Song Is Love Unknown

1. My song love un - known; my Sav - ior's love is to me. love 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow: but 3. Some-times they strew his and his sweet prais - es way, sing; re -4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He 5. They rise, and needs will have mv dear Lord made a - wav; а



but men made strange: but men scorned him.

Words: 1664 | Samuel Crossman (1623-1683) Music: Love Unknown, 1918 | John Ireland (1879-1962) 66. 66. 44. 44

APOSTLES' CREED

¶ Standing, the People say together

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

THE PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick, and the suffering, concluding with

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 coming day's bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

THE PEACE

LeaderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.

 \P Greet one another in the peace of Christ. Following the Peace, the People sit.

OFFERTORY

¶ The People sit. The offering plates are passed. Music is offered to the Lord.

Christ on the Mount of Olives

H. Biber (1644–1704)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

¶ The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward by the ushers. A Minister then presents them to the Lord in prayer.

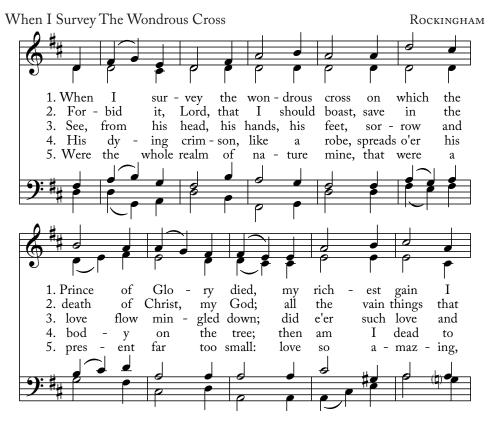
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

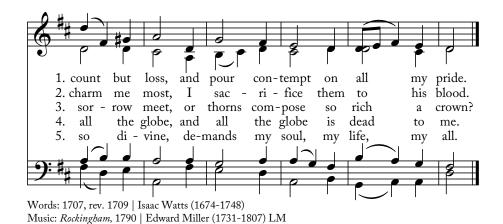
THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ All baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Sacrament by proceeding up to the front (as directed by the ushers) to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. During the distribution, the People sing the following hymns:

Nº 242 Not All the Blood of Beasts Nº 254 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed Nº 260 Were You There? (sts. 1-4)







THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

¶ The People sit or may leave quietly as a work is played upon the organ. Please be respectful of those listening to the postlude in the sanctuary or via the livestream.

Ah, Holy Jesus

Helmut Walcha (1907–1991)

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister* Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

- Assisting Minister Michael Balboni, *Associate Minister* Adam Herndon, *Minister to Families and Youth*
 - Elder Geoffrey Raux
 - LAY READERS Lyford Beverage Eleanor Peltz
 - MUSICIANS The Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music* Clayton Hancock, *violin* The Park Street Brass

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NEW?

Welcome to Park Street Church! We're glad you're here, and we invite you to become a part of this community of Jesus' disciples. Wherever you're coming from and whatever questions you are asking, we welcome you to join us as we seek to become more like Jesus.

• If you'd like to connect with us, fill out a **Connect card** in the pews and hand it to an usher or drop it in the offering plate. You can also visit **parkstreet.org** or scan the **QR code** at the right. We'll be in touch!



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

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Maundy Thursday April 6						
	Worship Service Noon & 7:30 pm Childcare available, ages 0-4, registration required					
	Worship Services 9:00 am & 11:00 am Music by choirs & orchestra 4:00 pm Music by Sunday Night Band, strings, brass <i>Childcare available, ages</i> 0-2, <i>no registration required</i>					

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bring Your Best to Our Easter Celebration | Sun, Apr 9 | after all services Let's celebrate the Lord's resurrection together with a joyful reception after each service! Please contribute your favorite baked goods, desserts or finger foods.

Find more details about this and other announcements, as well as prayer requests, at: parkstreet.org/announcements.

