



PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am—March 29, 2026

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRELUDE

“My Song is Love Unknown” *K Osterland*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#344 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Welcome to Messiah

We are a community of grace where we live out Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We also seek to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion. We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant life. We may not always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

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.

You are invited to wave your palm branches during the processional in memory of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*Please stand as comfortable, in body or in spirit and face the cross at the back of the sanctuary
The presiding minister will read the sections in plain text.*

You are invited to read the bold portions.

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

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.**

KYRIE

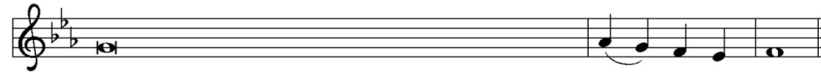
p. 98 ELW "Kyrie"



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



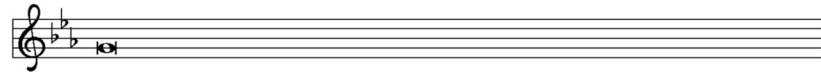
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, if we've heard this story before, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, then help us to hear it again. And if we've never heard this story before, if we've never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna," then give us the wisdom to follow along. Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth. We are listening. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Please be
seated

Morning by morning he wakens,
 wakens my ear
 to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
 and I was not rebellious;
 I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me
 and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
 I did not hide my face
 from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
 therefore I have not been disgraced;
 therefore I have set my face like flint,
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
 Who will contend with me?
 Let us stand in court together.
 Who are my adversaries?
 Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
 who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
 my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
 my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaint-
 ances;
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
 I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
 I have said, "You are my God.**
¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love."**

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² 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. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ 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 our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be
seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy Spirit, Spark a Vision”

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, spark a vi - sion,
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, span di - vi - sions,
come ig - nite a sense of play.
swell our move - ments, build our might.
Kin - dle bold im - ag - i - na - tion,
Gath - er us for new ad - ven - tures
proph - e - sy a brav - er way.
work - ing toward a world that's right.
Light a deep, com - pel - ling crav - ing.
Feed a stead - y, fierce de - vo - tion.
Fuel a long - ing strong and strange.
Shape a staunch com - mu - ni - ty.
Share in - spir - ing prov - o - ca - tions.
Flame a - mong us, clear and con - stant.
Ac - ti - vate a need for change.
Draw us close to set us free.

APOSTLES CREED

Please
stand as
you are
comforta-
ble in
body or
spirit.

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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day, especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

"Hosanna"

Please stand
as you are
comfortable
in body or
spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, we bring what we have—ordinary gifts, honest offerings. Receive them, bless them, and make them enough. Let them become good news: bread for the hungry, welcome for the vulnerable, justice shaped by mercy. Take what we place in your hands and use it to form us into a people who live what we believe. For your goodness overflows, and we are grateful to share in it. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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, our duty and our joy,

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting...

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.

Oh God of resurrection...

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us...

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,...

...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God p. 146

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

#336 "Lamb of God"

♩ = 52 ♯ C G C G/B Am Fmaj7 C/E

Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent Him from Your
Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and scorned Him as He
I was so) lost I should have died; But You have brought me to Your

4 Gsus G G/F Am Fmaj7 C/E Am Fmaj7 C/G Gsus C G F

side, to walk up - on this guilt - y sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 died. The hum - ble King they named a fraud, and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of
 side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of

9 C G C Am F G/F C/E C G/B Am Fmaj7 C/E

Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the ho - ly Lamb of

14 Gsus G G/F Am Fmaj7 C/E Am Fmaj7 C/G Gsus C G F

God. Oh, wash me in His pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

19 C G C/G Gsus C G F C G F C

D.S.

I was so Christ, the Lamb of God.

#338 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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,

Please stand as you are able

Benediction: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*



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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

#665 “Rise, Shine, You People!”



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

SENDING

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *Mark Hayes*

Holy Week at Messiah

Maundy Thursday Worship and the Celebration of First Communion

Thursday, April 2 6:30 PM

In-person in Messiah's sanctuary, On-line and on the radio 101.9 FM

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 3 6:30 PM

In-person in First Presbyterian's sanctuary

Easter Vigil Worship

Saturday, April 4 5:00 PM

In-person: We gather outside at the entrance to Messiah to light the Easter Vigil flame and process into the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5

7:00 AM Sunrise service at McCarty's Cove

8:30 Traditional Worship: In-person in Messiah's sanctuary, on-line & on the radio 101.9 FM

10:30 Contemporary-ish Worship: In-person in Messiah's sanctuary and on-line

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Greeter:	Marina Shinikarenko
Organist:	Kathy Strazzinski
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