

Reflections on Repentance

Hope Restored

April 13,
2025



Palm
Sunday

WELCOME, GUESTS! We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. This folder contains all the information about our services and the congregational responses are indicated by indented and bolded letters. Please also take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this is used by the pastor and elder only. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS – This marks the culmination of our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal, serving as our final preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The journey of Lent has opened our hearts to reflect anew on the Passion of our Lord and his glorious triumph over death and the grave. With repentant hearts, we join our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, confident in his everlasting rule, hailing him as our Eternal King. Simultaneously, we remember that he is our King because he is the Messiah, the promised Son of David sent as the sacrificial Lamb of God. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

MORNING PRAYER – We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: SERVICE OF THE WORD – CW, p.38



INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also, with you.

Dear friends in Christ, we have been preparing to celebrate our Lord's paschal mystery for the past five weeks of Lent. Today, we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ triumphantly entered his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember, with devotion, his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their cloaks and palm branches in His path. Accept our praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!

The congregation will process in following the cross.

OPENING HYMN:

#131

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

****PLEASE STAND FOR THE LAST VERSE****



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
2 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
4 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
5 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho -
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael
 san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels
 san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews
 san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion
 san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,

And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the
 Is prais - ing you on high, And we with
 With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and
 They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now
 Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of

Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.
 all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
 prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
 high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
 ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

CONFESSION OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

****Please Be Seated****

#230

LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to
3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho - san - na
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -
to the Lord most high." Then in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.
crease our light That we may know your name a - right
that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: *Lutherische Hand-Büchlein*, 2nd ed., Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON:

ZECHARIAH 9: 9, 10

The exiled Jews find restoration not through combat with the enemy, but through a king during a time of peace. Here lies hope for the small remnant returning to rebuild the Lord's temple. For this is the pathway of the Lord's salvation: Our gentle King arrives with the power to restore eternal peace.

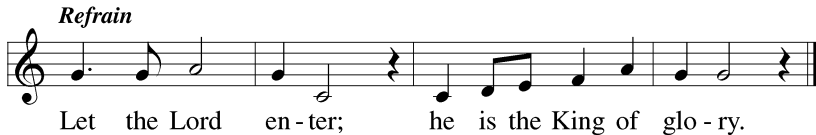
Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The

battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 24

Refrain



Let the Lord en-ter; he is the King of glo-ry.

Psalm tone



Let the Lord en-ter; he is the King of glo-ry.

Refrain

The earth is the LORD’S, and everything in it,*
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it upon the seas*
and established it upon the waters.
Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*Who may stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?*

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is he, this King of glory?*

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2: 5 – 11

The homage due to a king belongs to Christ. At the name of Jesus – “the human name for God above” (CW 76 st.5) – every knee shall bow. For he has come to serve his people, not with armies

and war machines, but with the obedient sacrifice of his own life. Therefore, he is exalted by saints on earth and hosts of heaven.

Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

****Please Stand****

GOSPEL

MARK 11: 1 – 11

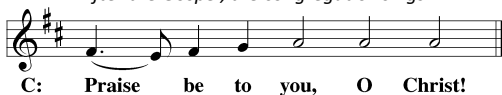
Our humble King arrives in majesty, for he comes to fulfill the will of the Father. He brings salvation, righteousness, and peace: peace in heaven and glory in the highest! He came as the fulfillment of scripture, the answer to mankind’s problem, and the Hope for all the true Israel of God.

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and told them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay.’”

They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. Some who were standing there asked them, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out, Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus went into the temple courts in Jerusalem and looked around at everything. Since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

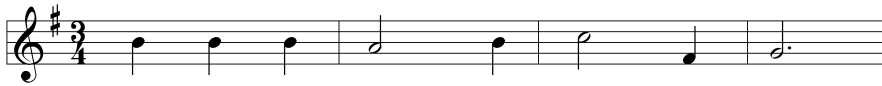
After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY:

#373

O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful,
2 When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, Light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless



O Maj - es - ty re - nowned, O Con - quer - or in -
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
O Fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er you a - dore, En - kin - dled with the
And hon - or you a - lone, And may we in our



vin - ci - ble, In whom all joys are found,
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, All that we can de - sire,
Spir - it's flame To love you more and more.
lives ex - press The im - age of your own!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
Tune: ST. AGNES (CM) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

SERMON TEXT

PHILIPPIANS 2: 5 – 11

SERMON:

RESTORING OUR HOPE

APOSTLES' CREED

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, born of the virgin Mary, 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PALM SUNDAY

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and because one with us. Thanks be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross to redeem us from sin.

Hosanna to the KING of Kings!

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations.

Hosanna to the LORD of Lords!

Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake.

Hosanna to our Savior! Amen.

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.

HYMN

#370

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
 2 Hail him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid
 3 Sin - ners whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood
 4 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter -
 5 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g We at his



pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And
 Lord did call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And
 and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet And
 res - trial ball To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And
 feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And



crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
 crown him Lord of all. The God in - car - nate,
 crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your tro - phies
 crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -
 crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
 Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.
 at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
 ty as - cribe And crown him Lord of all.
 last - ing song And crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–92, st. 1-3, abr., alt.; *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, st. 4-5, alt.
 Tune: CORONATION (86 86 86) Oliver Holden, 1765–1844.

****Please Stand****

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace and live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN:

#130

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That



lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared
an - ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor
an - cient song we sing, For Christ is



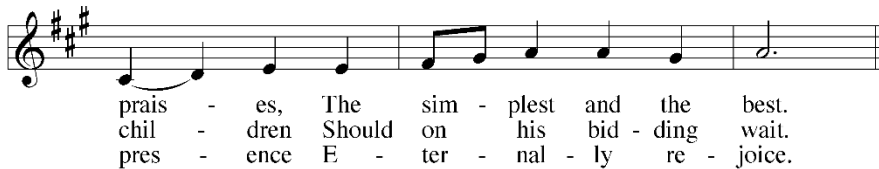
court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them
palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and
our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our



rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close
loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode
King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With



fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their
on in low - ly state, Nor scorned that lit - tle
heart and life and voice And in his roy - al



prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.
 pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821–80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784, alt.

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God and is the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary’s womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life, and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus’ redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment and destroy this present world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Services: We have our final midweek opportunities at 5:30 pm on April 17 and 18 for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. On Thursday, you will witness the stripping of the altar as a reminder of Jesus' abandonment by his disciples. Good Friday will feature the Service of Darkness, highlighting Jesus' last words from the cross. Both services are somber, and we ask that you leave on Thursday and return on Friday in silence. On Friday, we will depart in darkness and silence.

Confession: Pastor Emmons will be available for private confession at the church on Maundy Thursday until 4:30 pm. Please contact him to schedule a time.

Easter Lilies: We have been informed that Easter lilies may not be available for our Easter service. If you signed up and they are unavailable, do not worry; however, if you find someone who has them available, please contact Pastor Emmons or Penny Port.

Installation: Rev. Chris Goelzer will be installed at Grace in Portland at 4 pm on Sunday, April 27.

Pastor out of Town: Pastor Emmons will be in Scottsdale, AZ, for the West Coast Conference from April 27 to May 2. For emergencies, please contact Elder Gene Baldwin at 541-610-9978.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: There will be no morning Bible Study on Easter; however, we will resume on April 27. We plan to return to Luther's Catechism as we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke.

Annual Congregational/Voters Meeting: Our church will gather on May 4 for a congregational meeting. This informative event is open to all confirmed members and aims to provide a platform for discussion and input prior to the Voters' Meeting—voting members include all our confirmed men over 18. The Voters' Meeting will take place on May 18; we currently have 18 voting members and require a quorum of 12 to conduct business.

Vicar Call Day: The Bethany Lutheran College Chapel will stream the live feed of the Candidate and Vicar calls at 2 pm (EST) on May 7. The link to the website is: <https://chapel.blc.edu>

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