

# Palm Sunday

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## Celebrate (Introduction)

*“Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ’s broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God’s astounding work.”*

**Procession with Palms:** [Matthew 21:1-11 NRSVUE - Jesus’s Triumphal Entry into - Bible Gateway](#)

**Opening Hymn:** [ELW 344 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor](#)

## Prayer of the Day

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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** [Isaiah 50:4-9a NRSVUE - The Servant’s Humiliation and - Bible Gateway](#)

**Psalmody:** Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

my eye wastes away from grief,

my soul and body also.

<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow

and my years with sighing;

my strength fails because of my misery,<sup>[a]</sup>

and my bones waste away.

<sup>11</sup> I am the scorn of all my adversaries,

a horror<sup>[b]</sup> to my neighbors,

an object of dread to my acquaintances;

those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup> I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;

I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, “You are my God.”

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** [Philippians 2:5-11 NRSVUE - Let the same mind be in you that was in - Bible Gateway](#)

**The Gospel:** [Matthew 26:14-27:66 NRSVUE - Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus - Then one - Bible Gateway](#)

**Hymn:** [ELW 842 - Oh, Worship the King](#)

**The Message:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

**Offering\*:** [\(On-Line giving Link\)](#)

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### **The Prayer**

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Samuel Edward Hawkins Jr., Angela Hayes, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you;  
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters  
Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,  
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.  
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

**Closing Hymn:** [ELW 855 - Crown Him with Many Crowns](#)

#### **Announcements**

- **Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service** – 7:00 pm, Thursday, 4/6/2023
- **Easter Sunrise Service**, 6:30 am, 4/9/2023 on the Broadway Pier, Fell's Point
- **Easter Service at Epiphany**, 9:30 am, 4/9/2023

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