

April 13th, 2025 Palm Sunday.

Thought to ponder: "*Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!*"

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude: Lift High the Cross

Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ

All: And also with you.

Acknowledgement of the Territories:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship

One: People of St. Paul's, bring your garments and branches—Jesus is coming into town! Shout Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Our deliverer has come!

Let all the hungry be fed!

One: Jesus, the servant king, has come to show us a new kind of power.

All: Hosanna! Our liberator will set the prisoners free!

One: Let us worship the one who will save us from corruption. Shout Hosanna to the King of Kings!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

Hymn: VU #123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
The victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
Content that little children
should on his bidding wait.

'Hosanna in the highest!'
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
And in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

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Gathering Prayer:

Holy God, we gather on this Palm
Sunday and find ourselves in solidarity
with the crowds who shouted for
salvation. We know our needs, both

individually and collectively. Our hunger for righteousness and justice compels us to proclaim, "Hosanna! Save us!" two thousand years later. As we begin this journey toward the cross, from admiration to despair, we know we are well-nourished for the path ahead. You have prepared us, fed us with love and truth, and refreshed our spirits throughout the Lenten season. Let us carry the spirit of Hosanna in our hearts, ready to serve and love, knowing the journey continues toward resurrection and renewal. May the bread we break, both physical and spiritual, remind us of your presence in every step. Guide us on this path and sustain us for the work ahead. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: Because human beings ... trusting in Jesus.

All: Holy and saving God, we confess we have sought comfort in systems of power that promise salvation through dominance, control, and division. We place our hope in the forces of wealth, status, and self-preservation, rather than in the humility of Christ. We align ourselves with the powers of this

world, turning away from the radical love, justice, and peace embodied in Jesus. We fail to notice how the cries for justice of the oppressed mirror the "Hosannas" of hope. We ignore the cries of the poor, the marginalized, and the suffering, choosing instead the easy path of complicity. We turn a blind eye to the earth's cries and the injustices so many endure. Forgive us, O God, for placing our trust in the powers of this world rather than in the power of your love. Renew our hearts and minds and lead us back to the path of true salvation, where love, justice, and peace reign.

-silence-

The Grace of God

Children's time:

**The love of Jesus is Good News
We Shout to the World!**

Hymn: MV #183 Shout Out Your Love

I'm gonna shout, shout,
Shout out my love for Jesus, for Jesus!
I'm gonna shout, shout,
Shout out my love
for God's most holy child!

**For whatever I might do today,
At home, at school, at work, at play,
I've Jesus' love deep down
inside of me!**

I'm gonna raise, raise,
 Raise up my hands for Jesus, for Jesus!
 I'm gonna raise, raise,
 Raise up my hands
 for God's most holy child!

Refrain

I'm gonna dance, dance,
 dance all around for Jesus, for Jesus!
 I'm gonna dance, dance,
 dance all around for God's most holy child!

Refrain

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:

John 12: 12-16

Luke 19: 28- 40

Ministry of Music: Lay Down

Reflection: Bread for the Road

Hymn: MV #202 Bread For The Journey 2x

Bread for the journey,

Food for the way.

Cup of God's blessing,

Tomorrow, today.

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Prayers of the People:

One: Bread of Life

All: Hosanna, save us.

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, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Gracious God who saves, we bring our
gifts to you. We offer our time, talents,
and resources for your work in the
world. May these gifts be a sign of our
trust in you, and may they nourish
your mission of love, justice, and hope
for all. In Christ's name, we pray.
Amen.**

Hymn: MV #8 And On This Path

**And on this path, the gates of holiness
are open wide,
And on this path, the gates of holiness
are open wide,
And of this path, the gates of holiness
are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!**

**So enter in the gates
 of holiness are open wide,
 So enter in the gates
 of holiness are open wide,
 So enter in the gates
 of holiness are open wide!
 Open wide! Open wide!
 Open wide!
 The gates are open wide!**

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Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who rode
 into Jerusalem not on a warhorse but
 on a humble donkey, proclaiming
 peace instead of domination. We
 believe in the way of the servant
 leader, where greatness is found in
 humility, and power is made perfect in
 love. We believe in choosing integrity
 over bluster, faithfulness over greed,
 and justice over the empty promises of
 empire. We believe God's kin(g)dom is
 not built by violence, but by the
 transformative power of grace, mercy,
 and sacrifice. We believe salvation is
 not found in the halls of the mighty,
 but in the heart of Christ, who calls us
 to walk the road of love and courage.
 We believe in shouting "Hosanna" to
 the one who brings true peace,
 trusting not in the powers of this
 world, but in the reign of God that has
 no end. Amen**

Benediction:**Sung Benediction: Hosanna 2x's**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Lord we lift up your name,
With hearts full of praise,
Be exalted O Lord, my God,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Glory, glory,
glory to the King of Kings.
Glory, glory,
glory to the King of Kings.
Lord we lift up your name,
With hearts full of praise,
Be exalted O Lord, my God,
Glory to the King of kings.**

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Announcements

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday.

Reader for this week: Wanda Northrup

Reader for next week: Lee McBride

Greeter this week: Harley and Linda

Greeter next week: Al and Lee

Tellers this week: Shirley and Jo Ann

Tellers next week: Bob and Paul

A/V this week: Lisa

A/V next week: Al

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service

Post service Palm Sunday get together

Wednesday 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 6:00 Maundy Thursday

Friday 10:00am Good Friday

Next Sunday 7:30 Sunrise service

8:00 Breakfast

9:30 Egg hunt. Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service in sanctuary via Facebook and Zoom

Easter Week: **Maundy Thursday** service at 6pm with communion

Good Friday service at 10am

Sunrise Service Easter Sunday at 7:30 not 8 as in the letter. At the park next to where the Ultramar used to be. Raining? At the church instead.

Breakfast following the Sunrise service at 8am

Easter Egg hunt main floor and basement from 9:30 to 10:00

Sunday service with communion at 10am.

Interested in joining the membership of St. Paul's either through confirmation or transfer of membership? Please contact Rev. Jenn.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown