



PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026

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Welcome to Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana. Whether you are worshiping in person or online, we're glad you are here! Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering plate or complete it online at www.tigardlutherans.com/connect

Sunday, March 29, 2026 • Palm / Passion Sunday

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.

This worship service is being recorded and will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website.

When indicated, please stand as you are able.

The assembly reads the **bold print**.

Gathering

The assembly gathers at the entrance.

ACCLAMATION

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:1-11

El Santo Evangelio según Mateo, capítulo dieciuno.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion, look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ, singing Hosanna!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1. "Ho - san-na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
3. "Ho - san-na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:



to Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

A brief silence is kept.

After all are in their places the processional hymn begins.

Jennette Threlfall is the author of this hymn recalling the triumphal parade and the exhilaration of Jesus' followers as they entered the city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It appeared in her collection of poetry, Sunshine and Shadow (1873). Threlfall was a child of misfortune. She was orphaned at an early age and was left mutilated and completely helpless from two different accidents. Yet she maintained a cheerful outlook on life. The tune ELLACOMBE was first found in a Roman Catholic hymnbook published at Wirtemberg, Germany, in 1784. What is most unusual about this Roman Catholic hymnbook is that most of the hymns were by Protestants.

GREETING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept
before the prayer.*

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTOR DOROTHY

Word

READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter.

The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. I 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.

The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 31:9-16

A reading from Psalm 31.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

*The servant of the Lord
expresses absolute confidence
in his final vindication,
despite the fact that he
has been struck and spit
upon. This characteristic
of the servant played an
important role in the early
church's understanding
of the suffering, death,
and resurrection of Jesus.*

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, “You are my God.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians, the second chapter.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and 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.

MEDITATION ON THE WORD

PASTOR DOROTHY

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 26:14–27:66

El Santo Evangelio según Mateo, comenzando en el capítulo veintiséis.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, beginning in the twenty-sixth chapter.

Gloria to you, O Lord. (¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!)

Following the reading:

El Evangelio del Salvador.

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ. (¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!)

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly stands.

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

A brief silence.

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Inspire preachers in your church. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite love 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 injustice and division in every place, and build diversity, equity, and inclusion in your beloved community. 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. We pray for those who are ill, especially Don, Mark, Cecilia, Nancy, Betty, Myrna, Gaynelle, Del, Jean, Sandy, and Bennett. God, in your mercy,

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.

PASSING THE PEACE

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. (Y también contigo.)

The assembly is seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal

PREPARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS AND OUR TABLES

OFFERTORY HYMN

The assembly stands.

Charlotte Elliott was 45 years old and in ill health when she wrote this hymn, a resolute expression of her understanding of Christ's atonement and its impact on her life. She was born in Clapham, England, and wrote light verse in the early years of her life. After meeting evangelist César Malan of Geneva, Switzerland, she dedicated herself to religious poetry, writing more than 150 hymns. William Batchelder Bradbury wrote and published this tune, WOODWORTH, in his Third Book of Psalmody in 1849. Originally it was used with other words, but when combined with Charlotte Elliott's poem, it became a popular gospel hymn in the United States.

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but
2. Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will
3. Just as I am, your love un - known has

that your blood was shed for me, and that you called in -
wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause your prom - ise
bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be yours, and

vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed between the lines of music. The first system contains the first three verses. The second system contains the main body of the hymn. The third system contains the final verse.

OFFERING PRAYER

God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation



O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

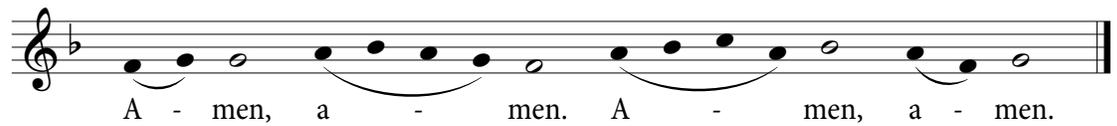
Come, Holy Spirit. (Ven, Espíritu Santo.)

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit. (Ven, Espíritu Santo.)

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Great Amen



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

All are welcome at this meal.

The assembly stands.

These evocative stanzas on Christ's Passion come from a 15-stanza hymn by a 17th-century Hungarian pastor, as translated by the preeminent 20th-century hymnologist of the English-speaking world.

Pécselyi Király Imre was a Lutheran or Calvinist pastor in Érsekújvár, a part of Hungary that after 1918 became Slovakia with the name Nové Zámky. Hungarian Lutherans and Calvinists both know this text, one of several Imre wrote. Hymnologist Erik Routley served as a Congregational minister, lecturer, and president of the Congregational Church in England and Wales. In 1975 he came to the U.S. as a visiting professor of music at Princeton Theological Seminary and professor of music at Westminster Choir College, both in Princeton, New Jersey. K. Lee Scott composed this fitting tune in 1976 specifically for this hymn. Of his 300 or so publications, he says this "is easily my favorite. The name, SHADES MOUNTAIN, is the beautiful mountain on which I lived for the last 22 years. It is literally the first ripple of the Appalachian mountain chain." Scott has served as a church musician and taught at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and at Samford University.

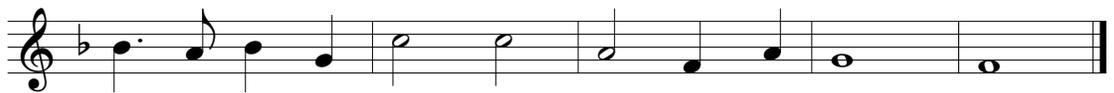
There in God's Garden



1. There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom, whose leaves hold
2. Its name is Je - sus, name that says "Our Sav - ior!" There on its
3. Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage; our greed has
4. See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come; hear what the
5. This is my end - ing, this my res - ur - rec - tion; in - to your
6. All heaven is sing - ing, "Thanks to Christ whose pas - sion of - fers in



forth the heal - ing of the na - tions: Tree of all knowl - edge,
 branch - es see the scars of suf - fering; see there the ten - drills
 starved it, our de - spite has choked it. Yet, look! it lives! its
 Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry! Give me your sick - ness,
 hands, Lord, I com - mit my spir - it. This have I searched for;
 mer - cy heal - ing, strength, and par - don. Peo - ples and na - tions,



Tree of all com - pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 of our hu - man self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 grief has not de - stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 give me all your sor - row, I will give bless - ing."
 now I can pos - sess it. This ground is ho - ly.
 take it, take it free - ly!" A - men! My Mas - ter!

ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WEEKLY eNEWS

This is an abbreviated list of announcements. Be sure to read the weekly eNews for complete coverage of this week's news. Follow the link or QR code in the box above to subscribe and to read past issues.

WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.

Zoom "doors" open at 10 a.m.

Phone-in # **1-253-215-8782**

Meeting ID **865 1710 7296** Password **299944**

THIS WEEK

Holy Week is the most sacred week of the Christian church year, celebrated around the world by every expression of Christianity. Some celebrations are extensive, some simple. In the end, Christmas would be pointless without this week, beginning with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

3/29 Palm/Passion Sunday 10:30 a.m., English, in person and Zoom
5 p.m., Spanish, in person only

We begin with the Palm Sunday Processional Gospel and Loud Hosannas followed by the Passion of our Lord according to Matthew.

4/2 Maundy Thursday 7 p.m., English, in person and Zoom

A quiet service of meditation and prayer, singing in the style of Taizé, Holy Communion, and the stripping of the altar to symbolize the barrenness of the Great Three Days of Easter.

4/3 Good Friday 7 p.m., Spanish, in person only
(bilingual service folder)

The service will be printed in both languages. We will meditate on the traditional stations of the cross and the reading of the Passion according to the Evangelist, John, in Spanish.

4/5 Easter 10:30 a.m., English, in person and Zoom
5 p.m., Spanish, in person only

*Christ is risen! Come to the party! The joyous celebration where we resurrect the A**elu**s! Ella Maeve Freeman will be baptized, and a reception follows worship. Come and shout for joy!*

GIVING

There are several ways to share your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate on Sunday morning.
- Mail a check to the church office (11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd., Tigard, OR 97224).
- Use your bank's online bill-pay service.
- Set up a recurring or single payment through our third-party giving platform, Vanco, by visiting our website tigardlutherans.com and clicking on the **Donate** tab.
- Scan the QR code (right) with your mobile device to go directly to our giving page.



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**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana is a community of children of God who are seeking to know God by following the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed all.

This community of faith is enriched and strengthened by diversity. We welcome all to share in the life and ministries of worship, sacraments, responsibilities, leadership, and blessings of participation in this congregation. We are committed to the work of racial equity.

Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace differences of age, race, ethnicity, language, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, appearance, economic status, marital status, and family situation.

No matter what your life experience is or has been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

Por lo tanto, recibíos los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria de Dios. Romanos 15:7

Christ the King Lutheran Church/Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana es una comunidad de hijos e hijas de Dios que buscan conocer a Dios siguiendo las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, quien ampara a todos.

Esta comunidad de fe se enriquece y fortalece con la diversidad. Damos la bienvenida a todos a compartir la vida y los ministerios de adoración, sacramentos, responsabilidades, liderazgo, y bendiciones de participación en esta congregación. Estamos comprometidos con el trabajo de la equidad racial.

Creando que el amor y la gracia ilimitados de Dios se ofrecen a todos y están destinados a ser compartidos y celebrados por todos, aceptamos las diferencias de edad, raza, etnia, idioma, identidad y expresión de género, orientación sexual, habilidades físicas y mentales, apariencia, estado económico, estado civil, y situación familiar.

No importa cuál sea o haya sido tu experiencia de vida, eres un hijo(a) de Dios y eres bienvenido(a) aquí.



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