

April 13, 2025- Palm Sunday
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Prelude

Welcome/Announcement

Watchword For The Week: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 118:14

(Please Stand if able.)

Call To Worship:

L: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day; wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

A: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: God equips us to face whatever the day may hold; watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

A: We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God. We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.

L: See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us; enter to praise God's marvelous works.

A: God's steadfast love endures forever! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

L: The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal possession up to the horns of the altar.

A: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

(Please continue To Stand if able.)

(Sister Muriel will lead the children into the church waving their palms while the hymn is being sung for our "Praise Parade". She invites any adult who would like to participate, please do. Meet her and the children in the Narthex or join in the "Praise Parade" as we pass your row.)

Gathering Hymn: "Ride On! Ride on in Majesty" MBW Page 343

**Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty! Hear all the tribes ho-san-na cry; O Sav-ior meek,
your road pur-sue, with palms and scat-tered gar-ments strewed.**

**Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty! In low-ly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, your tri-
umphs now be-gin o'er cap-tive death and con-querred sin.**

**Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty! The wing-ed ar-mies of the sky look down with
sad and won-d'ring eyes to see the ap-proach-ing sac-ri-fice.**

**Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty! Your last and fierc-est strife is nigh. The Fa-ther
on his sap-phire throne a-waits his own a-noint-ed Son.**

**Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty! In low-ly pomp ride on to die; bow your meek
head to mor-tal pain, then take, O God, your po-wer and reign!**

Liturgy: Palm Sunday

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Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation

Hymn:

ST. THEODULPH

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater son!
Hail in the time appointed his reign on Earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

(Sitting)

Please join me in this prayer:

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

Hymn:

LANCASHIRE

"Ho-san-na in the high-est!" That an-cient song we sing, for Christ Is our Re-deem-er, the Lord of heav'n our King. O may we ev-er praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his bliss-ful presence e-ter-nal-ly re-joyce.

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you, and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise to the redeemer in the life, death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick

and the afflicted, with the poor and homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through your Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to return to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen

Hymn: "Hosanna" MBW Page 239
(Standing, as able, the Hosanna is divided in two parts and sung antiphonally.)

First Part: Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes!

Second Part:Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes,

First Part:.....Hosanna!

Second Part: Hosanna!

First Part: Hosanna!

Second Part: Hosanna!

First Part: Blessed is he that comes

Second Part:Blessed is he that comes

First Part: he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Second Part:he that comes in the name of the Lord!

First Part: Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes!

First Part:Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes!

First Part: Hosanna!

Second Part:Hosanna!

First Part: Hosanna!

Second Part: Hosanna!

First Part: Hosanna

Second Part: Hosanna in the high-__est

**First:in the high-----est!
(Repeat from Beginning)**

First Part: Hosanna!

Second Part: Hosanna!

First Part: Hosanna!

Second Part:Hosanna in the high-est!

ALL:Hosanna in the high----est!!

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn:

REGENT SQUARE

Praise to you, O Lord, we render for your love in Jesus shown; may that love, so strong and tender, bind us fast to him alone; now and ever, now and ever, gather us among your own.

(Sitting)

Children's Chat:

Offering Our Gifts Today: The regular offering will be taken first and then The Joyful Noise Collection will be taken. We hope you brought your coins, if not we will accept the cash, too.

Offertory:

(Please Stand if able.)

Doxology: *“For the Life That You Have Given”*

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For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

Prayer of Blessing: Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

We are grateful for your grace that is new every morning and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us, as we bring our gifts to you, O God. We dedicate ourselves and offerings, that the reign of Jesus Christ may be accepted and celebrated whenever Christians gather to worship and serve. God of peace and glory, you sent Jesus to teach and inspire the multitudes and call us all to discipleship, help us to celebrate the triumph of humility and the satisfaction of servanthood. May every knee bow at the name of Jesus and every tongue confess that Christ is the world’s salvation. May the needs of all your children be addressed by those who confess Jesus Christ. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

(Sitting)

God’s Word for Today

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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Israel’s Sin and the Servant’s Obedience

The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard. I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me. I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

2nd Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (Responsive Reading)**Pew Bible Page 1230**

Imitating Christ's Humility

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

But made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn Preparation of Message:**"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"****MBW Page 342 Vs. 1****All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the king and Blessed One.****The Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40****Pew Bible Page 1099**

The Triumphal Entry

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethpage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. Anyone ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs

it.” Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “The Lord needs it.” They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Message: Will You Surrender Your Cloak? Pastor Jesus Laguerra

Hymn Response From Message:

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” MBW Page 342 Vs. 2, 3

The company of angels is praising you on high; and we with all creation in chorus make reply. The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. As you re-ceived their praises, accept the prayers we bring, for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!

Prayers of The People:

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.

(Please Stand if able.)

Sending Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This” MBW Page 328

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What won-drous love is this, O my soul! _____ What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, or my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?_____

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing!___ To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I Am," while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!_____

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!_____ And when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

Benediction

Musical Response (ALL): In the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

We want to thank Elise Leccese for participating today within our service by reading the 2nd Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (Responsive Reading).

Co Leaders for April, 2025

April 17th - Maundy Thursday - Jim Jimenez

April 18th - Good Friday - Liz Reres

April 20th - Charlott Bramwell

April 27th - Donna Ziegeler

Passion Week:

Holy Week Readings will be on Zoom ONLY for the following dates, Monday, April, 14th, Tuesday, April 15th, and Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

On Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 7:00, we will all meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall for Maundy Thursday. We will all sit around tables and enact the Last

Supper that Jesus had with his disciples. We look forward to seeing all of you that evening.

On Friday, April 18, 2025, at 7:00 pm we will have The Tenebrae service for Good Friday in the sanctuary. Please come out to experience this service.