

# Palm Sunday

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## Worship Participants

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## Psalm 118:26-27

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

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God,

and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.

## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome & Call to Worship: Mark 11:1-11 p.1572

Song: "Jesus Is Coming, Pave the Way with Branches"  
**Jesus is coming; pave the way with branches.**  
**Jesus is coming. Hosanna! (repeat)**

**Hosanna! Jesus is coming.**  
**Hosanna to the Prince of Peace. (repeat)**

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\*Song: "Lift Up the Gates Eternal" LUYH 144:1-5

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" LUYH 360

## We Are Reconciled and Renewed

Call to Confession: "Return to God"

The Psalm Reading: Psalm 31:9-16 p.868

Song: "Return to God"  
**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;**  
**come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we often forget the things that make for peace.

**Let your face shine upon us, save us in your steadfast love.**

We confess that we do not trust in you.

**Let your face shine upon us, save us in your steadfast love.**

In our alarm we cry, "We are cut off from your sight"

**Let your face shine upon us, save us in your steadfast love.**

Help us to echo our Lord, "Into your hands we commit our spirits."

Song: "Return to God"  
**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;**  
**come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

The Invitation

*We invite you to come to the communion station closest to you, leaving your row to the left and moving clockwise. We ask that you take the bread and juice back to your seats and we will eat and drink together after all are served.*  
*You are invited to sing while you are seated.*

The Communion: "Oh, to See the Dawn" LUYH 177

The Thanksgiving: Psalm 103

**Praise the Lord, my soul;**  
**all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**  
**Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits—**  
**who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,**  
**who redeems your life from the pit**  
**and crowns you with love and compassion.**

## Sending

\*Benediction

\*Song: "Ubi caritas et amor/Live in Charity" LUYH 154

## God Meets Us in the Breaking of the Bread

### Preparing the Table

All things come from you, O Lord.

**And of our own, we have given you.**

We bring bread;

**you give your body.**

We bring wine;

**you give your blood.**

We bring our offerings;

**yours is the sacrifice.**

Let us bring our gifts to be prepared for the communion feast of our Lord.

Song: "Taste and See"

LUYH 817

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks for the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Litany of Praise: Our Covenanting God

LUYH 36

The Institution: I Corinthians 11

### The Consecration

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restore our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 118:27,29

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The Lord is God. He has made the light of his favor shine on us.

Take branches in your hand.

Join in the march on the day of the feast.

**Give thanks for the Lord, because he is good.**

**His steadfast love continues forever.**

## God Speaks to Us through His Word

Children's Blessing: "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

LUYH 347

Children ages 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service. Parents, we invite you to walk your children downstairs to help get them settled in.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Psalm 118

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Sermon: "The Stone of Hope"

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## We Respond in Faith

\*Song of Response: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

LUYH 148:1-4,6

\*We Profess Our Faith: Our World Belongs to God

As the second Adam, Jesus chose the path we had rejected.

In his baptism and temptations, teaching and miracles,

battles with demons and friendships with sinners,

**Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us.**

**As God's true Son, he lovingly obeyed the Father**

**and made present in deed and word**

**the coming rule of God.**

**Standing in our place,**

**Jesus suffered during his years on earth,**

**especially in the tortures of the cross.**

**He carried God's judgment on our sin—**

**his sacrifice removed our guilt.**

Prayers for the Church and World