

# PALM SUNDAY



## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.*

## GATHERING

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

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"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."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The assistant minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**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.**

## THE PROCESSION

*The assembly follows the ministers into the church while singing the processional song, All Glory Laud and Honor (ELW 344)*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## WORD

### THE READING OF THE PASSION

*The reading of Passion is done by volunteers.*

*There are a few parts where everyone is invited to join in.*

*The line just preceding your participation is indicated below.*

**Narrator:** They shouted back,

**All:** Crucify him! The reading continues

**Narrator:** But they shouted all the more,

**All:** Crucify him! The reading continues

**Narrator:** And after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**All:** Hail, King of the Jews!

## HOMILY

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the homily.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY: *Restore in Us, O God* (ELW 328)

*The assembly stands for the gathering song.*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assisting minister leads the intercessory prayers.*

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations (*regions in conflict may be named*). Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love.

Be especially with all those we name now: (Tim R.) and all our family members and friends; Give them comfort, reconciliation, and hope. Be their help and their shield. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers (*individuals preparing for baptism and confirmation may be named*). Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Gracious God, we pray for the repose of the soul of David Laurie Anderson, and for strength, comfort and courage for his family and for all who grieve, for whatever reason. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. (*We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today.*) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION CONCLUSION

*The presiding minister concludes the intercessory prayers.*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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.**

#### PREFACE

*The presiding minister continues.*

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

**SANCTUS** “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” (Setting 11)

*Holy, Holy, Holy is sung.*

**Sanctus**

Tobias Anderson



Ho - ly, ho - ly, — Ho - ly! —



Lord, God Al - mighty - y! —



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. —

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*The presiding minister introduces 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

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.**

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.**

With [name/s and] 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.  
**Amen.**

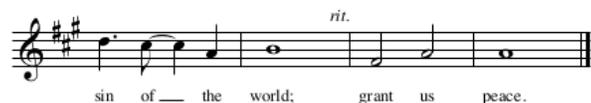
## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*At this time, the assembly may commune receiving the bread.*

### AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” (Setting 11)

#### Lamb of God

Tobias Anderson



## TABLE BLESSING

*After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 146)

*The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING (ELW p. 136)

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

**A:** Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you. Amen**

## MISSION NOTES

*We are so glad that you are here with us for worship, and invite you to consider other ways to deepen faith and connect with the Redeemer community and the world around us - to which God calls us in loving service!*

**Holy Week and Easter Worship Opportunities:** Come and Be Fed by the Mystery of Grace

Palm Sunday marks the end of our Lenten journey and the beginning of Holy Week when we embark on a sacred journey as we prepare our hearts and minds to reflect on the profound events of Jesus' final days.

Join us this week to contemplate themes of love, sacrifice, and hope.

Palm/Passion Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: 7 p.m.

Good Friday Passion Worship: 12:30pm

Good Friday Vigil w/ Kairos: A Consort of Singers: 7pm

Quiet Contemplation of The Cross: 8-9pm

Easter Vigil, followed by light desserts: 6 p.m

Easter Morning Worship with Children's Easter Gift Bags: 10 a.m

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> Clean Up Day!** | Join us in caring for God's good green earth (EarthCare is one of our Focus Areas!) at Redeemer, New Paltz on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 12 noon (Rain Date April 25<sup>th</sup>). We'll be weeding, edging, and mulching gardens, clearing light brush, and possibly washing windows, depending on who is able to join in. Bagels and coffee will be provided, and if you're not able to join in on the 11<sup>th</sup>, but would still like to help, we can match you up with a project to complete on a different day! Questions, suggestions? Please e-mail Property Lead Wayne Eble at [wayneblesr@yahoo.com](mailto:wayneblesr@yahoo.com) or Pastor Tobias at [tobias.song@gmail.com](mailto:tobias.song@gmail.com).

**Good Trouble Coffeehouse and Open Mic Night | Friday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Celebrating Earth Month with the musical mastery of New Paltz's own Henry Ferland (a.k.a. Trash Boy) If you want to check out Henry's website and get a taste for his artistry, check out <https://www.henryferland.com/>. Henry started an organization called [EcoTok Collective](#) that's worth checking out as well!

## BIG THINGS & BIG SHOWS HERE AT COMMUNITY SPACES, REDEEMER NEW PALTZ

**Hudson Valley Folk Guild, New Paltz Chapter Open Mic Night & Coffeehouse** - In the Sanctuary of Redeemer New Paltz | Saturday, March 28th: 6:30 pm - Signups begin, 7pm - 9:45 pm - Performances | \$7 admission (\$6 for Folk Guild members & Seniors) | Become a Folk Guild Member for just \$10/year | [hudsonvalleyfolkguild.org](http://hudsonvalleyfolkguild.org)

**Instinctive Meditation w/ Malinda DeMercurio, LAc. | Monday, Mar. 30th, 6pm - 7pm @ Redeemer**  
This meditation circle has become a highly sought after experience here at Redeemer. Participants are gently guided into a deep meditative state that supports relaxation, insight, and natural stress relief. Each session offers time for reflection and integration. \$5 suggested donation that is forwarded to Redeemer's CommUNITY Spaces program. RSVP: [dragonspringwellness.com](http://dragonspringwellness.com)

**Legally Blonde: The Play** - by 90 Miles Theater Company | Dates: April 16th through April 26th | Tickets \$25/ each available for purchase now at [90milesNYtickets.com](http://90milesNYtickets.com)

**Candlelight Concert: A Fleetwood Mac Experience - by LUMOS | Saturday, May 2nd:** There will be three seatings: 5pm - 6pm, 7pm - 8pm, 9pm - 10pm | Tickets ranging \$25 - \$70 purchased at <https://www.lumos-experiences.com/event/a-fleetwood-mac-candlelight-experience-in-new-paltz-ny>  
 You can also find the link in our digest, FB page, and online calendar

**SENDING SONG: *Christ, the Life of All the Living (ELW 339)***

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

**A Generous Response:** Do you want to help Redeemer, New Paltz continue to grow as a community praising God as we collectively build practices of healing, justice, and joy? Donations can be made online using this QR code, by bringing or mailing a donation to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 90 Route 32 South, New Paltz, NY 12561. And thank you in advance for helping us to “Share Christ’s Welcome.”



## ONGOING

### **Good Trouble Coffeehouse & Open Mic Night**

SCC hosted in partnership with Redeemer, New Paltz every Friday 7-9pm

### **Council Meetings - All Welcome to Attend**

Every 3rd Thursday, 7pm, on Zoom

### **Chair Yoga with Bonnie Crisci**

*Chair Yoga at Redeemer New Paltz -*  
Wednesdays at 1:30

### **Worship Incubators**

First Sunday of each month - 11-1230pm  
Mission statement: Developing Christ-centered, multi-sensory worship opportunities that give praise and glory to God.

### **Sunday School**

**First & Third Sundays, 11-noon,  
Throughout the School Year**

Fun-filled and engaging Sunday school with our Episcopal and Methodist ecumenical partners. Hosted here at Redeem in the SouthEast Classroom.

### **Free Fresh Food Giveaway**

Volunteers are needed to help set up and/or stay a short time to help distribute food at our Free Fresh Food Giveaway every 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact Jackie Anderson 609 432 9622 or [dogsinn136@gmail.com](mailto:dogsinn136@gmail.com)

## **CommUNITY Space’s 2026 Business Sponsors**

Please help us spread the word to folks who own or work with businesses that align with our four focus areas in **CommUNITY Spaces: food & housing justice, diversity, equity & inclusion, progressive campus ministry, and earthcare.** Together, we’re building partnerships that strengthen our shared values and our wider community.



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