



WELCOME!

**MARCH 29, 2026
10:00AM**

**LITURGY OF THE PALMS
PASSION SUNDAY**

P Brother and Sisters in Christ, throughout this season of Lent we have been preparing our hearts through repentance and reflection. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and the crowds welcomed Him as King with palms and shouts of praise - yet we know this road leads to a cross.

Today we wave palms...and follow Him from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, through to His suffering and death at Golgotha.

Opening Song - Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession & Declaration of Grace

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism you declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P When we cry out “Hosanna,” we are not only praising – we are praying... “Lord, save us.” And so we join our voices with that first crowd, welcoming Jesus as our King... and our Savior.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

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

The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Hear how our Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem from the Gospel according to Luke the 19th chapter.

28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. 33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” 35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was drawing near – already on the way down the Mount of Olives – the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” 40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P Let us pray.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy.

As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "Hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn of Prayer (Palm Sunday)- Hosanna, By Jeff Switzer, Arranged by Lari Goss

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

(See insert)

Silent Reflection on the Passion of our Lord

Response Song - "Open The Eyes of My Heart"

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

C Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C Amen.**

Communion Hymns:

LSB 443 - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna;

LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee;

LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



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pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments stowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, 1690, Hamburg, alt.

Text and tune: Public domain

Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions. 1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8) 2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15) 3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10) 4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

Our Church Secretary, Linda Swartz, may be contacted by using the following email: oslsecretary@oursaviors.com. Please use that email address when sending Linda information relating to the church.

Portals of Prayer, a devotional booklet, is now available on the shelf in the narthex. These booklets contain daily devotions for May, June and July. Take one for personal use and take extras to give to others.

Schedule Change: There will be no Women's Bible Class on Wednesday morning or Men's Bible Fellowship on Thursday evening this week due to the special services held on those days. Both Bible studies resume next week.

Funeral for Lois O'Brien. A long-time member of Our Savior's, Lois O'Brien went home to be with Jesus earlier this week. The viewing will be on Monday, March 30, 11-12:30 at Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie, followed by the funeral at 12:30. Pray for Lois' husband Patrick and other family members and friends.

A Memorial Service for Lynn Currier, our dear sister in Christ, will be held in church on **Wednesday, April 1st**, beginning at 11 a.m. and followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Room. May God comfort all who mourn with the promise of eternal life to all believers.

Easter Breakfast: Please make plans to join us Easter morning in the school cafeteria from 8-9:15 for a delicious Easter breakfast buffet, including favorites such as: egg casseroles, bacon, bagels, donuts, hot coffee and much more! Immediately following, there will be an Easter egg hunt from 9:15-9:45. Clean-up volunteers will begin breaking down the buffet at 9:15 allowing us to keep a schedule that enables all to arrive upstairs by 10 to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord together! Sign-up sheets for food contributions and additional ways to help are posted in the narthex. We can't do it without you! We very much appreciate your time and labor! Questions? Please contact Betsy Kocsis or Lori Dollard.

Vacation Bible School: Our Savior's will again be holding Vacation Bible School on **July 27-31**. The theme for this summer's VBS is *Tropical Trek - Jesus comes to Seek and to Save*. Registration for children and for volunteers can be done on the church website (oslabany.org), under "Join Us" in the menu bar. Prayerfully consider volunteering, register your children and invite others to come.

Vicar Mark Chaffee's office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email: mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com

Pastor Patrick Singh is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email: patrick204642003@yahoo.com or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

PRAYER NEEDS

Healing: Fred Dignon, Klara Gogolla, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, Eric Unright, Tim Zuelsdorf

-Homebound: Inge Glidden, Joan & Walter Weis

-in Assisted Living: Christine Baird, Marga Hildenbrandt, Al & Helen Walck .

Prayer for Grace Bombard, Shauna Fawcett and Samantha Abbott, teachers in the preschool classes for four year olds at Our Savior's Christian School. May God continue to use these teachers as expressions of His loving care and kindness toward their young students, while preparing their students for entry into Kindergarten.

Prayer for Pastor Jason Maliski. Pastor Jason and his family are currently living in the parsonage, preparing for their move to Ecuador as missionaries. May God surround Pastor Jason with His peace and healing hands as he faces shoulder surgery this coming week (March 31). May our gracious God also provide all the funding needed to support their mission work in Ecuador as they plan to leave for that country later this summer.

Servers:

Organist: Pam Reynolds

Worship Leaders: Tom Aery, Heather Baird

Communion Servers: Travis & Melissa Coon

Pray-ers: Sharon Swint, Toni Cramer

Readers: Jeremy Noble, Brian Dollard, Mark Stuart,
Cooper Dunn, Amy Chaffee, Andy Cross



Maundy Thursday (April 2) worship service at 7 p.m

Good Friday (April 3) worship service at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday:

Easter Breakfast, 8:00-9:15 in the school cafeteria

Easter Egg Hunt 9:15-9:45 meet in the school lobby

Worship Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection 10 a.m.

Invite others to join you!

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HOLY THURSDAY (2 April 2026)

Exodus 24:3-11 Matthew 26:17-30

Let Us Love One Another, as Christ Jesus Has Loved Us and Loves Us to the End

“The LORD’s Passover” (Ex. 12:11) and *“the blood of the covenant”* at Mount Sinai (Ex. 24:8) foreshow the Lord’s Supper. The blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, now covers us, and we keep His Supper *“as a feast to the LORD”* (Ex. 12:14). In Him, we see *“the God of Israel”* (Ex. 24:10), and yet He does not lay His hand on us to punish us, but from His hand we eat and drink in peace. As our High Priest, He *“entered once for all into the holy places ... by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption”* (Heb. 9:12). He shed His own blood in order to *“purify our conscience”* and bring us before His God and Father *“without blemish”* (Heb. 9:14). The holy apostles received this New Testament in His blood from the Lord Jesus *“on the night when he was betrayed,”* and they delivered the same to His Church, which we also now receive in the name and remembrance of Christ (1 Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28). He has *“loved his own who were in the world,”* and He loves us *“to the end”* (John 13:1); therefore, let us also *“love one another”* (John 13:34).

GOOD FRIDAY (3 April 2026)

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12, Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1 – 19:42

Behold the Lamb of God, Who Takes Away the Sin of the World

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is led to the slaughter of His cross as the Sacrifice of Atonement for the sin of the world. *“Despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”* (Is. 53:3), He is the righteous Servant who justifies many by His innocent suffering and death. He bears our griefs and sorrows; He is wounded for our transgressions; He is crushed for our iniquities; He suffers our chastisement; *“and with his wounds we are healed”* (Is. 53:4-5). As the Son of God, He fulfills the Law for us in human flesh, and so fulfills the Scriptures (John 19:7, 24). In perfect faith and faithfulness, He shares all our weaknesses and temptations, *“yet without sin”* (Heb. 4:15). As our merciful High Priest, He brings us to the Father in peace, *“makes intercession for the transgressors”* (Is. 53:12), and joins our prayers to His own, so that we are heard *“because of his reverence”* (Heb. 5:7). From His cross, He gives us His Spirit (John 19:30), washes us with water from His side, and covers us with His blood (John 19:34).

HOLY SATURDAY (4 April 2026)
Daniel 6:1–24 1 Peter 4:1–8 Matthew 27:57–66

We Live and Love in the Peace and Promise of the Resurrection of Christ Jesus

The disciples of Christ Jesus, like St. Joseph of Arimathea, deal in love with the body of Christ, in the sure and certain promise of the resurrection (Matt. 27:57–60). For they also remember what He said, that after three days He would rise, though His enemies conspire against Him and seek to thwart Him (Matt. 27:63). Indeed, we find a type and promise of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ already in the prophet Daniel. For he was blameless and faithful, and *“an excellent spirit was in him”* (Dan. 6:3–4, 22). Although he was accused and delivered over to death, the Lord preserved his life and raised him up in righteousness, *“because he had trusted in his God”* (Dan. 6:23). So let us also pray and give thanks to God (Dan. 6:10), finding peace and Sabbath rest in Jesus Christ. And knowing that *“the end of all things is at hand,”* let us be *“self-controlled and sober-minded,”* and *“keep loving one another earnestly”* (1 Peter 4:7–8).

RESURRECTION SUNDAY (5 April 2026)

Exodus 14:10—15:1
1 Corinthians 15:1–11
John 20:1–18

The Lord Jesus Brings Us Out of Death into Life with His God and Father in Heaven

In Adam, all people die because all people sin. The children of that first gardener have been driven out of Paradise and return to the dust whence they were taken. But now another Gardener has come, who has made His bed in the dust of the earth and who, by His rising, restores Paradise to all the children of men. With His voice of the Gospel, He calls us by name, and He opens our eyes to behold Him by faith. At His Word, we enter His tomb through Baptism into His death, so that, just as He is risen, we also *“rise from the dead”* (John 20:9). Come, then, *“sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously”* (Ex. 15:1). He has fought for us against our enemies, and in His resurrection not one enemy remains. *“Fear not,”* therefore, but *“see the salvation of the LORD”* (Ex. 14:13), which He delivers *“as of first importance”* by the preaching of His Gospel (1 Cor. 15:3). Thus, we are raised with Christ *“in accordance with the Scriptures”* (1 Cor. 15:4), and we stand firm because we *“are being saved”* (1 Cor. 15:1–2).

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; bless his name!” (Psalm 100:4)

