

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP
AT
WHITNALL PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH***

March 29th, 2026



PALM SUNDAY

Pastor Michael Fazio is presiding.

We have come together today as members and guests to worship God and celebrate new life in Jesus Christ. We hope our worship will be uplifting and provide a source of hope and strength for the week ahead.

If you believe that the Lord is truly present for us in the Sacrament in body and blood for the forgiveness of sin, you are welcome to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Michael begins (repeated one or more times).

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:1-11*

Entrance into the final days

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵Tell 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." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!" ¹⁰When 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."

THANKSGIVING *Those with branches, please raise them.*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his

path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

The procession begins as the Gathering Song is sung.

GATHERING SONG #344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Refrain, Vs 1, 3 & 5)

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. ***Refrain***
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. ***Refrain***
- 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. ***Refrain***

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . 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.

C: Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING *a reading from **Isaiah 50:4-9a***

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? This is the Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HANDBELL CHOIR ~ *Hosanna!* ~ *arr. Jason W. Krug*

SECOND READING *a reading from **Philippians 2:5-11***

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. This is the Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW Setting 10 Pg 205*

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind,
Slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

GOSPEL

P: Holy Gospel according to *Matthew*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *343 My Song Is Love Unknown*

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
- 4 We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save,
the prince of life to slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering goes
that he his foes from thence might free.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was
made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

a brief silence.

A: O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: 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. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERATORY HYMN 616 Jesus Remember Me

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray

**C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Praise you for your creation, praise you for your Word and Wisdom, praise you for your Son Jesus, our life, our hope, our peace.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.**

COMMUNION

THE BODY OF CHRIST, GIVEN FOR YOU. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, SHED FOR YOU.
*As we accept the Lord's gift of His body and blood, we will receive Him in our
prefilled cups containing the wafer and juice or at the rail in the fullness of
faith that God's love and grace have been poured into these holy elements.
We receive the Lord and share in this holy meal at the same time; One Body,
One Mind, One Lord Jesus Christ. This is God's precious gift for you.*

COMMUNION HYMN *340 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*
338 Beneath The Cross of Jesus

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in His grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray . . . We give you thanks that you have fed us even now
with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence
in the world around us. Send us now to love and serve all those in need and
make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN 342 *There in God's Garden (Vs 1 - 4)*

- 1 There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
 whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
 Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion,
 Tree of all beauty.

- 2 Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
 There on its branches see the scars of suff'ring;
 see where the tendrils of our human selfhood
 feed on its lifeblood.

- 3 Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
 our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not destroyed it
 nor fire consumed it.

- 4 See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!
 Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow,
 I will give blessing."

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you

C: Thanks be to God.

*****If attending early service,
Please recycle bulletins and palms.
God Bless!***

