



Ascension Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m., Sunday, March 28, 2021

Worship Leadership Today

The Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
The Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Associate Pastor*
Edwin Aparicio, *Spanish-Language Minister*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*
Jack Reagles, *acolyte*
Steve and Carol Spieker, *communion assistants*
Karen Simington, Shirley Wehmeier, *greeters*
Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier, *ushers*
Joan Birner, *Altar Guild*
Marge Schroeder, Cynthia Carlson, *temperature checks*

Please help us worship as safely as possible by honoring these expectations:

- Sanitize at check-in. Wear a mask throughout the entire worship experience.
- Maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from others as best you can, and please do not shake hands or hug others.
- Restrooms are to be used one person at a time (exception for use by families).
- You are invited to share in the spoken responses, but we ask you to not sing.
- Offering plates will not be passed; offerings may be dropped off at the check-in station before worship or on your way to communion or you may text your offering to 262-214-3681.
- Instructions will be given for communion. Please be patient as we commune in new ways. When it is your turn to receive communion, we ask that you take everything with you as you are dismissed by row to receive communion as the reception of communion will be the final act of worship.
- In the event we are informed of a positive covid-19 test result for someone attending this worship service, you will be notified by email.

Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, before his arrest, crucifixion, and death on the cross. Jesus had come to save the lost, and now was the time—this would be the place—to secure that salvation for all people. Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week and after a week of events we will arrive at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



PRELUDE

At the Name of Jesus, Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

P: Hosanna!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

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

C: Hosanna in the highest!

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

C: Amen.

P: Welcome to worship.

C: Thanks be to God.

PROCESSION

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Arr. Cathy Moglebust

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Handbells

OPENING WORDS

P: Hosanna!

C: Hosanna in the highest.

A: To wave our palm branches.

C: Is an act of rebellion.

P: There is a king already.

C: Who does not welcome our Savior.

A: There is an empire already.

C: A kingdom of the popular and the powerful.

P: To wave our palm branches

C: Is to pledge ourselves to a different kingdom.

A: The kingdom of God.

C: Not just during this parade.

P: But in every moment of our lives.

A: To cry hosanna...

C: Is to take up our cross.

P: Do not wave the palm branch.

C: Unless you are ready to resist the kingdom of this world.

P: This day, our Savior comes riding on a donkey.

C: This day, our Savior comes to us, Hosanna!

MUSICAL OFFERING

Toccata on “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Michael Burkhardt

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the holy spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome you as king and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of your cross. Hosanna, we cry. Blessed are you who comes in God’s name to save us. Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to you with heartfelt praise. Give us the grace and the courage to follow you this holy week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light. We need you, Lord Jesus, our Savior.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

Prepare the Royal Highway

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter, beginning with the first verse.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought

the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

A TIME FOR REFLECTION I Will Sing of My Redeemer, *Prichard, arr. Ortega*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS

Please respond to each petition with, “Hear our prayer.”

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come to the Table
Martin Nyström

Scott Greger, solo

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: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 in remembrance of me.

P: 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 in remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF WORSHIP LEADERS & ASSISTANTS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We are here because Jesus has called us — strangers and friends, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. So come to the table, not because you understand, but because you are understood. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are. Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here. And here you will receive God's blessing.

DISMISSAL BY USHERS TO DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSICAL OFFERING

Give Me Jesus, *setting by Anne Krentz Organ*

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
+ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



H O L Y W E E K

Worship Schedule for Holy Week 2021

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021	7 p.m.
Good Friday, April 2, 2021	12 p.m. 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021	8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. (outside)

For in-person worship, masks, social distancing, and RSVP's are required. Temperature checks will be administered. Please stay home if you have any symptoms of coronavirus — cough, fever, runny nose, etc. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ALCworshipRSVP> or by calling the church office. Registration for Holy Week will open March 29. For those who can't join us in-person, a pre-recorded Easter worship will be available on Facebook, YouTube and our website at 8 a.m.

FAITH CONNECTION

Donate Today or Give By Text or Online Prayers

- Text 262-214-3681
- Online: tinyurl.com/DonateAscension

The Endowment Committee is accepting requests for distribution of funds to support and enhance the ministries, missions, and physical premises of Ascension apart from the annual budget. Requests can be made by email to a member of the Endowment Committee (Jim Hahn jwhahn@milwpc.com, Ric Simon ric-simon@yahoo.com, Jessica Jahner jessicajahner@gmail.com), or to Pastor Chris. Requests must be submitted by March 31.

Starting Point: Pastor Tony is leading a new study on Spiritual Practices beginning on Monday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/StartingPT2021> or contact Pastor Tony.

Hope Center Meal Program: Hope Center needs individual size servings of drinks for their meal program. They also need fruit cups or individually wrapped snacks. Individual bags of chips and desserts are also welcome.

Submit a prayer request [online](#), [by email](#), or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

Healing

- For Michelle Shulfer, hopeful for continued physical therapy for a bone spur and no surgery
- For Eli Greger, upcoming surgery for trigger thumb
- Marvin Goetter, hospitalized
- Betterae Riekkoff, broken hand
- Becky Murray, hospitalized, suffering seizures from a possible virus complication

God's Care

- With John Kontowicz for his wife Jane as she nears the end of her life.

Comfort

- Family and friends of Lorraine Malchow at her death.
- For the family of Susan Renken's nephew Jay, who died by suicide, and for all who are struggling during these difficult times

Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary this Easter season, please fill-out this form and place in the offering box along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office. Lilies are \$12 each.

Donor(s): _____

Donation amount \$ _____

This donation is given (please check):

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To the glory of God

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