

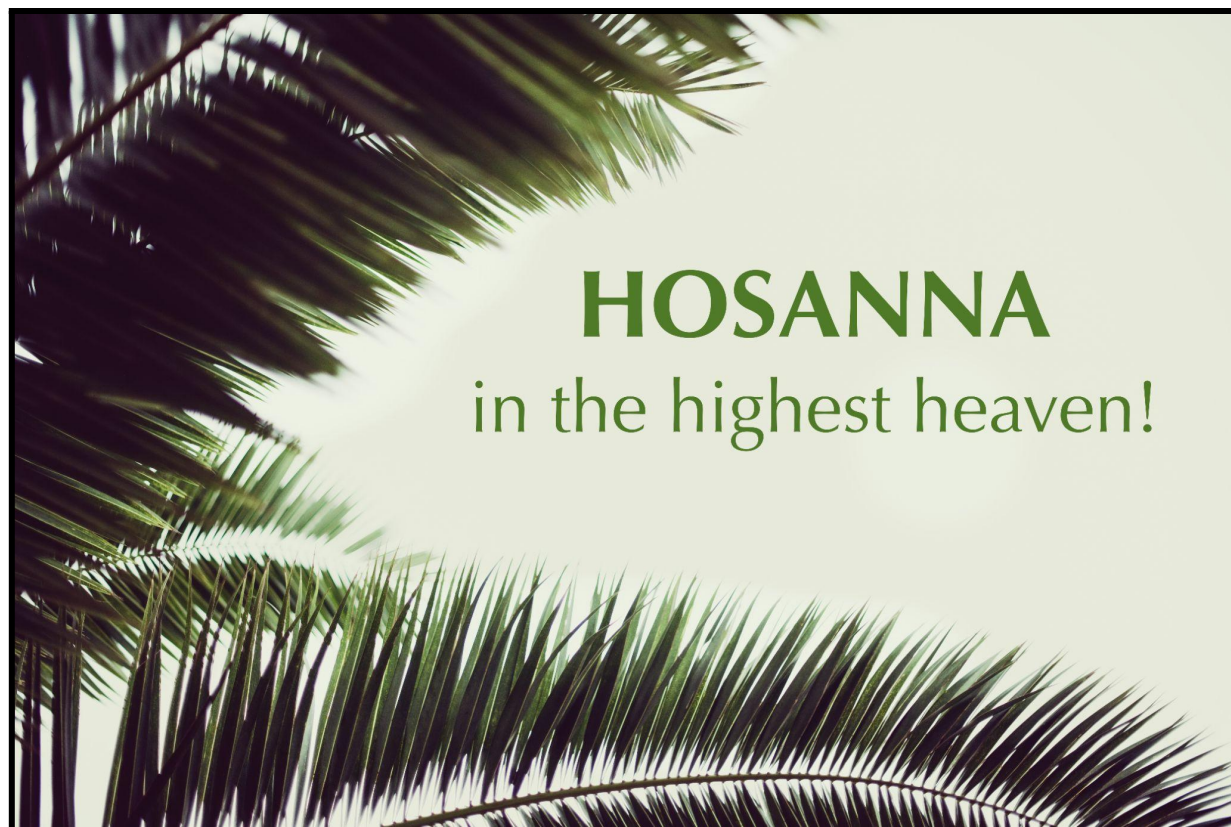


GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023 +++ 8:30am, 10:00am, (no 5pm service)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. **We will begin outside** and then process in with a donkey, remembering Jesus' entry. May God's Spirit help us to fully enter into this Holy Week and understand deeply the amazing love of God. Grab a palm cross and join in!

THE PRELUDE: *Hosanna, Hosanna!* by Gilbert M. Martin

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

I. Trumpet Tune: *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

II. Mediation: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

(Weather permitting, we begin outside and gather at the processional cross.
If you're unable to stand for a few minutes, please join us inside the Sanctuary.)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(People read **bold** words.)

We follow Jesus into Jerusalem and enter this Holy Week.

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the humble King!

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

With Palm branches and shouts of Hosanna, we worship You, O God of grace.

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!

This is the day that the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

THE GATHERING HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and the second system is the continuation of the hymn. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
(Children may leave for Sunday school.)

Michelle Lum, Arts and Outreach Minister

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9

The 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 awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I 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. The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

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

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand.)

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The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 21st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the

prophet, saying, “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.” The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!” When 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.” (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:30/10am) *You Are Holy* arr. John Helgen Jessica Haddy, violin
Sanctuary Choir and Music Director Kathy Person

THE HYMN: That Priceless Grace #591

**That priceless grace, that priceless grace,
that priceless grace, which gave me life:
Jesus' life is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That priceless blood, that priceless blood,
that priceless blood was shed for me:
Jesus' blood is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That painful death, that painful death,
that painful death took sins away:
Jesus' death is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

**That precious word, that precious word,
that precious word, which brought me light:
Jesus' word is priceless grace.
That priceless grace is life for me.**

THE MESSAGE: *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Donkey* Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC:

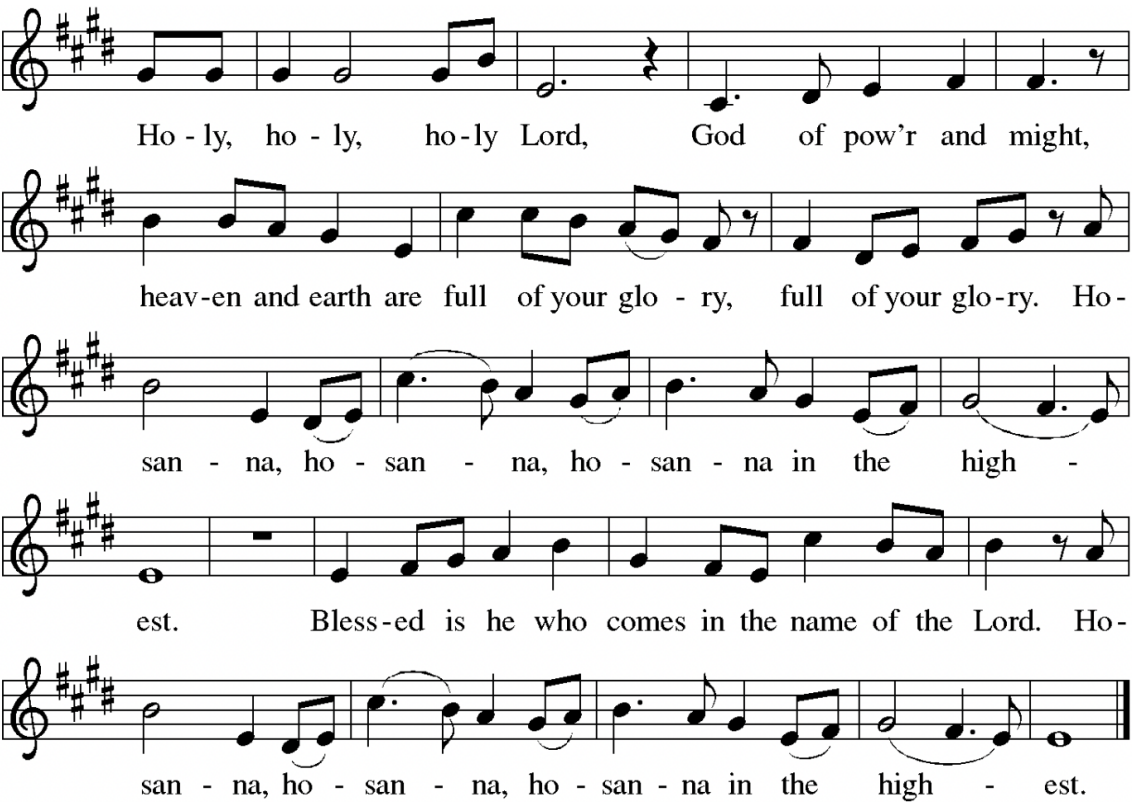
OFFERTORY RESPONSE (2x) Take Oh, Take Me as I Am #814

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING (10am)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe that Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children may come forward for a blessing. For those that prefer, white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will guide you down the center aisle and you will return to your seats down a side aisle.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

Lamb of God (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)
Lamb of God... You take away...
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.
Lamb of God... You take away...
the sins of the world... Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei... You take away...
the sins of the world... Dona nobis pacem...

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
**Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Cal-v'ry's mountain.**

Refrain: **In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. (Refrain.)**

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. (Refrain.)**

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. (Refrain.)**

What Wondrous Love Is This
**What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;**

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to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: We're Marching to Zion #625 vv. 1-3
Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God:
but children of the heav'n-ly King, but children of the heav'n-ly King
may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad. (Refrain.)

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'n-ly fields, before we reach the heav'n-ly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain.)

SENDING WORDS: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest heaven!
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE: Hosanna, Hosanna! by Gilbert M. Martin Fred Johnson
Ill. Toccata: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Denise & Tim Boyd in celebration of Brent's birthday! They are also given by Lisa Mers in honor of Lennox's 1st birthday!

PALM SUNDAY - The beginning of Holy Week - weather permitting, we begin outside (look for the donkey!) and process in. Be sure to grab a palm cross from an usher.

PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST today, immediately following the 10am service in Bankson Hall. Donation for food. Thanks to Youth Director Paige and others for organizing!

LENT 2023 - This year's offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. Lenten Coin Boxes available - bring them back on Palm Sunday or drop off at the office

HOLY WEEK 2023 BEGINS TODAY...

MAUNDY THURSDAY worship will be an individual, experiential prayer time. A global map covering the floor of Bankson Hall, candles, and a guide will lead you. April 6 (9am - 5pm).

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP: We observe the Passion of the Savior on April 7 with two worship services - noon and 7pm. These are Tenebrae (darkening) services with the seven last words of Jesus from the cross spoken. Final Lenten offering for Lutheran Disaster Response. This is the preparation for the joy of Easter/Resurrection Sunday!

EASTER - RESURRECTION SUNDAY: We celebrate the world's greatest news - Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! April 9 - 6:30am (outside), 8:30am, and 10am. Brass quartet, lilies, hopeful message, special refreshments, eggstravaganza for children (9:30am), and much more. Invite a friend to worship with you. They will thank you for life!

FIRST COMMUNION - We celebrate with the following children and their families: Natalie Correa Morales, Jake Doorn, Conor O'Byrne, Gavin O'Byrne, Corinne Schroeder, and Matthew Schroeder.

EASTER LILIES - To honor or remember a loved one this Holy season, you may wish to purchase a lily for our Easter worship. Cost: \$10 per plant. Forms are available at the Welcome Table. Due TODAY.

EASTER EGG COLLECTION - Children's Ministry is in need of filled eggs for the Eggstravaganza on April 9 at 9:30am. Please put in the large basket at the Welcome Table or bring to the office this week.

GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY — Build day for our Easter artwork tomorrow, April 3, 9am-4pm. Next monthly gathering is April 13 at 6pm. Contact: Arts & Outreach Minister Michelle Lum (michellelum@mygloriadei.org).

VOLUNTEERS - Gloria Dei volunteers each month at Serra's Pantry . Additional volunteers are needed Saturday 4/15, 8:30am-12:00pm. If you can help out, speak with a pastor. Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI - Two ways to join: 1) For those from a non-Lutheran background, attend the Adult Inquiry Class, April 22 or 2) Transfer your membership from a Lutheran church. To all joining, there will be a New Member Orientation, Sunday, April 23. New members will be received April 30. See the sign-up.

LADIES TEA - April 29, 2pm. We will have a ladies tea in Bankson Hall with food catered by Ellie's Kitchen. Please sign up at the Welcome Table to attend or host a table.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - April 29, 9:30am - 10:15am, come enjoy our petting zoo for all ages, in the parking lot, near the labyrinth.

(L&L) LUNCH & LEARN - Sunday, April 30, 11:15am. Fred Johnson will present about ways to better protect yourself from hackers with some concrete steps you can take to make it more difficult for them to be successful. Donation accepted for lunch.

CONFIRMATION (Jr. High) - Whale watching with Youth Director Paige - Sunday, May 7, noon. Many are already attending, but please email Paige if you plan to attend (youth@mygloriadei.org).

HOLY LAND TOUR led by Pastor David, October 24 - November 2, 2023. Official brochure is at the Welcome Table. Contact Pastor David if interested list (no obligation): pastordavid@mygloriadei.org.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME - April - June 2023 Devotional is available for pick up at the Welcome Table.

OFFERING - Please place check/money in boxes in the sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or give ELECTRONICALLY - [Venmo](#) app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint. Or you can give via [credit card or debit card](#) through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

NURSERY is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services. Nursery is for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated. The nursery is inside the preschool room, closest to the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) - Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Communion. To [register](#) your child for Sunday school - Susie Boland: fellowship@mygloriadei.org. Thanks to all our teachers in this important ministry!

HEALTH GUIDELINES - With Covid, flu, etc., you're welcome to wear a mask (extras at the Welcome Table). If you're sick, please watch the service online. Thankfully, our space is uniquely open.

UPCOMING: *"Raise the Roof"* Party (May 21, 5pm); Women's Retreat (June 2 - 4); Vacation Bible School/VBS (July 24 - 28); Youth White Water Rafting Trip (July 29 - Aug. 1).

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Acolyte: Jillian Yaghur; Coffee Prep: Barb Collins; Communion: Shelly Higgins & Barbara Keim; Lector: Bill Jonas; Ushers: Christian Asis & Gene Rathbun; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson
10am: Acolyte: Colin O'Byrne; Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Sharry Hilyard; Lector: Jerry Combe; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Lora Schultz & William Stoll

OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 2 - 8, 2023

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Sr. High prep pancakes (9:30am); Sr. High Church-wide Pancake Breakfast (11am); Intern Committee Meeting (6:30pm); NA (6:30pm)
Monday: Art Ministry Build Session (9am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Meeting (6:30pm)
Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (1pm); Al Anon (7pm)
Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni Group (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)
Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm)
Friday: Good Friday Service (12pm & 7pm)
Saturday: AA Men's (7am); Women's Board Meeting (9am); ACA Meeting (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); Ukraine Easter Service (2pm)