



# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Grace changes everything.*

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## Hosanna in the highest!



## PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025 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. Weather permitting, **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!

PRELUDE: *Prelude in the Classic Style* by Gordon Young  
Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

(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

#344 vv. 1-2

Refrain: **All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet ho-san-nas ring.**

**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.** Let us pray...)

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Art & Music Minister Michele Lum

(8:30/10am - Children may leave for Sunday school and return during Holy Communion.)

### THE FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

(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 existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to 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!**)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: All Glory Laud and Honor** (Please stand.) #344 v. 3  
**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

Refrain: **All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet ho-san-nas ring.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 12th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: John 12:12-15

**The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"** (The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Sing Hosanna* by Michael Jothén Sanctuary Choir & Art  
and Music Director Michelle Lum

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

**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: "Go Ask Alice." Pastor David R. Mattson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Humble King* by Brenton Brown Andy Degan, Michelle Lum

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each petition - Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

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

THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR  
This is the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.  
**Lord, give us this bread always. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
(All who believe Christ is present in this sacrament are welcome. Non-communing children and adults who choose not to receive, may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms as a signal you would prefer a blessing. Also, juice is located in the center of each tray, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request-please indicate this choice to a pastor.)

THE HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION:  
Lamb of God (People repeat each phrase after the leader.)

What Wondrous Love Is This #666  
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;  
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.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross #335  
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.)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

THE SENDING HYMN: We're Marching to Zion #625 vs. 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: Toccata in C by Pachelbel  
Micaela Lum, Organist/Pianist

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**THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!**  
**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Bob & Bonny Gillespie; Communion: Phil & Sandy Furlong; Lector: Ren Higgins; Ushers: Lynne & Wes Morgan; Welcome Table: Sharon Derr. **10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Gloria Dei Staff; Communion: Marsha Atkinson & Susan Behnke; Lector: Kari Hollowell; Ushers: Katherine Dickinson & Sharon Miller; Welcome Table: Rebecca Horner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Jim & Neta Wenrick in celebration of 43 years of marriage! They are also given by Lisa Mers in honor of Josh's 40th birthday!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** is today, 11:15am in Bankson Hall. Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship. Thanks to Youth Director Paige and youth for putting this event on!



**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.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- ✦ Maundy Thursday (April 17, 3pm in Bankson Hall ) Finding Christ in the Seder Meal led by Deacon Daneen. Sign-up to have a place reserved at the table.
  
- ✦ Good Friday (April 18) Noon and 7pm Tenebrae worship with the 7 last words of Christ, nailing of prayer concerns to the cross, and darkening of sanctuary. This time is the Christian preparation for Easter.
  
- ✦ Easter-Resurrection Sunday (April 20) - 6:30am outdoor service; 8:30am and 10am worship with lilies, trumpets, choirs, and more. Eggstravaganza for children, 9:40am. Grab a flier at the Welcome Table and invite a friend or family member to join you. They may thank you for life!

**EASTER EGG COLLECTION** - Children's Ministry is in need of filled eggs for the Eggstravaganza on Easter Sunday. Please bring the eggs by today & drop off at the large basket at the Welcome Table.

**WOMEN'S TEA** - April 26 at 11am in Bankson Hall, catered by Ellie Snyder. Cost: \$25. No charge for table hostesses/military families. Invite a friend! Sign-up at the Welcome Table to attend or host.

**LAUNDRY LOVE** - Looking for volunteers at Sparklean Laundromat in San Juan Capistrano on Friday, May 2, 2pm - 5:30pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Table. For more info: [deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org](mailto:deacondaneen@mygloriadei.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS** (20s/30s) Beach outing, Doheny, May 4 after the second service! Questions, speak with Lindsey Engel or call the church office. *"May the 4th be with you! And also with you!"*

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI:** Sign-up at the Welcome Table or call the office. For those who plan to join, come to the New Members Orientation, Sun., May 4, 11:30am. New Member Sunday is May 11.

**BLOOD DRIVE** - May 7, 9am - 3pm in Bankson Hall. Sign-up at the Welcome Table or register online at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&zipSponsor=92629](https://redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&zipSponsor=92629)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (preschool-5th grade) meets during both morning services. Children leave after the Children's Message and return at Holy Communion.

**OFFERING** - Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei! Please place check/money in donation boxes or give electronically - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint or Zelle - [gloriadei@mygloriadei.org](mailto:gloriadei@mygloriadei.org). You can also donate via credit/ debit card through Vanco, our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](https://mygloriadei.org/donate).

**CHURCH CAMPOUT** - Annual campout will be held at O'Neill Regional Park, June 6-8. Space for campers and tents. Come for the weekend or come out on Saturday for the Horeshoe Tournament, potluck, and worship service. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** begins again on Wednesdays, 10am, Knudson Hall, April 23. Join in this weekly study led by Pastor David or Deacon Daneen.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 13 - 19, 2025**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am); Nursery & Sunday School (8:30am & 10am); Youth Pancake Making (9am); Pancake Breakfast (11:15am)  
**Monday:** South Coast Literacy Council (10am); Al Anon (5:30pm); Alateen (5:30pm); AA Coed Meeting (7pm)  
**Tuesday:** AA Meeting (7am); GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Group (10am); Al Anon (7pm)  
**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples (7:30pm)  
**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Maundy Thursday Service & Feast (3pm); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); AA Men (7pm)  
**Friday:** Al Anon (10am); Good Friday Service (12pm); Kenny's Music (2pm); Good Friday Service (7pm)  
**Saturday:** AA Men (7am); Serra's Pantry (8:30am); Ukrainian Worship (1pm); Ukrainian School of OC (1:30pm)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ Pacifica Synod Assembly (May 15 - 17) ✦ Couples with Young Kids Beach Play Date (May 18)
- ❖ Annual Church Campout (June 6-8) ✦ Vacation Bible School (June 16-20)
- ❖ Fantasy Football Draft Day (August 23) ✦ 60th Anniversary of Party and Dinner (Sept. 19)
- ❖ Women's Retreat (October 3-5)