

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

Rob Rebensal, Pastor Pastor Mike Schultze, Director of Youth

71 Loma Drive - Camarillo, CA 93010
(805) 482-3313 office@peacecamarillo.com
www.peacecamarillo.com

PALM SUNDAY

April 5, 2020

As We Gather Today we mark the beginning of Holy Week, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, recalling our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem amidst the shouts of "Hosanna," as well as hearing once again of our Lord's suffering for our salvation.

People Have Asked, if they are not able to attend services, how can they continue to support the congregation with their regular giving? Whether we are holding regular Sunday worship services or not, the expenses will continue. We ask you to remember this is not a giving holiday. We have easy options.

1. You can mail you offering to the church or
2. You can sign up for Vanco giving. Vanco is a convenient way to give directly from your bank account or credit card. There is information about it on our website, or if it is easier for you, you can call them and they will walk you through the process on the phone. You will need to know the church address, 71 Loma Drive, Camarillo, and have your account information handy. Vanco moves your offering from your account directly into ours. We have been using this service for some time now and people have found it to be easy and one less thing to worry about.

You can sign up on our website, peacecamarillo.com, or call 1-800-675-7430. Choose option #1 for client services and they will help you get started.

Council also decided, to be good stewards of the resources we have available, that all major projects around the church will be put on hold for the present time.

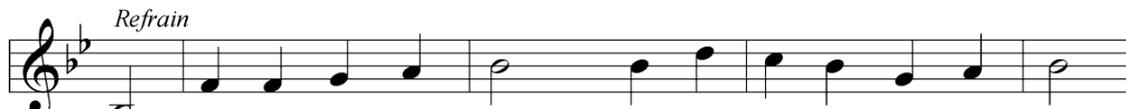
If you have a special need we can help you with, please call the church office.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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.



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;



Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.

Text and Music: Public domain Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL *John 12:12-19*

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Return to Me with all your heart, says the Lord, with prayer and fasting, with weeping and mourning, with broken and contrite hearts.

People: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Pastor: O God, in Your kindness, have pity on us.

People: O God, in Your mercy, wash away our sins. Cleanse us from the stain and guilt of our sins, those we know and those of which we are unaware. In our thinking, our speaking and our doing, we have exalted ourselves. We lack true humility. We deserve Your wrath and punishment. For the sake of Jesus Christ, turn Your eyes from our iniquity and cover our guilt, that we may know again the joy of Your salvation. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Rejoice in the love and mercy of God. For Jesus' sake, he has heard your plea and has forgiven all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

All: Lord Jesus, You are not only proclaimed as King by the shouts of "Hosanna" and the waving of palms, but even more so enthroned as King on the cross amid cries of "Crucify." We take our place with both crowds, for our sins crucified You, yet we need You to save us. Thus we cry, "Hosanna! Lord, save us." Grant us Your heart of humility that we may confess our dependence on You for our salvation. We pray through You, Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Public domain

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

4 The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;

he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

6 I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

7 But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

8 He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON. Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

**All: 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

Text: © 1984 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, number 100011550.
 Music: Public domain Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

MESSAGE

The Son Is Shining Brightly On Sunday,
 But There Are Storm Clouds
 On The Horizon
 Heading Straight For Calvary
Palm Sunday/Sunday Of The Passion

PASSION OF OUR LORD.Matthew 27:1-66

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

³ Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷ So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"

¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

People: "Barabbas."

(Cont'd)

Pastor: ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"
They all said,

People: "Let him be crucified!"

Pastor: ²³ And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

People: "Let him be crucified!"

Pastor: So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ And all the people answered,

People: "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Pastor: ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand.

And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

People: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Pastor: And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying,

People: "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Pastor: So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

People: ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself."

Pastor: He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

(Cont'd)

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

People: “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Pastor: There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Pastor: This is the Passion of Our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”



1 Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley, He had to
2 As we walk our lone - some val - ley, We do not



1 walk it by Him - self; O no - bod - y else could walk it
2 walk it by our - selves; For God sent His Son to walk it



1 for Him, He had to walk it by Him - self.
2 with us, We do not walk it by our - selves.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: All glory, praise, and honor be to You, O Lord. You are our Redeemer and our King, our Savior and our Friend. We adore You and exalt Your Holy Name.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

Pastor: Reign over us, not according to our devising and manipulation, but according to Your good and gracious will.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, as You brought healing to untold numbers during your ministry on earth, so bring the ministry of healing into our midst according to Your will. Grant healing, comfort, and faith to those who are in need this day. Stem the spread of the Corona virus, and guard the health of first responders and those ministering to the sick. Hear us as we pray for them.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

Pastor: Lord of life, Your death on Calvary's cross means life for us. Today we pray that Your comfort of assurance of the resurrection to new life might be with the families of all those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Grant them peace, hope, and assurance.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

(Cont'd)

Pastor: Lord, during this Holy Week, strengthen our faith and trust in You. As we move from the triumph of Palm Sunday with its cries of "Hosanna" to the institution of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday to the agony of Good Friday to the glories of Easter, be with us and send Your Spirit that our meditation on Your passion may move us to greater love for You and for others.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to You. The Lord look upon You with His favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

- 5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

IN PLACE OF IN PERSON WORSHIP, we will be recording an abbreviated Sunday service each week that you will be able to watch on our website. We will also prepare a bulletin that you can download from the website so you can follow along. In Romans 13 Paul urges believers to respect the governmental authorities God has allowed to be in place. In an attempt to “flatten the curve” of the Corona virus and watch out for your safety, we are doing our part as citizens of the kingdom of this world to comply with the President’s request to avoid meeting in groups larger than ten for fifteen days. Council will revisit this at the end of the month.

Cooperation by the members will be essential if this is to be successful. Here is what Council decided:

1. No worship services or midweek services and Soup Suppers until at least April 5th, Palm Sunday, subject to re-evaluation.
2. No in person meetings or Bible studies will held during this trial period.
3. The church office will be closed to visitors during this time, but we will be answering the phone.

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Christy Burckhard (Gary & Karen Taylor’s sister-in-law), Mrs. Cheung (Veronica Lee’s friend), Crystal (Phil Deck’s niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung’s friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bruce Fraser, Rory Hall (Jim & Lily Mainland’s granddaughter), Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), Vickie Hutter, Jan Irwin (friend of David Zinger), Karen Johnson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey’s niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Michelle & family (friend of Melissa Hamilton), of Seza Mirzarian (Phil Hamilton's son-in-law's aunt), Ken Nipstad, Linda Packham, Jim Pedersen, Hedy Pein, Ingrid Poehler, Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Leslie Stenke, Jon & Renee Volpei (Connie Morris’ son & daughter-in-law), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

Jean Kohut, as she mourns the death of her husband Milton (Mickey).

Allen Burckhard, as he cares for his wife Christy and their children.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.