



# PLUM Worship

## PALM SUNDAY

### TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

March 24, 2024

3:00 p.m.

#### PRELUDE HOSANNA

<https://youtu.be/7A8ZCECJPVE>

#### WELCOME and PRAYER REQUESTS

#### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

**Hosanna!**

Blessed is the coming reign of God.

**Hosanna!**

Blessed is Jesus, our messiah and savior.

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

#### FIRST READING

Mark 11:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Readers: Narrator, Jesus, Bystander, Crowds

**Narrator:** When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them,

**Jesus:** “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.’”

**Narrator:** 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,

**Bystander:** “What are you doing, untying the colt?”

**Narrator:** 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,

**Crowds:** “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!”

**Narrator:** 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.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### HYMN ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

<https://youtu.be/h3a8fTTtAdE>

#### Refrain

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

**1** *Thou art the king of Israel  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
our King and Blessed One.* Refrain

**2** *The company of angels  
are praising thee on high;  
and mortals joined with all things  
created make reply.* Refrain

**3** *The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.* Refrain

**4** *To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.* Refrain

**5** *Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.* Refrain

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

God of love,

**When we look inward and are honest with ourselves,  
we see where we have lived as though you are not our  
God. We have sought after our own gain rather than  
the good of all. We have not loved you or our  
neighbors as ourselves. We have betrayed and denied  
you in what we have done and not done. Create in us  
clean hearts, O God, that we might become what you  
have called us to be.**

God whose unfathomable love went to the cross for our sake now forgives us all our sins and welcomes us all over again into the promise of eternal life in Christ's name. **Amen.**

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God, our blessed sovereign, we gather with shouts of 'hosanna', knowing full well that we will soon be shouting 'crucify.' Remind us that, come what may, you are still our God, and your love for us cannot be shaken, that we might go into this holy week with our eyes and ears open to what you would teach us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### SECOND READING Psalm 118:25-29

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you, you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

[https://youtu.be/aXuNAkWkJ44?si=Yqa\\_cFvReXNfDgx](https://youtu.be/aXuNAkWkJ44?si=Yqa_cFvReXNfDgx)



### GOSPEL Mark 14:3-9

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Readers: Narrator, Crowd, Jesus

**Narrator:** While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

**Crowd:** "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

**Narrator:** And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

**Jesus:** "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON MINISTER JANET CRAIG

### HYMN PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

<https://youtu.be/w9Roh7tNU0g>

- 1 *Prepare the way, O Zion,  
your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley  
a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory,  
foretold in sacred story.  
Oh blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy name.*
- 2 *He brings God's rule, O Zion;  
he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom,  
and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding,  
for grace and joy abounding.  
Oh blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy name.*
- 3 *Fling wide your gates, O Zion;  
your Savior's rule embrace.  
His tidings of salvation  
proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him,  
their voices will adore him.  
Oh blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy name.*

### 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 became truly human. 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

As we walk together through this season of contemplation and preparation, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

As people once raised palms, so we raise our song and prayers to you, O God, as we follow throughout this crucial week. Assure us that you are always with us and your promises are true. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

A donkey bore the weight of the world's deliverance. Show us the value of humble things, and teach us your kingdom's logic-defying order. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority and access, and we pray for those who sit in more humble seats, that all may be led to seek you out, and follow more closely. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Be not hidden from our eyes, O Lord, in our time of infirmity. Be present with those we bring before you, (*especially...*) God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Surely you must weep that we still cannot see the things which make for peace in this world. Be patient with our slowness to act and our inability to recognize your grace-filled opportunities to bring about justice. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of all good gifts, your Son gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to understand our youth as they grow in years and in knowledge of your world. Teach us to encourage their search for truth and value in their lives. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, you know what is best for the ministry of PLUM. Continue to open our eyes, ears, and hearts, that we may faithfully carry out your work which you have entrusted

to us. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

You kept your dear ones close during your last week, O God. Join us all as one fellowship of witnesses to your faithfulness, both living and departed. God of the journey, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Confident that you walk alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

#### MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*At this time, we offer ourselves to God—our physical resources and our whole life—recognizing that all we are and all we have are God's given to us and for which we are stewards. If you have a monetary offering for your congregation, please send it or deliver it to the church.*

Let us pray. God, you lavish your abundance upon us, like the woman with the alabaster jar. In gratitude we return these offerings to you, for the sake of our neighbors and the world. Bless them for the good use you have planned for them, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

[https://youtu.be/VP\\_VmA9bB54S](https://youtu.be/VP_VmA9bB54S)

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.

In the night in which he was betrayed  
our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery  
of our faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as the  
Lord taught us.

**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.**

### **INVITATION**

Jesus invites you to the banquet, and pours out his holy  
presence upon you like costly ointment. Be strengthened  
for this journey of Holy Week. All is prepared.

Take and eat the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**  
Take and drink the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us  
with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten  
pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice;  
our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the  
song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

### **HYMN RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!**

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/NT04Rn9UV4I](https://youtu.be/NT04Rn9UV4I)

**1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue thy road,  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.**
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.**
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die,  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy pow'r and reign!**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
Thanks be to God.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and GOD SIGHTINGS**



### **PLUM Online Worship Services**

#### **Maundy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. hybrid service on Zoom

#### **Good Friday**

7:00 p.m. on Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/POPLutheranPH>

#### **Easter Sunday**

3:00 p.m. on Zoom

The call-in line for PLUM Worship Services, Bible Studies  
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