

A stylized, textured illustration of palm fronds in shades of teal, purple, and dark red, set against a dark background. The fronds are layered and have a painterly, almost mosaic-like appearance.

PALM

SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

*Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Brooklyn Center, MN*

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Welcome to Palm Sunday worship at Cross of Glory, where we are called to share God’s gift of life together. If you are visiting, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in your pew and place it in the offering plates so that we can further extend the welcome. We invite you to join us throughout the rest of this Holy Week as we continue to tell the story of Jesus’ last supper, death, and resurrection. Service times and details are printed on the back of the bulletin, and more information can be found at www.crossofglory.us.

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

All children are invited to spread out along the main aisle with their palms for the call-and-response

PALM SUNDAY CALL-AND-RESPONSE

Drawn from the lyrics of “Pave the Way with Branches” ACS #928

Leader: Jesus is coming. Pave the way with branches.

ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: Hope for the downtrodden.

A: Hosanna! Jesus is coming.

L: Land for the landless.

A: Hosanna! Jesus is coming.

L: Forgiveness for the debtors.

A: Hosanna! Jesus is coming.

L: Release for the captives.

A: Hosanna! Jesus is coming.

L: Salvation for us all.

A: Hosanna! Jesus is coming.

L: Jesus is coming. Pave the way with branches.

A: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

***Kids return to your seats; congregation, stand as you are able ***

MUSIC

Freedom is Coming

#903

Verse 1

Oh, freedom,
Oh, freedom,
Oh, freedom.
Freedom is coming.
Oh, yes, I know. (Repeat)

Chorus

Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes, I know.
Oh, yes I know. (Repeat)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Palm Sunday Breakfast TODAY** - Today after worship, all are welcome to a delicious brunch (and before the afternoon procession/worship in St. Paul), a fundraiser that helps kids attend Camp Wapo this summer. All-you-can-eat pancakes (traditional, GF, vegan), sausage, and more for \$5/person. Tickets available at the camp fundraiser table if you don’t have them already! We hope you can join us for this fun time of food and fellowship.

•**Palm Sunday Public Procession & Worship TODAY** - As we journey with Jesus this Lent, join tens of thousands of people across MN and the US this afternoon. At 2 pm there’s a public procession with palms, leading to a worship service on the capitol lawn, highlighting our Christian call to love the neighbor, and harkening back to Jesus’ Palm Sunday march over 2000 years ago. Join us for this powerful event to kick-off our holy week together! For all who hae register, free busses depart Holy Nativity at 1pm

•**Plant Sale Camp Fundraiser FINAL DAYS** - Kids headed to Camp Wapo this summer will be at the front doors today after worship with Gertens plant sale info. 30% of all flowers and 15% of gift cards go toward camp support. Take info and make your order at home, or have a youth help you order online today! Your support goes a long way in offsetting the cost of camp.

•**Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday** - Each spring, COG--among many other Twin Cities churches--have the gift of being joined by a student preacher from the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the U of M. Join us on April 12 as we hear the Good News proclaimed by a student preacher, and learn more about ways we can support this important ministry on campus.

•**Two Letters from Birmingham** - Did you know that one of the most powerful writings of the civil rights movement came from a jail cell? In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote Letter from Birmingham Jail in response to local clergy who believed the movement was “untimely.” His words still challenge and inspire us today. Wildfire church are joining together to host a readers theater to tell the story. Performances will be held at House of Hope Lutheran Church on April 24 at 7:00 pm, April 25 at 7:00 pm, and April 26 at 2:00 pm.

•**Pastoral Care & Visitation** - If you’re in need of care, prayer, or conversation, reach out to the office to be connected with the pastor or our Care & Visitation Team. We also invite you to stop by our Community Prayer Wall located just outside the sanctuary.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Join us after worship for a **Palm Sunday breakfast** served by COG campers (\$5/person), before many of us take part in the Palm Sunday action in downtown St. Paul in the afternoon.



Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6 pm at CoG

Cross of Glory will host our own service. Join us as we gather to remember Jesus' last supper, the washing of the disciples' feet, and Jesus' call for us to love one another.



Good Friday, April 3 at 7 pm at FLW

New creation churches will join together for Good Friday worship at Faith Lilac Way, led by pastors and music leaders from all three churches. Join us as we retell the story of Jesus' crucifixion.



Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 am at CoG

Easter worship will take place at 9:30 am at Cross of Glory. All are welcome as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection!

Verse 2

Oh, Jesus,
Oh, Jesus,
Oh, Jesus,
Jesus is coming.
Oh, yes, I know.
(Repeat) (Chorus)

Verse 3

Oh, freedom,
Oh, freedom,
Oh, freedom.
Freedom is coming.
Oh, yes, I know.
(Repeat) (Chorus)

*** Please be seated ***

CONFESSION + FORGIVENESS

All children are invited to head to the back of the sanctuary to prepare for the parade of palms.

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in the vastness of God's grace.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and repentance.

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is abundant in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May God strengthen and sustain us with the power of the Holy Spirit to journey onward together, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

A: Amen.

PARADE OF PALMS

*** Please stand as you are able. Wave your palm branches as we sing, kids will be processing in the parade of palms.***

MUSIC
Refrain
All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
Verse 1
You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One.
(Refrain)
Verse 3
The multitude of pilgrims

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *(Refrain)*
Verse 4
To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*
Verse 5
Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *(Refrain)*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together...

Jesus our Messiah, as we enter into this Holy Week, give us courage to walk this road with you, and open hearts to be shaken to new ways of living by the power of your love. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.

*** Please be seated ***

MUSIC
Verse 1
Praise is rising,
Eyes are turning to You.
We turn to You.
Hope is stirring.
Hearts are yearning for You.
We long for You.

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Pre-Chorus
'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day.
In Your presence,
All our fears are washed away.
(Washed away)

Brown/Baloche

MUSIC CREDITS

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Please join us in lifting up these brothers and sisters in prayer:

Norma Gilbertson
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Eric Thompson & family
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To be added or removed from the weekly prayer list, please contact the church office (office@crossofglory.us) or call 763-533-8602.

You are welcome to stop at our community prayer wall just outside the sanctuary to place a written prayer in the wall. Further instructions are at the prayer wall.



MUSIC

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#858

Please rise as you're able and wave palms as we sing

Verse 1
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is
your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple
draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Verse 2
Praise to the Lord, who o'er
All things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is

needful has been sent by his
gracious ordaining?

Verse 4
Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is
in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come
now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his
people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Please turn to face the back doors as we prepare to go into the world with good courage. You're also invited to join hands with or put your hand on a neighbor near you as a reminder that we do not go forth alone.

**ALL: O God, you have called us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us,
and your love supporting us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

DISMISSAL

**L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
A: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Chorus
Hosanna! Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna! Hosanna!
Come, have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2
Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You.
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom,
Broken lives are made new.
You make us new. (Choruses)

Word

FIRST READING

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.

Leader: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Hosanna, Laud Hosanna

Carter

*Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna, loud Hosanna the little children sang!
The pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast.
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of men and angels rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.
“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!
Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

*** Please stand as you are able.*
P: The Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-first chapter.
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

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:
“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,

MUSIC

Hosanna

Smith/Smith

Chorus
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord!
(Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna!)
(Repeat)

Verse 1
King of Israel,
Welcome to our hearts
Here to reign in righteousness.
O, Ruler of the world,
Ruler of our hearts
Now ascend Your throne:
You are the King of kings.
Hosanna! (Chorus)

Verse 2
To Jerusalem,
To the sons of man,
Riding on in gentle strength.
O, come to save Your own,
Come to give Your life,
The kingdom is at hand.
You are the King of kings.
Hosanna! (Chorus)

(Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna!)
(Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna!)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy,
A: Hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER

Table

O God, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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 INTO HOLY WEEK

Sending

CONFESSIO

OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

*** Please stand as you are able ***

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
A: And also with you.
P: Let’s share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

*** Please be seated ***

OFFERING

Our “hosannas” continue through the offering we joyfully share.
Offering can be placed in the plates that will be passed around, or
given online via our secure giving page found at
www.crossofglory.us. Thank you for sharing generously for the sake
of God’s gift of life together!



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.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

*** Please be seated ***

SERMON

MUSIC	I Want Jesus to Walk with Me	#325
Verse 1 I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.	Verse 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.	
Verse 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.		