

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

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PALM SUNDAY

Pastor
Director of Music/Organist
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Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns
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We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**April 23, 2025
9:45 a.m.**

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

PROCESSIONAL OF THE PALMS (beginning in the courtyard)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

(repeat)

(You are invited to lay your palms on the steps of the chancel.)

Introit

“Hosanna”
(arr. Gary Rhodes)

Sanctuary Choir

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 118) Liturgist
(Responsive)

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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

God has given us light.

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God’s steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God!

* **Hymn** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” No. 196

* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

* **Gloria Patri** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” No. 582

* **Invitation to Stand**

Time with Young Disciples

Call to Confession

Pastor

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna! Amen!

(In silence, confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison

“Dying You Destroyed Our Death”

No. 567

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)

Pastor and Congregation

He who rode into Jerusalem, struggled on the cross, and was sealed in a tomb is risen from the dead! Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Hosanna in the highest!

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

PALM SUNDAY READING

Luke 19:28-40

Liturgist

(Responsive)

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

“Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Musical Acclamation	“Hosanna in the Highest” (arr. Douglas Wagner)	Handbell Choir
Epistle Reading:	Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 980 Pew Bible)	Liturgist
Response:	This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!	
Gospel Reading:	Luke 22:39-54 (p. 882 Pew Bible)	Pastor
Response:	Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Praise to you, O Christ!	
Sermon	“Dying to Live: The Death of Your Will”	Rev. Dr. Paul Burns
Anthem	“Sing, Children, Sing Hosanna!” (Patti Drennan)	Sanctuary Choir

* **Invitation to Stand**

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation
– The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
(Responsive)

Pastor and Congregation

Caught between joy and despair, we yearn for the fulfillment of God's desire beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life. We offer thanksgiving for God's presence with us and petitions for the transformation of the church and the world. We ask your mercy and healing grace on those who are known and unknown to us but all known to you who are ill... in pain... those who have lost loved ones... those who are homeless... hungry... those living after storms and earthquakes... those who are persecuted for their faith, ethnicity, gender... those in war zones... We ask you, Lord, that day by day you sustain the weary with your word and gently encourage us to place our trust in you. Awaken us to the suffering of those around us; save us from hiding in denials or taunts that deepen the hurt; give us grace to share one another's burdens in humble service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who taught 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* **Invitation to Stand**

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology No. 606

A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor

* **Hymn**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

No. 198

* **Charge and Benediction**

Pastor

* **Postlude**

Gary O’Neal, Organist



Assisting in worship today is Susie Miller, Liturgist.

The Ushers are Sabrina King and Dorothy Moore.

Refreshments in the Parlor today are served
by the Worship and Music Committee.

* **Invitation to Stand**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13th



Sunday	11:30 am	Deadline to order Easter Flowers
	11:00 pm – 12:00 pm	Yoga Wellness
	1:00	Church Food Pantry
		Community Unplugged Jam Club
Monday	5:00	Property Com. Mtg.
	6:00	Personnel & Administration Com. Mtg.
Tuesday	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Church Food Pantry
Wednesday	6:00	Way Out Wednesday
	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Church Food Pantry
	3:00	Open Gate
	5:30	Soup Supper
	6:30	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	6:30	Good Friday Service
		“The Way of the Cross”
		Eastminster Presbyterian Church
		6550 Samuell Boulevard
		Dallas, TX 75228
Saturday	9:00 am	Mini Workday



SESSION MEMBERS Diane Llywelyn – Clerk

Class of 2025

Bill Grayson
Daniel Robinson
Leigh Taylor

Class of 2026

Diane Llywelyn
Bill Oney
Charlene Taylor

Class of 2027

Dorothy Moore
Ann O’Neal
Lorraine Stephen

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

The Weekly Devotional focuses on today's sermon and message. It includes a memory verse, three reflection questions, and a challenge for the upcoming week.

Please take the Weekly Devotional home with you and use it throughout the week.

Sermon:

"Dying to Live: The Death of Your Will"

Scripture Readings: **Philippians 2:5-11**
 Luke 22:39-54

Memory Verse

"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."
(Philippians 2:5-7 (memorize the first part or the whole passage))

Reflection Questions

- (1) Why was Jesus sweating while he was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane?

- (2) When have you prayed to God out of fear?

- (3) What is something you believe God wants you to do that you have been unwilling to do?

Challenge for the Week

Pray each day this week that God's will be done in your life.

Prayer

Father, give me the courage and faith to do your will today. Amen.