



Palm/Passion Sunday

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church

April 13th, 2025

Through our ritual practice during Holy Week, as we parade with palms singing hosanna, wash one another's feet, share in the Lord's Supper, strip the altar, and gather around the cross, we bring this millennia old story into the present day. Through our participation in these acts, we make this story our story. As we hear the story of Christ's journey from death to life, we tell the story of our own journey from death to new life with Christ and in the community of the church.

When we read these stories in the midst of the liturgies and rituals that connect our stories to the story of God's saving work in Jesus Christ, the glimpses of God's eternal love crack through this story of betrayal, tragedy, and death.

While our liturgies and rituals this week make this story our story, we - as Christians living 2000 years after these historical events - always live on the other side of the empty tomb. Our invitation is not to despair as the disciples, but to remember that any time we hear of despair, death, or injustice, God is there working to make eternal life for all creation. Holy Week calls us then to turn our attention and go to these places of despair, death, and injustice so that the stories of our lives may join God's story in witnessing to the power of life and love, even in the midst of death.

Opening Litany

L: Sing songs of loudest praise! **C: Hosanna!**

L: Sing songs that are unashamed. **C: Hosanna!**

L: Sing songs without being afraid. **C: Hosanna!**

L: Sing for the God of tomorrow and today. **C: Hosanna!**

L: Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

Parade of Palms

Gathering Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Verse 1&2)

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Confession & Forgiveness

God of all grace, be near in the midst of our brokenness,
turning us from the things that keep us from right relationship with you,
ourselves, and one another.

Compel us toward compassion as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and are strengthened to serve in your name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of mercy,

you delight in goodness and judge sin.

Give us open and honest hearts

**to recognize the ways we have turned from you,
from our own belovedness, and from one another.**

**We see the world through the lens of scarcity
instead of your lens of abundance.**

**We see people as us and them
instead of one body in you.**

**We participate in the brokenness of the world,
caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong.**

**Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God,
and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness.**

**Through your divine love,
transform all that threatens to destroy
the good that you have created.**

Beloved people of God:

At a table that Jesus sets,

God forgives us and feeds us with love eternal.

In water and promise,

God brings us to new life

and breathes into us gifts to serve the world.
You are forgiven, in the name of Christ (+),
who calls us into the coming of God's reign
where all are supported, nourished, and loved.
Amen.

Prayer of The Day

God of eternal love, you sent your son to live among us, to show us the depths of your love through his life, death, and resurrection. Fill us with your love that extends beyond the bounds of death, and grant us faith to share that same love with all your creation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Word

The Passion Of Our Lord: According to Luke (Booklet)



*The Congregation will read the part of the people, which is in **BOLD** type and marked by a leaf symbol.*

Apostle's Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Response: **Receive Our Prayer.**

Offering & Make-A-Change

Ways To Give Offering: In Person, Venmo and Online www.galutheranchurch.org



*Because you give...
we worship, fellowship, learn, serve and grow.
Thank you for your generosity!*

Offering Song

Give Thanks

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Offering Prayer

Generous God,
You have blessed us with gifts of abundance and joy.
Open our hearts so that we may share your goodness
with all who hunger for bread, for safety, and for belonging.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God of love.
You birthed all creation,
and became human for us in Jesus Christ.
You speak to us through Scripture and Spirit;
Your love is eternal.
Meet us now in bread, wine, and water.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

In this meal, we remember your Son Jesus,
who took on our pain and suffering
and transformed it into new life.
Send your Spirit to meet us now.
Compel your whole creation toward mercy,
and fill us all with your everlasting and wide-reaching love.

Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

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Invitation to the Table

Taste and See that the Lord is good.

Communion Distribution (All Are Welcome to Receive Communion Here at GA Church)

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God,

We give you thanks for the abundance of your steadfast love. As we are filled with your grace and mercy, send us out into the world to participate in your reign of peace. In the name of Christ, the holy one, we pray. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

May the God who delights in your goodness
bless you, keep you, and hold you
in the depths of love and mercy.
In the name of the Triune God (+),
Amen.

Sending Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Verse 3&4)

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, know you are loved.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Mission Statement of Gustaf Lutheran Church (Adopted in 2022)

To share the Good News of God's Word and to serve the community and the world.

Matthew 22:39 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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We celebrate weekly Holy Communion. We welcome all who believe in the Risen Christ and who find in the sacrament our Lord's real presence for the forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life. If you receive communion in your home congregation, you are invited to receive it here at G.A. Red wine and white grape juice will be offered to you in Christ's name. You may choose your preference. If you are unable to receive wheat bread, or wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament.

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