

Palm Sunday
Worship Bulletin for April 13, 2025



GLORIFY HIM ...
GROW IN HIM ...
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL

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A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

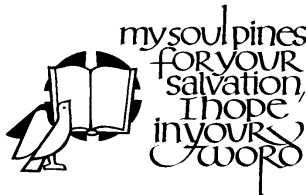
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

LARGE PRINT copies of the Service can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Dark Blue (2021) / 'Christian Worship Supplement' (blue soft cover)

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The Sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

Holy Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Melchior Teschner

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

Congregation: Your mercies are new every morning.

M: Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

C: Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.

M: Better than life is your love.

C: Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips.

M: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

C: Let us worship Him.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

The King of Glory Comes
Christian Worship Red # 363

Refrain:

*The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.*

Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

Refrain

In all of Galilee, in city or village,

He goes among his people, curing their illness.

Refrain

He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;

He took upon himself the sin of the nations.

Refrain

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,

And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.

Refrain

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Lamentations 3

M: ... this I call to mind

C: and therefore I have hope:

M: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

C: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

M: I say to myself,

C: "The LORD is my portion therefore I will wait for him."

M: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him ... Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,

C: so great is his unfailing love.

M: For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

C: Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.



M: Let us give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: Let us worship Him.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)


Psalm 95

1



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

2



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

3



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon




come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.


Verses



1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

M: Let us pray. O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness.
Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become
partakers of your heavenly glory;
**C: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Psalm 119

M: Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

**C: Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it
endures.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

C: I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:1-4

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
²He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
³A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Speak, O Lord

Christian Worship Supplement # 735

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Musical Introduction

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Christian Worship Red# 133

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

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see th' approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on Luke 19:28-40

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”



A CONFSSION OF FAITH – Based on the 3rd Article of the Apostles’ Creed

All: 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.

M: What are we meaning to say with these words?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

M: In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: In this Christian church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

All: This is most certainly true.

I AM
THE WAY,
THE
TRUTH &
THE LIFE

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)

Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We
 You have ris - en to free us;

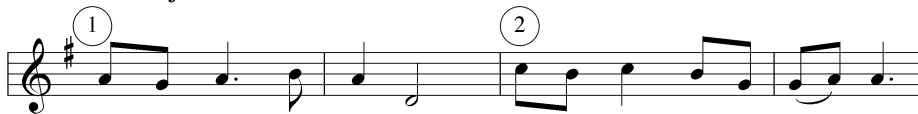


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tirs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

OUR THANK OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Grant us, O Lord, to live each day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the evenings victorious over all temptation, we may praise you, the eternal God, for you govern all things and are praised now and forever. Make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred,

C: let us sow love;

M: where there is injury, **C: pardon;**

M: where there is doubt, **C: faith;**

M: where there is despair, **C: hope;**

M: where there is darkness, **C: light;**

M: where there is sadness, **C: joy.**

M: O Lord, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;

C: for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

M: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.

C: Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may manifest his spirit. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

And we also pray ...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Lift High the Cross

Christian Worship Red # 579

Refrain:

***Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

Refrain

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.**

Refrain

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.**

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Henry Milman

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brad Wright

Accompanist: Marty Puckett

Violin/Cello: Vince Beiderbecke Percussion: Don Black

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Cares Worship
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Call Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Worship Service
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Book Club
Saturday		****LWMS Rally in Clovis****
Sunday		*****EASTER SUNDAY*****
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Brunch

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Brad Wright	<i>Apr 14</i>	
Christian Brase		
Louisa Burke	<i>Apr 16</i>	
Clara Jackson	<i>Apr 17</i>	
Patricia MacDonald	<i>Apr 18</i>	



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