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Serving Our Neighbors  Sharing Our Blessings

Sunday, April 13, 2025—9:30 AM

Palm Sunday

Everything [in] Between: “**shouting & silence**”

Holy Communion

All are welcome to commune and receive Christ in bread and wine. Please fill out a communion card and give it to the usher when coming forward for Communion.

WELCOME

We begin our service outdoors (weather permitting).

CALL TO WORSHIP

P On this day, Jesus marched

C **in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

P On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

C **So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.
May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.**

P Hosanna in the highest!

C **Hosanna in between!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

P Friends, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession.
We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress.
We tell the truth of our lives.
We lay it all out before God.
But this moment of prayer isn't just about us.

In the prayer of confession we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful.
Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- P Great Creator, forgive me
C **when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.
Creator God, forgive me when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news,
but I do not listen to you.**
P Creator God, forgive me
C **when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.
Forgive me.**
P Create in me a heart like yours
C **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

- P Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year,
whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time,
whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice,
God listens to you.
God is merciful.
God is abounding in steadfast love.
There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving
you.
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
C **We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.
Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE PALMS: Luke 19:29-40

- P The holy gospel according to Luke
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "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. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now 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, ³⁸saying,

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

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

BLESSING OF PALMS

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

P Let us pray.
We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PROCESSION

L Ride On, King Jesus.
C **No one works like him.**

PROCESSIONAL: Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini, Taize Book #27

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF PEACE

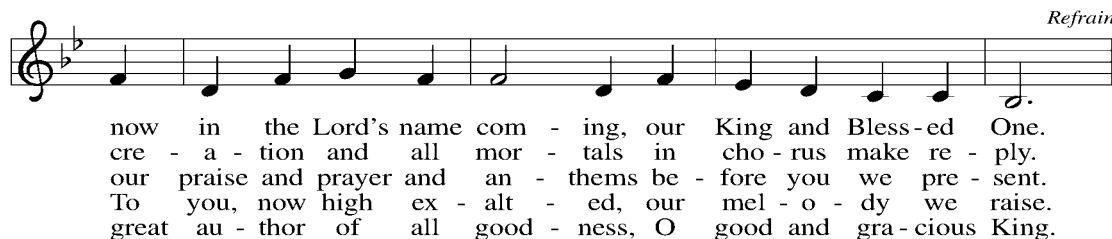
SONG

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty, Henrietta Atkin

OPENING HYMN

ELW #344

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

P Speaking God,

C Most days we are inundated with noise.

Some of it is good—

laughter, music, storytelling.

Some of it is hard—

arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes.

Every day we live between silence and shouting,

rotating through quiet and noise.

So in the midst of this messy middle,

help us to hear what is yours.

Help us to hear your song,

your story, your good news.

Help us to hear your voice,

your Spirit, your will.

And show us how to release the rest.

We are listening.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16 (read responsively)

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I[|] am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat[|] and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my[|] years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones[|] are consumed.**

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to[|] my
acquaintances; when they see me in the street[|] they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten,[|] out of mind;
I am as useless as a[|] broken pot.**

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is[|] all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to[|] take my life.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in[|] you, O LORD.
I have said, “You[|] are my God.**

¹⁵ My times are[|] in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who[|] persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine up-[|] on your servant;
save me in your[|] steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

ELW #346

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

**2 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.**

**3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4 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 pow'r and reign!**

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**C We believe that many years ago
a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.
We believe that on that day
the people cried out,
longing and praying for a better world.
We believe that these longings
came from a place of deep hope,
and we believe
that hope cannot be silenced.
So we listen for the Spirit.
We sing Hosanna.
We pay attention.
For in between the silence and the song,
we believe the Spirit is speaking.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for
The church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence. Each petition ends:

**P God, in your mercy,
C receive our prayer.**

- P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
- C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
we are an offering.



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OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
- C **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P It is indeed right, our duty...we praise you name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 TO COMMUNION - *all are invited. The bread is gluten free.*

LAMB OF GOD

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG O Sacred Head Sore Wounded, Henrietta Atkin

TABLE BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

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STATING OUR MISSION

P Resurrection, what is our mission?

C **Serving Our Neighbors by Sharing Our Blessings!**

BENEDICTION

P As you leave this place,

May you find God in every messy middle.

May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.

May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.

God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.

Believe that good news, and go in peace

C **Amen.**

Pastor: Darryl Thompson Powell

Director of Music: Henrietta Atkin

Oboist: Wayne Ryerson

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion
11:00 am	Receive and sort Costco donation

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, April 14

12:00 pm	Food Pantry & Clothing Closet
6:00 pm	Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 15

Wednesday, April 16

6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
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Thursday, April 17

7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
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Friday, April 18

1:00 pm	Good Friday Service
7:30 pm	Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19

7:30 pm	Easter Vigil
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Sunday, April 20

9:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion
11:00 am	Receive and Sort Costco donation

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Bible Study can be accessed via Zoom online (bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom) or by phone (312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 230 167 8868, Password: 9777). You can also watch without participating on YouTube (www.youtube.com/rlcfp).



The flowers today are to the glory of God.



For the month of April, the food pantry is in need of Ramen noodles. All donations are very much appreciated!



PRAY FOR MEMBERS: Shari J, Rita V, Judy H, Russ S, Sue S, Janet C, Lindsay, Valentina, Virginia S, June K and family, Janet G, and Donna T.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS: Mary Lou, Dean M, Sabrina, Lenny, Winnie Z, Rene V, Terry, Darlene M, Ronnie W, Anita, Joan P, Joyce F, Pastor Finney, Leena, Jacque, Diane L, Marilyn R, Ed V, Emily F, Curtis, Allen, Nancy, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Sophia, Marina, John B, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K, Lynn, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Elaine R, Linda B and Scott B.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Mike B.



Maundy Thursday April 17

7:30 pm

(in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Good Friday April 18

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm

(in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Easter Vigil Saturday April 19

7:30 pm (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Easter Sunday April 20

9:30 am (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

