

# Palm-Passion Sunday



“Through the Palms”

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## Community Worship Service

Newell Presbyterian – NuVision – Advent Lutheran

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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**Gathering Music**

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**Pastoral Welcome**

**Opening Meditation**

**Blessing of the Palms**

L: A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

*Mark 11:1-11*

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: Humble and riding on a donkey,

**C: We greet you.**

L: Acclaimed by crowds and praised by children,

**C: We cheer for you.**

L: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

**C: We salute you, Christ our Lord.**

L: You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity.

You are giving majesty a new face.

You are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing!

**C: With them, with heart and voice, we shout, "Hosanna!"**

**Procession of the Cross**

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**The Peace of Jerusalem**

L: The crowd is restless. Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May they prosper whose love is for you.

**C: Peace be within your walls and prosperity be in your palaces.**

L: For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "May God's peace be in you."

**C: Out of love for the house of the Lord, I will pray for its well-being forever.**

L: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## Song of the Day

“Sing, Hosanna, Sing”

Laura Torrence,  
Carol Riddell & Rob Beyersdorf

## The Greeting

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the Highest!**

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### “Jerusalem”

Carol Riddell and Laura Torrence, Vocalists  
Pastor James McLean and Pastor Ward, Narrators

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## CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

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## Holy Communion

L: Evening came, and the disciples gathered around their Master for the Passover feast. While they were eating, Jesus made a startling revelation, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me – one who is eating with me.” Each of them began to look at the other and then within their own hearts. The shadow of betrayal swept through the room. Were they capable of such a thing? Saddened, one by one, they questioned him, “Lord, is it I?” As Jesus broke the bread and poured the wine, the shadow of sacrifice weighed heavily upon his heart. He told them, “This is my body, broken for you. And this is my blood, spilled for your sins. Eat, drink, and remember.”

## The Words of Institution

### Lord’s Prayer (spoken)

C: **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.**

**Holy Week Call**

L: Now we lay down our palm branches.  
And with them, we lay down our belief  
that there is another way for you to be God.

The week stretches ahead full of shadows and pain.

Whether we walk with faith or none, we look towards the cross,  
knowing it is the most human and yet the most divine of all  
journeys.

So, travel the road with courage, with love, and with the uneasy  
peace that is the gift of faith into this most holy of weeks. Amen.

*(Worship service continues on Maundy Thursday, April 1 at  
6:30pm.)*