

Palm Sunday
The Sunday of the Passion
April 13, 2025 - 9am

Family Sunday

~The service begins on the lanai.~



London Ozawa, artist

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The Liturgy of the Palms and Procession

The Celebrant says

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

All **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After teaching the people with stories of Jerico, Jesus went to Jerusalem with his disciples. When they were near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of them into the village, saying, “go and find a donkey that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it to me. Don’t worry about anyone wanting to know what you’re doing. If they ask, just say, “The Lord needs it.”” And they brought the donkey to Jesus, set their cloaks on it, and Jesus sat on it. He rode through the crowds, who kept laying down their coats on the road for a path. The crowd praised God and sang with loud voices, “Blessed are you, the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.”

Some authorities in the crowd asked Jesus to tell his followers to stop the racket and the singing. Jesus said, “There’s no point. If they stop singing, the stones along the road would shout out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant offers the following prayer over the palms

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please join the Holy Nativity Choir

As the hymn, “All Glory Laud, and Honor” (Hymn #154) begins, members of the congregation make their way to the main door of the church. The procession will move up the center aisle; members of the congregation will split off to the right and to the left, moving down the side aisles toward the back of the church and then up the center aisle, turning into their places in the pews.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the words to this traditional Palm Sunday hymn as we process:

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Verse 1: Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name cometh, the King and blessed one. *Refrain*

Verse 2: The company of angels is praising Thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

Verse 3: The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain*

Verse 4: To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Verse 5: Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

The Officiant reads the following Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

God has gifted me the gift of teaching. I know how to catch people's attention with words. God wake me in the morning with lots to teach me. He opened my ears, and I let him. I understand that I shouldn't hit those who would hit me, and I have let people spit on me and insult me to my face. God helps me to be strong. I have not been humbled even when they try to humiliate me. God helps me to be confident that I can take it. If God is on my side, then I say, bring it on, enemies.

Reader Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Introduction to the Gospel

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

The Passion Gospel: Luke 22: 14-23:56

The several assigned readers will come forward and take their places in the front of the church.

Narrator: This is an adapted story about Jesus' last days, according to the Gospel of Luke. A wife, daughter, and two sons are at their house and are preparing for their Passover meal. The husband comes into the house with excitement.

Husband: My dear, listen, we must prepare the extra room. That rabbi from Galilee, Jesus, is coming to eat the Passover supper with his disciples. Two of them came to ask me if they could use our extra room, and I've told them they may. We must help them prepare for their Passover meal.

Wife: Even though this will be more work for us, I am excited, too! I have heard about this man, Jesus, and how many incredible things he's done. I heard from Aunty May that he healed her neighbor who was blind. The poor man had been blind from birth and after Jesus blessed him, he could see. How exciting that he and his followers want to use our room for their meal!

Son 1: I heard that he helped a man who was unable to walk get up and walk away. Just like that! I was out earlier when he and his disciples came into Jerusalem. There were so many people waiting for him because they had heard of all the miracles he had done. They were waving palm branches and singing his praises. It was so crowded you could barely see him. Everyone is so excited about what this might mean for us. He seems to be able to bring people together and inspire them.

Daughter: I was talking with my friend whose father is one of the high priests. She said that one of his disciples isn't sure about Jesus and what Jesus is teaching. Do you think he really did everything they say he's done? Is it all true? The priests are worried that he'll stir up a lot of trouble with some of the things he's been saying.

Wife: Well, Aunty May told me about what she saw and I believe her. She says Jesus isn't dangerous, but he is powerful. Let's see for ourselves tonight when they come and have their meal.

Narrator: Later that evening, Jesus comes to the family's extra room and takes his place with the twelve. The wife and daughter help to serve their meal. The father and son are eating their own meal when the wife and daughter come out of the extra room where Jesus and his disciples are eating.

Wife: You will never believe what happened! Jesus took bread and wine and told his followers that he is prepared to offer his life for them, just as calmly as he was offering them bread and wine. He told them that after he is killed they can remember him by sharing bread and wine with each other the same way. It was strange, Jesus says that he is going to be killed, but he's in that room just sitting with his disciples. He doesn't seem to be frightened or worried about it. I wonder why he isn't he taking better care to protect himself.

Husband: If he is who he says, he knows things we don't know. He must be trusting that God will help him no matter what.

Narrator: The next morning, the younger son comes in to where his mother and father are sitting eating their morning meal.

Son 2: I was out very late and you'll never believe what happened. They arrested the rabbi Jesus in the garden. They brought him to Caliph's house and all of his disciples ran away. I thought I saw one of them hanging around but when I asked him, he said he didn't know Jesus. It looks like Jesus is in big trouble.

Wife: I hope he will be safe. It sounds like the priests are worried about him because he's getting the people excited about change. They don't want him to get the people too excited or the Romans will have a hard time controlling them.

Husband: Yes, it's dangerous when a lot of people get ideas in their heads.

Narrator: Later that day, the daughter comes back from the market.

Daughter: Mother! Father! It's terrible! I was in the market and Pilate brought Jesus out along with that prisoner Barabbas. He asked the crowd to choose who to set free this festival-time, Jesus or Barabbas. The crowd chose Barabbas! My friend told me that last night the elders questioned Jesus and all he told them was that they would see "the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." He seems to know that he's going to die but he's not putting up a fight. Caiaphas accused Jesus of blasphemy! They want him to be put to death!

Wife: Oh my! That's terrible news. How can this be happening?

Daughter: Yes! You wouldn't believe it. The crowd was shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

Husband: I need to go out there to see what is going on!

Son 1: I want to come, too!

Son 2: Don't leave me behind, I'm coming!

Wife: Please be careful, all of you.

Narrator: Later in the evening, the husband and sons come home and tell their family what happened.

Husband: When we got out to the center of the city, we saw Jesus. They put a crown of thorns on his head and then called him King of the Jews. It was terrible, they were spitting on him and hitting him. Then they took him out to Golgotha, "the Place of a Skull" and crucified him alongside two bandits.

(ALL STAND IN THE CONGREGATION)

Son 1: They hung a sign over his head that said "King of the Jews." It's so hard to believe they could just take Jesus, the one who has been doing all these miracles, and crucify him out there at Golgotha, just like all the other criminals the Romans punish. I can't believe that God didn't save him.

Son 2: You know, the land became so dark, it was like a huge cloud covered the sun and there was no light. Then I heard Jesus call out for God to save him. I wonder why God didn't save him.

PAUSE

Son 1: (to Son 2) Did you feel the earth shake when Jesus died? And the Roman soldiers who were standing nearby started to shake from fear. I heard one say, "Truly this was God's Son."

Husband: Just as it was getting dark, a couple of men came to take away his body. I saw his poor mother following after them. She was so sad.

Wife: I can't even imagine how terrible this must be for her. She must have been so proud of him, and now this! I wonder how she will go on.

Daughter: I know, Mama, it's terrible and so sad.

Husband: What a sad day it is for the world. I think we are going to be talking about this day for a long time. I wonder what will become of all his disciples.

The Gospel ends with no concluding acclamation. A period of silence is observed.

The Prayers of the People: Written by members of our Sunday School.

*The congregation will please make the responses in **bold**.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, Bob, ministers and all who serve the church. Please bring peace, love, and understanding among all churches that we all may be one.

As we celebrate Jesus' coming, help us go deeper into the meaning of this season.

We pray for kindness and love in the world. Please help our leaders in making wise and just decisions.

Let the light of Christ guard and guide them.

We pray for the victims of wars in the middle east, in Ukraine, in Southern Africa, and in areas of conflict or trouble. Please help us provide clean water and good health care for all people throughout the world.

Pray for peace, love, and understanding.

We pray for the safety of those around us and especially remember first responders. We pray for our kūpuna, that they feel loved and respected. Please help us care for the 'āina of our islands

Let us be a light for others to care for each other and the earth.

We pray that everyone has a home and a family. Please help those facing injustice, fear, and oppression. We pray for the people on our parish Prayer List, and those whose names we offer aloud, now.

Please join us in offering the names of people you are praying for, one at a time; the Celebrant will be happy to call on you.

Help people who face challenges at work and at home.

May they be guided by the light of God.

Give to those who have died eternal rest and joy in their forever home, where there is no pain or grief.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We thank you for not just all blessings but also all the ways we come closer to you. *The priest adds a concluding collect.*

The Peace *All Stand, if able.*

The Celebrant says to the people.

`O ke aloha o ka Haku ka mea e mau loa aku me `oukou. *(The peace of the Lord be always with you!)*

The People respond.

A me `oe pū nō ho`i. *(And also with you!)*



Ava Ozawa, artist

The Offertory Statement Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
(*Ephesians 5:2*)

Offertory Music #9 “Christ Be Our Light”

Please join Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

The Hawaiian Doxology

Please rise in body or in spirit.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Book of Common Prayer p.361

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant says

Nā Makana a Ke Akua na ka Po'e o Ke Akua / The gifts of God for the people of the God.

*At the time of distribution, those who wish to receive should move forward to the altar rail in two lines, filling in from makai to mauka. You may kneel or stand to receive the sacrament. You are welcome to receive the bread (traditional or gluten-free) only **or** both the bread and the wine from the ministers who will come past you. If you wish to receive a blessing, place your hands across your heart as you approach.*

Communion Music

Offered by Dr. Cat

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements and the Lenten Prayer

The Reverend Jennifer Latham

Closing Music #30 “Lord of the Dance” (verses 1-4)

Please join Dr. Cat & the HN Singers

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Ava Ozawa, artist

Thank you for being with us today!

Ministry Team for Today's Service: thank you!

Clergy: The Reverends Libby Berman, Jennifer Latham, Robert Steele, and Bill Heran

Eucharistic minister: Lila Johnson

Readers: Dan & Zoe Muenzer, Ava & London Ozawa, Ethan Miyasaka, Eliana & Cassandra Dubinsky

Usher: Jack Tonaki **Intercessor:** Kathy Otani **Acolyte:** Nicholas Livingston

Technical team: Alex Pickens & Georgia St. Germain

Musicians: The Holy Nativity Church Choir & Dr. Cat & the Holy Nativity Singers

Music Director: Ina Young

Artwork: London & Ava Ozawa

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**Please join us for our *other* Holy Week services:**

**Maundy Thursday** April 17, 2025 at 7:00pm at  
Wesley United Methodist Church, 1350 Hunakai St. /Kahala

**Good Friday Children's Stations of the Cross** April 18, 2025 11:00 am in the Nave

**Good Friday Traditional Service** April 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Nave

**Easter Vigil Saturday** April 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm at The Cathedral of St. Andrew

**On Easter Sunday we encourage everyone in the congregation to bring cut flowers & greens  
to add to the decorated cross, to symbolize resurrection and new life.**

**EASTER SUNDAY**— April 20, 2025 at 9:00 am

*On Easter Sunday, after service, there will be potluck, treats for the children, and an Egg Hunt!*

*Please bring a basket for your child to use during the hunt.*

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Our Parish Prayer list: Lisa, Barbara, David, Luci, Sheri, Becky, Brian, Heather, Wayne, Todd, Tom, Ann, Sandee,
Doris, Linda, Esther, Antone, Betty, Bobby, Gregg, David, John, Eliane, Lorraine, Margot, Peggy Ann, Bill,
Madeleine, and Steven