



MARCH 24, 2024

Palm Sunday  
Triumphal Entry

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ABIDING LOVE**  
Service this morning will begin in our Activity Center before we progress as a church family to the Sanctuary for worship.

LITANY

PALM PROCESSION "Hosanna! Hosanna!"

SONG OF CELEBRATION "All Hail King Jesus"

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE READINGS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Word of God in Human Language"

THE GOSPEL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY "How Great Is Our God"

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC "King Of My Heart"

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION "Jesus Messiah"  
"Jesus Name Above All Names"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG "Turn Your Eyes"

MISSION AND PEACE "Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE "You Are My King"

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ABIDING LOVE!**  
May you know God's love as you sing, pray, proclaim, and serve.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COMMUNION AT ABIDING LOVE.**  
Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing may come forward and cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ZECHARIAH 9: 9-10, 16-17

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>16</sup> On that day the Lord their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. <sup>17</sup> For what goodness and beauty are his! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

PSALM 88: 1-6, 13-14

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chri - ste, Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*Kyrie eleison*

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

*Christe eleison*

<sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*Kriste eleison*

SECOND MACCABEES 10: 1-9

<sup>1</sup> Judas Maccabeus and his followers, under the leadership of the Lord, recaptured the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> They tore down the altars which foreigners had set up in the marketplace and destroyed the other places of worship that had been built. <sup>3</sup> They purified the Temple and built a new altar. Then, with new fire started by striking flint, they offered sacrifice for the first time in two years, burned incense, lighted the lamps, and set out the sacred loaves. <sup>4</sup> After they had done all this, they lay face down on the ground and prayed that the Lord would never

again let such disasters strike them. They begged him to be merciful when he punished them for future sins and not hand them over any more to barbaric, pagan Gentiles. <sup>5</sup> They rededicated the Temple on the twenty fifth day of the month of Kislev, the same day of the same month on which the Temple had been desecrated by the Gentiles. <sup>6</sup> The happy celebration lasted eight days, like the Festival of Shelters, and the people remembered how only a short time before, they had spent the Festival of Shelters wandering like wild animals in the mountains and living in caves. <sup>7</sup> But now, carrying green palm branches and sticks decorated with ivy, they paraded around, singing grateful praises to him who had brought about the purification of his own Temple. <sup>8</sup> Everyone agreed that the entire Jewish nation should celebrate this festival each year. <sup>9</sup> The days of Antiochus Epiphanes had come to an end.

MATTHEW 21: 1-17

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." <sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry <sup>16</sup> and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'" <sup>17</sup> He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO ABIDING LOVE!**  
It is one of our greatest joys to welcome new people into membership in our community. We are blessed to have guests and visitors growing closer in relationships and involvement in the life of the church. Membership in the congregation provides full participation in the leadership and missional direction of Abiding Love. If you would you like to become a member we would be happy to welcome you! We are currently inviting everyone interested in membership to contact Pr. Brad and to complete a Member Information form (ask an usher for a copy). A New Member gathering for interested people will follow.  
  
If you have any questions, contact Pr. Brad: [bhighum@abidinglove.org](mailto:bhighum@abidinglove.org) or 512-892-4040

## LITANY

On this day of palms and celebration; Jesus entered into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey,

**seeking to transform the people.**

We will welcome him into our lives,

**waving palm branches and praising him.**

On this day of palms and celebration; Jesus enters into our lives humbly,

**seeking to transform our hearts and lives.**

Let us worship Jesus Christ together,

**And receive him into our presence. Hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

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.

**Amen.**

Let us go in peace.

**We go in the name of Christ.**

## PALM PROCESSION

Hosannah, Hosannah, to the Son of David

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosannah, Hosannah, to the Son of David

Glory, glory be to God on high!

## MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Triumphal Entry — March 24, 2024

"All Hail King Jesus" — Dave Moody © 1981

"Kyrie Antiphon" — W.P. Sterneman III © 2022

"Word of God in Human Language" — Jane Parker Huber and John Zundel

"How Great Is Our God" — Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves © 2004

"King of My Heart" — Sarah McMillan and John Mark McMillan

"Now the Feast and Celebration" — Marty Haugen © 1990

"Jesus Messiah" — Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Chris Tomlin, and Jesse Reeves © 2008

"Jesus Name Above All Names" — Naida Hearn © 1974

"Turn Your Eyes" — Helen H. Lemmel, George Romanacce, Nic Trout, and Kevin Winebarger © 2018

"Go Now in Peace" — Don Besig & Nancy Price © 1988

"You Are My King" — Billy James Foote

## ABIDING LOVE CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday  
8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion with Mixed Blessings  
9:45 am Faith Formation  
9:45 am Confirmation (HS)  
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion with Mixed Blessings  
12:00 pm Palm Sunday Lunch (AC)  
2:45 pm Brownie Troop 78737 (C)  
5:30 pm NYG Getting Ready Mtg (HS)

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

11:00 am ALLC Food Pantry  
2:00 pm Staff Special Mtg (C)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
5:00 pm Bread for All FP  
7:00 pm AA (HS Room)  
7:00 pm Troop 555 (AC)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

10:30 am Tuesday Bible Study (C)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
5:00 pm LuMin Tailgate Tuesday  
7:00 pm Alanon (C)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

10:00 am Hannah Bible Study (C)  
10:00 am LLI Estate Planning Class (AC)  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)  
1:00 pm Sew Bees (UC/MS)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:00 pm Music Rehearsals  
6:15 pm Children's Choir  
7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal (MR & L)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

10:00 am Chapel (S)  
10:00 am Cap. S. Conf. Ret, Rost (C)  
1:00 pm LLI Weather + Climate (AC)  
3:30 pm CC After School (L)  
6:00 pm Alanon (L)  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Youth Worship Service (S)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

CC Closed  
7:00 pm Tenebrae Service (S)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Sunday  
8:30 am Worship w/ Holy Communion  
9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Activity  
11:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion

For questions about the calendar, please visit our website: [www.abidinglove.org](http://www.abidinglove.org) or email: [rroberts@abidinglove.org](mailto:rroberts@abidinglove.org)

## SERVING MARCH 24, 2024

**Preaching and Presiding**  
Rev. Brad Highum

**Acolyte**  
(8:30) Delaney Matejowsky  
(11:00) Isaac Schroeder

**Altar Guild**  
(8:30) Tricia Slovacek  
(11:00) Denise Alaimo, Bill & Nan Hatcher

**Assisting Minister**  
(8:30) Lacye Matejowsky  
(11:00) Steve Bryant

**Children's Message**  
Tyler Parks

**Communion Assistant**  
(8:30) Paul Mettke  
(11:00) Irene Chiang

**Lector**  
(8:30) Joyce Flachmeier  
(11:00) Bill Hatcher

**Music**  
Gus Sterneman  
Mixed Blessings

**Ushers**  
(8:30) Beverly & Randy Sones  
(11:00) John Berkland & Kurt Armstrong

**Tech**  
Zee Zepeda  
George Glaser  
Jan Haas



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## ABIDING LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### MARCH 24, 2024

### PALM SUNDAY



## Triumphal Entry

The arrival of Jesus and his followers for the Passover celebration evokes a tumultuous response from the people of Jerusalem. The very nature of his entry into the city evokes heroic images and stories from their past. This prophet from Nazareth has them mindful of the promise of freedom central to their covenant with God. What brings hope to the people inevitably challenges and threatens imperial authority. But it is for this that Jesus has come: to proclaim God's truth and God's sovereignty at the center of power. He will fulfill this divine calling, regardless of consequence.

Jesus' "triumphal entry" stands in stark contrast to the aristocratic processions of the Jewish elites and the Roman imperium. As we join the festal palm procession, we make our way with Jesus and his followers into Jerusalem and into the celebrations of Holy Week as Jesus leads us to the cross and beyond.

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