

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 27, 2022



GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

This is the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Following the Call to Worship, we process into the CLC singing...

Jesus Christ is our king, give him glory!
 Jesus Christ is our king, give him praise!
 Jesus Christ is our king, give him glory!
 Give him glory on this day of days!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!
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OPENING PRAYER | STANDING

Holy God,
 in you, we confront the mystery of mercy.
 As we face the cross on which Christ gave himself,
 we witness your willingness to die for us so that we might find new life.
 As the Spirit speaks to us through this story of your amazing love,
 spilled out in the blood of Christ,
 our hearts are moved to praise you.
 Words alone cannot express our awe,
 the grief and gratitude stirring within us,
 for all you have given us,
 and for all you will give us through such unspeakable love.
 We fall silent in wonder and praise, Holy God.

Silence

E - ter - nal One, the source of mer - cy,
 Je - sus Christ, be - lov - ed Son,

Ho - ly Spir - - it, gen - tle whis - per:
Praise to you, the Three - in - One!

LISTENING

THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Isaac Lewis

CHORAL ANTHEM

Hosanna to the King

THE LAST SUPPER

Charlie and Dylan Sears

CELLO MEDITATION

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul!

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Maggie Schutz

SOLO

His Tears Were Mine

THE ARREST AND TRIAL

Sam Beukenkamp

SOLO

He Is There

THE SENTENCE

Elizabeth Laabs

SOLO

There Is A Green Hill Far Away

THE CRUCIFIXION

Charlie Reis

SOLO

Look On Him and Live

THE BURIAL

Alexandra Van Vlack

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Only Road to Easter Morning

The only road to Easter morning is in the shadow of the cross.
The lonely road to Easter morning is paved with misery and loss.
The only road to resurrection will pass a hill called Calvary.
The lonely road to resurrection is dark as any road can be.
The only road to Alleluia is through a cry of grief and pain.
The lonely road to Alleluia is through the sound of death's refrain.
The only road to Easter morning is through an empty upper room.
The lonely road to Easter morning comes to an end before a tomb.

RESPONDING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the foolish cross,
tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,
we confess that you are not the Savior we expect.
Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to demonstrate.
Your wisdom makes little sense to us.
We confess that we are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,
but not so sure we want to follow you into the upper room,
into the garden of Gethsemane,
and to the foot of the cross.

Forgive our false assumptions.

Clarify our clouded vision.

Silence is kept for personal reflection.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN OF RESPONSE | STANDING

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the

2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and

4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I

death of Christ my God; all the vain things that

love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and

pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.

charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.

sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?

so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

How can we do anything but love you, Holy God?

For in wondrous love you cast stars into space,
and in humble obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails.

Holy God, your beloved child humbled himself, even to death,
to show us the power of loving service.

Guide those who hold positions of power,
that their decisions may contribute to the flourishing of the world you so love.
Lord, in your mercy...

hear our prayer.

Healing God, your beloved child is betrayed and crucified
in our violent world each day.

Inspire us to be agents of change,
that all victims of violence, persecution, or terror may live in peace.
Lord, in your mercy...

hear our prayer.

Grieving God, your beloved child consoled others in life and in death.

Comfort those who are distressed, broken, or sorrowful,
that they may be healed and raised to new life in you,
especially Lois Klimstra, Joan Farrell, Mary Anne Delva, Aggie McIntyre, Jim Steiner,
Andrew Da Miano, Gary Eastman, Tom Flatland, Carol Hunter, Wyatt,
Kathy and Bill McNair, Andrew Wheeler, Mary Wright, Nicole Pilnard,
Mary Torgerson, Wendy Gessing, Lee Butler, and Judy and Bernie McKee.

We pray also for those who mourn,
especially the Rolighed family and the family of Gary Eastman.
We pray also for all who have requested our prayers,
especially the Kim family and Bahara Rahman.
Lord, in your mercy...

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, fill the earth with your justice and peace,
until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess
that you are the joy of their desiring,
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
and in the name of Jesus Christ,
who taught us to pray saying...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

WE ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

Psalm 22

The sanctuary is stripped of most of its normal furnishings and decoration. The starkness helps us to recall that during this Holy Week Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone.



All who see me scoff; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their head:
“He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him,
if he loves him.” (refrain)

Indeed many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers close upon me;
They have pierced my hands and feet, I can number all my bones. (refrain)

They divide my garments among them, for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to my aid. (refrain)

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; amidst the assembly I will praise you:
“You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob,
give glory to him.” (refrain)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

As darkness descends,
may we ever look for the light.
As Holy Week begins,
may we ever look for the resurrection.
Go in quiet contemplation.
Go in quiet hope.
Go in the love of God.

We leave quietly today as we enter into this most Holy Week with Christ.

HOLY WEEK

April 10-17



PALM SUNDAY **APRIL 10 @ 10AM**

- Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry with a procession and palms for everyone!
- WPC youth and musicians present the story of the last days of Jesus.

MAUNDY THURSDAY **APRIL 14 @ 6PM**

- Commemorate the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples.
- Soup Supper @ 6pm.
- Worship with Holy Communion @ 7pm in the sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY **APRIL 15 @ 12PM**

- Observe the day of Jesus' crucifixion with organ meditations and a simple prayer service in the sanctuary @ 12 noon.

EASTER SUNDAY **APRIL 17 @ 10AM**

- Rejoice in the resurrection with a festival worship service @ 10am in the CLC.
- Easter reception and Easter egg hunt following worship.
- Children remain in worship with their families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up at winnpres.org to receive our weekly email for all the latest WPC news.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER

THIS THURSDAY, April 14 @ 6pm
Join us on Maundy Thursday for an all-church soup supper. We will observe the evening of Jesus' last supper by gathering together in the atrium for a simple soup supper at 6pm, followed by a Holy Communion service in the sanctuary at 7pm. To RSVP and to sign-up here to bring food, just go to winnpres.org. There is a sign-up link on our home page.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

THIS FRIDAY, April 15 @ Noon
We will observe Good Friday this year with a simple worship service at noon in the sanctuary. Scripture readings and beautiful organ meditations will help us reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus.

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY LAST CLASS TODAY

Sundays, @ 11:10am (Conference Room B)

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Today is the last day for Easter flower donations. To give online, click the "Give Online" button on the website. To donate with a check, please put "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

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Worship @ 7pm (Sanctuary)

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EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 17)

Festival Worship @ 10am (CLC)

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Zoom links can be found in your weekly email or at winnpres.org.

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy
Greeters: Andy and Susan Langan
Worship Assistants: Nancy Holly,
Leigh, Charlie, and Dylan Sears
Lectors: Charlie and Dylan Sears,
Maggie Schutz, Sam Beukankamp,
Elizabeth Laabs, Charlie Reis,
Alexandra Van Vlack
Prayer Leader: Ryan Reis
Musicians: Annie Liu, Warren Oja,
Bryan Wlas, Daniel Rausch,
Elizabeth Vaughan, Laura Bumgardner
Sound: Stephen Gloyd

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In honor _____

In thanksgiving _____

Given by _____

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