



Sunday, April 13, 2025

**Palm Sunday**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**101 - 6th Ave. NW**

**Kasson, MN**

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**Brian Rohr - Music**

**April 13, 2025**

**Pastor Loren Olson**

**10:00 AM**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**We Approach God**

Announcements

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

**P: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!**

L: We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

**P: Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!**

L: We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

**P: Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!**

L: The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

**P: Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!**

**\*Hymn No. 196**

*"All Glory Laud and Honor"*

**PRAYER FOR PALM/PASSION SUNDAY:**

L: God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

**P: From hope to despair to hope again.**

L: As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd,

**P: help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.**

L: As the story unfolds,

**P: open us to both the hope and the pain.**

L: In this time of worship,

**P: prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.**

*Silent confession.*

**We are Inspired by God**

**Hymn No. 188**

**"Jesus Loves Me!"**

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Children's Time**

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading:

**Psalm 118:19-29**

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

L: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen*

Scripture Readings:

Philippians 2:5-11

Pg 240-241 NT

Luke 19:28-40

Pg 101 NT

Sermon:

"Preacher, Prophet, King?"

Pastor Loren Olson

**\*Hymn No. 197**

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

**We Respond to God.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles Creed (in Unison)**

**I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Call for Offering: *Anything \$20 or less is counted for our loose offering and goes toward supporting local and international church mission.*

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology No. 606**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 223** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Dismissal No. Hymn 542**

*"God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherds care enfold you, God be with you till we meet again."*

**\*Postlude**

**WELCOME VISITORS.**

Thank you for coming to worship with us.

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**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU,  
A LOVED ONE, OR A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS.  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Please keep them in our prayers for: Elaine Gransee, Ruth Allen, Joyce Olson, Dick Wolff and Dick Hewitt for strength and healing.

\*April 15th - Session Meeting at 5:30 PM

**Tax Day (Taxes Due)**

\*April 17th - Maundy Thursday - Deacons Dinner @ 5:30 PM  
Communion following Dinner

\*April 18th - Good Friday

\*April 20th - Easter Sunday - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Service @ 8:00 AM

Nate's Easter Breakfast following service  
Easter Egg Hunt following breakfast

\*April 22nd - Earth Day

\*April 25th - Arbor Day