



Sunday of the Palms and Christ's Passion

April 13, 2025

New Hope Lutheran Church 3125 5th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT
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GATHERING

Gathering Music: *The Palms*

Jean Baptiste Faure/ arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Festal Fanfare*

David Paxton

(the congregation stands)

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

C: Hosanna in the highest!

P: Processional Gospel is according to Luke 19:28-40 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn: Surely God Is My Salvation

ACS #926

1. Sure-ly God is my salvation, I... will trust and shall not fear.

God... the Lord is strong and mighty, my sal-va-tion true.

Refrain: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O daughter Zi-on!

Great... in your midst... is the Lord, the Holy One!

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O daughter Zi-on!

Great... in your midst... is the Lord, the Holy One!

2. Thus... with... joy you shall draw water from... sal-va-tion's wells and springs.

Sing... your... thanks to God Almighty for these won-drous deeds. (refrain)

3. Tell... the nations of God's glory, make... this known in all the earth.

Praise... the Lord, the God of Israel, call up-on... God's name. (refrain)

L: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savion, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

L: We pray together... **C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(the congregation is seated)*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Baptized today is Libby Loney

ELW p. 227

(as the baptismal party return to their seats, children may come forward for the children's time)

WORD

L: The Gospel for the Sunday of Palms and Christ's Passion is according to Luke, chapters 22 & 23 (CEV) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover with the Disciples

Pastor Tammy

Children's Message (Spark Story Bible p. 462-467)

Hymn: Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (v. 2 & 4 only) ACS #966

2. Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

Refrain: By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

4. By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. (ref)

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane/Jesus is Arrested (Luke 22:39-53)

Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane ELW #347 (v. 1 & 2)

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2. Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Peter Denies Jesus/Jesus is Questioned (Luke 22:54 – 23:12)

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW #349 (v. 1 & 2)

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

The Death Sentence (Luke 23:13-25)

Hymn: Lamb of God

ELW #336 (v. 1 & 2)

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.
Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
2. Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (refrain)

Jesus is Crucified and Dies (Luke 23:26-49)

L: The gospel of our Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus *(please rise in body/spirit)*

ELW #338

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no fain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: *(At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, by joining with other Christians in our community to bear witness to God's radical love and mercy. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers for this work! If you are our guest today – either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)*

Offertory: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Johann Crüger/ arr. David Lasky

Offering Response: Spirit, Open My Heart (refrain only)

ACS #1043

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn during Communion: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW #488

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never; Dwell within my heart forever."
3. Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.
4. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

L: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, comfort you, and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Hymn: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

ELW #337

1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
2. Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.
5. But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

German melody/ arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Victoria Bull

Acolyte:

Reader: Becky Timmons

Communion Asst: Vicki Evans

Fellowship:

Altar Care: Vicki Morgan & Victoria Bull



ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of April 13:

- TODAY: Exec. Team meets following worship
GF Community Band Concert – 3 pm in the sanctuary
- Tues. 4/15: Church Council meets at 7 pm in the Library
- Thu. 4/17: R.O.M.E.O. men’s lunch group – 11:30 am in the Fireside Room
Maundy Thursday/Good Friday combined worship – 7 pm
- Fri. 4/18: Good Friday Vigil of readings, prayers, music, and silence from
Noon to 3 pm in the sanctuary.
- Sun. 4/20: Resurrection of Our Lord – festival worship at 10 am

Keeping in Prayer... Steve & family; Pat; Bruce & family; Larry; Jeff & family; Tommi; Pam; Christina; Mari; Beth; Connor; Kameron & family; Carol; Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; Sumner; Dee; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

April Special Offering: Great Falls Children’s Receiving Home

32nd St. from 5th Ave. S. to Central Ave. will remain closed through April 30.

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