



**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025

INSPIRING TRANSFORMATIVE FAITH
RELEVANT WORSHIP • COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY • EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

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Holy Week and Easter 2025

Holy Week begins today on Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna!" Holy Week helps us remember the events leading up to Jesus' death, even as we anticipate his resurrection.

Maundy Thursday, April 17: At 5:30 p.m., families are invited to the playground for a light dinner and worship service designed specifically for young children to experience the Last Supper. All are welcome to join us at 7:00 p.m. in the courtyard for a simple meal and worship with communion as we remember the commandment Jesus gave his disciples.

Good Friday, April 18: At Noon, we'll have a brief prayer service to hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion and pray together. The Sanctuary will remain open until 6 p.m. for you to come and be in the silence. Join us for a Service of the Shadows in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. with the Chancel Choir. We'll hear the passion narrative from John's gospel with anthems and hymns.

Easter Sunday, April 20: Join us for worship at 9 a.m. outdoors or at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we proclaim the resurrection of Jesus with "Alleluia!" All are invited to the courtyard at 10 a.m. to help us put flowers on the cross, take pictures, and enjoy a light brunch!

Save the Date: Church Picnic, May 18

Following one worship service at 10 a.m., we'll celebrate our community with a picnic for all!

You Are Not Anonymous Here!

God knows you by name and we want to, too. We encourage you to wear your nametag, found on the kiosk in the narthex, or fill out a temporary nametag at the welcome table behind the sanctuary. If you need a new nametag, please contact us at office@northridgepc.org.

Kids Belong in Worship Too

We believe children are an integral part of our community and they belong in worship with us. Worship bags with interactive children's bulletins and other materials to help children stay engaged during worship are available in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. For children younger than 1st grade, the nursery is open and staffed with caregivers until worship ends. Children also serve as Lay Readers and our children's choir sings in worship from time to time.

Worship Livestream

Our worship service extends beyond the walls of the Sanctuary in the form of video recording and livestreaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast. You can revisit the livestream of this service on our YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/NorthridgePresbyterian. You can also view or listen to archived sermons via YouTube or Spotify.

Join Us

At Northridge, we believe the church is a gift everyone deserves to enjoy; a community of people committed to doing life together, following in the footsteps of Jesus. If you think Northridge may be the community for you, please reach out to Rev. Rebecca Sicks at rebeccas@northridgepc.org.



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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

✦ *an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

Chiming the Hour

Introit

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Cathy Townley

*Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Hosanna! Hosanna! All the people sang their praise to him. Hosanna! Hosanna!
Came to town on a donkey's back; Hosanna! Hosanna! seemed so lowly but he's Lord in fact. Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna! Hear the people say Hosanna! Save us all today. Hosanna! It's a faithful song. Hosanna! Sing it all night long.*

Welcome

✦ Call to Worship

Humble and riding on a donkey,

we greet you.

Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

we cheer you.

Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

we salute you, Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity;

you are giving majesty a new face;

you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

With them, with heart and voice, we shout, "Hosanna!"

✦ Gathering Hymn #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession

Saving God,

in Jesus, you came to show us your way of love, truth, life, and grace.

To our hearts and minds, your way sounds wonderful,

and so, we are quick to pledge our devotion

and shout, "Hosanna!" with joy and delight.

But when we realize that following you is costly

and we have to give up our way in order to follow your way, we start to back away.

We confess we don't like to give up control and we don't like controversy.

We don't like giving up comforts for the sake of justice and peace.

Honestly, we don't like following you

when the way becomes unclear, challenging, and hard.

(silence for personal confession)

Forgive us, O God, for our half-hearted efforts and our fickle ways.
**Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith,
so that we might become whole people
who live wholly into your vision of new life.**
**In the name of Christ, who lived into the fullness of humanity,
and whom we follow. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

✦ Passing the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

✦ Kyrie

WAYFARING STRANGER

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 19:28-40

N.T. p.78

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Speaking of Faith: Hosanna!

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Affirmation of Faith

from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death, the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness, Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

✦ Affirmation Response

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

Glory to God, #160, v.2

**This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by;
the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull, and dumb,
and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.**

The Prayers of the People 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 to Give

Offerings of cash or checks may be left in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.
To make an offering via text, send NPC6920 to 73256 and follow the link to the giving page.
Please enter the desired fund where your gift will be recorded.
To make a gift toward your pledge, choose "Stewardship 2025."

Offertory

Sanctus from Missa Solennelle

Louis Vierne

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
(Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.)*

✦ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
one holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

✦ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✦ Sending Hymn #200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

CHRISTIAN LOVE

✦ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;
help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks, Parish Associate for Community

Brent Christopher, Lay Reader

Dr. Bryan Scott Page, Director of Music

Maria Markevitch, Organist

Children's Choir

Chancel Choir

SERVICE MUSIC

✠ Kyrie

You are the Lord, giv-er-of mer-cy! You are the Christ,
giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Lord, giv-er-of mer-cy!

✠ Affirmation Response

This child through Da-vid's ci - ty shall ride in tri-umph by; the palm shall strew its
branch-es, and ev-ery stone shall cry. And ev-ery stone shall cry, though
heav - y, dull, and dumb, and lie with-in the road-way to pave his king-dom come.

✠ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; one
ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.

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