

# PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

## SEVEN LAST WORDS

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia

April 13, 2025 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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☐ = Pastor    ☒ = Lector [reader]    ☑ = Congregation    *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*  
↑ Please stand as you are able.

*The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.  
Please be respectful of the worshippers around you who are using this time for that purpose.*

### PRELUDE

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship is a special musical presentation of the **Seven Last Words** which is a set of texts that have their origins in the bible and are often referenced in liturgical services during Holy Week. Musical settings exist as far back as the sixteenth century, with notable versions by Haydn, and later by Gounod, Franck and Dubois. **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ANY APPLAUSE, EVEN AT THE END OF THE SERVICE.** It would, however, be appropriate for you to express your appreciation directly in person to the singers and players. It is our hope that this offering will prepare your hearts and minds for Holy Week and the grand Easter Celebration!*

### WELCOME

#### ↑ THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

☐ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

☑ **Hosanna in the highest.**

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray. 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.**

*Wave your palm branches with great enthusiasm as you sing the **refrains** of the hymn.*

↑ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*ELW Hymn 344*

**Refrain-All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. Refrain**

**3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. Refrain**

**5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. Refrain**

Text: Theodolph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Text in the public domain.

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.  
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.**

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MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

## THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:26-28, 32-34

<sup>26</sup>As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

### I. FATHER, FORGIVE THEM-CHORUS

## THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### II. TODAY, YOU WILL BE WITH ME-CHORUS

## THE THIRD WORD

John 19:25b-27

<sup>25b</sup>Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### III. BEHOLD YOUR SON-SOPRANO SOLO

## THE FOURTH WORD

John 19:28; Matthew 27:39-40; Mark 15:32; Luke 23:36-37

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

<sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

<sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

### IV. I THIRST-TENOR SOLO & CHORUS

## THE FIFTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-46

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

### V. MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?-CHORUS

## THE SIXTH WORD

Luke 23:46

<sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

### VI. INTO YOUR HANDS I SURRENDER MY SOUL-CHORUS

## THE SEVENTH WORD

John 19:30; Luke 23:44-45; Matthew 27:51-52, 54

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed;

<sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>54</sup>Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

## VII. IT IS FINISHED-TENOR SOLO & CHORUS

### *SILENCE FOR REFLECTION*

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### ↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- ☑ **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### ↑ BENEDICTION

- ☐ God our tender parent, God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

#### ↑ SENDING HYMN: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

*ELW Hymn 347, sts. 1-3*

- 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, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**
- 3 **Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854      Text is in the public domain.

↑ SENDING      *We depart in silence this day as we enter into Holy Week.*

↑ POSTLUDE      *The postlude is withheld until Easter Sunday.*

## UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:30 pm  
Joint service with First Presbyterian Peachtree City

Good Friday, April 18, 6:30 pm  
Tenebrae Service

Easter Saturday, April 19-Palmetto Road Property  
Egg-stravaganza, 5:30 pm  
Easter Vigil, 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 20  
Traditional-8:30 & 11:00 with all music ensembles and choir in the sanctuary.  
Contemporary-9:45 with praise band in the fellowship hall.

*Altar Guild: Carol Talbott*

*Lector: (8:30) Brenda Nuscher (11:00) Patrick Bauer*

*Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore*

*(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Tom Smith, Brad Milburn*

*Ushers: (8:30) Jim Basinger, John Musil, Buddy Troy (11:00) Ethan Miller, Paul Talbott*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

Today we joyfully dedicate the financial gifts we offer to the Lord and the Lord's agenda, gifts either already given online, or before or after the service in the offering box. Likewise, we prayerfully consider the ways we offer ourselves to God's kingdom throughout the whole week.



## MUSICIANS

*Maria Schatz, soprano James C. Hagberg, tenor*

*Cheryl Dietmeyer, piano*

## SANCTUARY CHOIR

*Soprano: Sue Byers, Carolyn Callison, Marty Hagberg, Sue Hamre-Smith, April Peterson, Nancy Shepack*

*Alto: Jessica Felker, Minka Fulton, Cinda King, Madelyn Lee, Judy Owen, Sue Summers, Kathy Zimmerman*

*Tenor: David Beecher, James Hagberg, Kathie Manes, Dewey Patrick, Michelle Reynolds*

*Bass: Dave Byers, Karl Dietmeyer, Richard King*

## CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

*Flute: Rita DeNell*

*Horn: Mike Wells*

*Oboe: Erin Olson*

*Violin 1: Misun Graeser, Muriel Chan*

*Violin 2: Carly Rider, Bronwen Feagins*

*Viola: Annie Collins, Zoura Chan*

*Cello: Drake Ford, Vin Oh*

*Bass: Chris Johns*



