

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

SEVEN LAST WORDS

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

March 29, 2026 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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☐ = Pastor ☑ = Lector [reader] ☒ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

*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 11:00 *Hope In God, Ron Mallory*

Peace Ringers

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Mitchell Eithun

*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** until the **END** of the service. You are also encouraged 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

Please stand as you are able and face the rear of the sanctuary.

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: Theodulph 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.**

Please be seated.

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.

SEVEN LAST WORDS

MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:26-28, 32-34

²⁶As 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. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When 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. ³⁴Then 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

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

^{25b}Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then 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

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

³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and 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."

³²Let 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.

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

IV. I THIRST-TENOR SOLO & CHORUS

THE FIFTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And 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

⁴⁶Then 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

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

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

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵⁴Now 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 suffering, 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 *There is no dismissal today as the events of today continue through Holy Week
and conclude with the grand Easter celebration.*

—This is the appropriate time to acknowledge the musicians—

POSTLUDE *The postlude is withheld until Easter Sunday.*

—UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES—

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm
Joint service hosted AT First Presbyterian Church, Peachtree City

Good Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm
Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 5
Traditional-8:30 & 11:00 with brass ensemble and choir in the sanctuary.
Contemporary-9:45 with praise band in the fellowship hall.

Altar Guild: Judy Owen

Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Chris Griti

(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Joni Seipert, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30) John Musil, Jim Basinger, John Miller, Stephen Gundersen

(11:00) Paul Talbott, Ethan Miller, Mike & Pat Oliver

MUSICIANS

Casie Groover, soprano James C. Hagberg, tenor

Cheryl Dietmeyer, piano

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Soprano: Sue Byers, Carolyn Callison, Marty Hagberg, Etsuko Kamitis, April Peterson, Delee Rehak

Alto: Lizzie Cunningham, Jessica Felker, Minka Fulton, Cinda King, Madelyn Lee, Judy Owen, Carolyn West,

Tenor: David Beecher, James Hagberg, Kathie Manes, Dewey Patrick

Bass: James Callison, Dave Byers, Karl Dietmeyer, Richard King, Tom Rehak

CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Flute: Rita DeNell

Horn: Mike Wells

Oboe: Erin Olson

Violin 1: Misun Graeser, Lauren Chan

Violin 2: Carly Rider

Viola: Annie Collins, Zoura Chan, Livie Rafter

Cello: Drake Ford, Vin Oh, Marlee Rafter

Bass: Chris Johns

