



*"Hosanna
IN THE highest heaven!"*

MATTHEW 21:9, NIV

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Worship Plan for Sunday, April 9, 2017

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

PREPARE FOR PROCESSION

If you would like to participate in the procession, please find a place to sit, take a hymnal and your bulletin, and gather in the narthex for the gospel and blessing of palms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCLAMATION

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and

he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.

C: Amen.

PROCESSION HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ELW 344

PROCESSIONAL RESPONSE

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: 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.

C: Amen.

CHOIR *Come, Sing Hosanna!*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me,
who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

A: ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

C: ¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are
consumed.**

A: ¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to | my acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they
avoid me.

C: ¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot. R**

A: ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

C: ¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, “You | are my God.**

A: ¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who |
persecute me.

C: ¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.” R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL : Matthew 26:14--27:66

Insert

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Ah, Holy Jesus*

ELW 349

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Redeeming God, your church proclaims your gospel of truth and courage. Gather your children together to share in the promise of Christ.

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: ...Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 186

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving
and the offering of our lives,
that following in the way of the cross,
we may know the joy of the resurrection;
through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW 335

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ☩ peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Christ, the Life of All the Living* ELW 339

DISMISSAL

A: Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Vicki Schuh **Lector** ~ Arvid Mathison

Acolytes ~ Isaiah Long & Karly Lewellin

Greeters ~ Joy Graffin

Ushers ~ Curt & Linda Hanson, Ron & Nancy Knapwust

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Steadfast Circle

Communion Assistants ~ Don Hoehn & Carolyn Lien

Musician ~ Judy Rusch

Choir Director ~ Vicki Schuh **Trombone** ~ Steve Lehr

Offering Counters ~ Brenda Schroeder & Leila Carl

Nursery ~ Sonja & Jenna Christensen

Audio Ministry ~ Karen Hayes **Church Lock-up** ~ Arvid Mathison

Coffee Hour ~ Palm Sunday Brunch

~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. **If you wish a person to remain on the prayer list longer than 3 weeks please make note weekly on your prayer card or contact the church office.** Thank you. *Denotes new/changed request.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of Lindsay Stolen.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-Christy Anderson

-Arlen Lund

-Kristina Trizan

-Alma Houfe

-Lyle Walheim

-Donna Rahn

-Brian Carlson

-Braxden Carlson

-June Lehr

-The grieving family of Myron Fosdal.

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For global refugee crisis.

-For the peace among all the nations of the world.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty: Matt Kaare. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty that is not included in these prayers so they can be added.)

~Announcements~

Good Friday Cambridge Community Cross Walk Worship Service
 Please join the Cambridge community churches on Good Friday at 12 noon, for the Community Cross Walk Worship Service. We will begin at the Main Street side of Veterans' Park, and continue to four other stations to hear the story of Jesus' passion. This is always a beautiful and meaningful service, and this is how EKLC remembers Holy Friday. If you are not able to come to this service and would like to worship somewhere for Good Friday, please find a church nearby for a worship service. Pastor Brenda would be happy to help you find a place to worship as well.

Are you a Thrivent member? Don't forget about Thrivent Action Teams! Contact your Thrivent Representative about using your Thrivent Action Team dollars.

Bible Study on Galatians continues. We will not meet for study April 12th & 19th. **Bible Study will resume April 26 at 10am** (note the time change). All are welcome!!

40 Days of Giving is a Lenten mission where we will collect monetary gifts and non perishable food for five local food pantries: Cambridge, Deerfield, Edgerton, Fort Atkinson & Stoughton. We collect donations now thru Easter Sunday, April 16th. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please make checks out to EKLC. To assist the offering counters please put your name on the envelope.

Attendance Report:

Sunday

April 2, 2017 : 104
March 26, 2017: 79
March 19, 2017: 84
March 12, 2017: 84

Wednesday

Noon ~ April 5, 2017: 14
7:00pm ~ April 5, 2017: 25
Noon ~ March 29, 2017: 11
7:00pm ~ March 29, 2017: 24

Weekly Offerings Report			Weekly Offerings Report		
3/22/17 & 3/26/17 Offerings	March Goal to meet Budget	March Offerings-to-Date	3/29/17 Offerings	March Goal to meet Budget	March Offerings
\$ 2,019.30	\$ 20,874.37	\$ 14,179.64	\$ 20.00	\$ 20,874.37	\$ 14,199.64

Weekly Offerings Report		
4/2/17 Offerings	April Goal to meet Budget	April Offerings-to-Date
\$ 3,831.25	\$ 22,588.42	\$ 3,831.25

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday

- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship
- 10:00am Palm Sunday Brunch
- 10:30am Stewardship Meeting
- EKL Youth event “Escape Room” (following brunch)

Monday, April 10, 2017

Pastor’s day off

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

- 8:30am Staff Meeting
- 9:00am Peace Circle meets at Bea Householders
- 9:30am Prayers for Our People
- 10am-12pm Pastor’s Office Hours
- 2pm-4pm Pastor’s Office Hours

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting
- 7:30pm Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 13, 2017 Maundy Thursday

- 9:00am Pastor’s Text Study
- 10:30am Pastor’s Meeting at EKLC
- 6:30pm Choir Practice
- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 14, 2017 Good Friday

- 12:00pm Cambridge Community Cross Walk

Sunday, April 16, 2017 Easter

- 6:30am Sunrise Worship at Upper Church
- 8:00am Choir Practice
- 9:00am Worship

~Welcome Visitors!~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front of the ELW cranberry hymnal), and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.



We are Christians because of the events of what we now call Holy Week. Jesus experienced highs and lows, the betrayal and judgment, death, and the power of God to resurrect him to new life. There is power for us in realizing our lives mirror those realities. The more we engage in the services of Holy Week the more Easter will become a celebration of New Life.

<i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>April 9</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i> <i>10:00a.m.</i>	<i>Worship at EKLC</i> <i>Palm Sunday Brunch</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>April 13</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Worship at EKLC</i>
<i>Good Friday</i> <i>April 14</i>	<i>12:00p.m.</i>	<i>Community Cross</i> <i>Walk in Cambridge</i>
<i>Easter ~ Alleluia!</i> <i>April 16</i>	<i>6:30a.m.</i> <i>9:00a.m.</i>	<i>Worship Upper Church</i> <i>Worship at EKLC</i>