

# PALM SUNDAY

*“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in  
the name of the Lord!”*

**-Mark 11:9**

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**HOLY NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

New Hope, Minnesota

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## Welcome to WORSHIP at Holy Nativity!

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*Our Mission & Ministry: "Grounded in Christ's love, Holy Nativity Lutheran Church is a welcoming community dedicated to helping all know God's love through worship, service, and fellowship."*

Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am  
on Facebook "LIVE"  
at [facebook.com/holynativitynewhope!](https://facebook.com/holynativitynewhope)  
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[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2ca3f49-inperson.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2ca3f49-inperson)

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### Worship "Stream Team"

Mark Chamberlain  
Andrew Kubly  
Chris Daniels  
Greg Eklund  
Brian Hanson  
Mark Eggert

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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

*Quote: "To begin with the end in mind means to start with a clear understanding of your destination. It means to know where you are going so that the steps you take are always in the right direction."*  
–Stephen Covey

## WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

*This is a time to quietly listen, pause to pray, and reflect on why we are here.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*"The Palms"*

J. Faure

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

*P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (P-Pastor, C-Congregation)**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

P: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Fountain of living water,

**C: pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

P: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**WE PRAISE GOD**

GATHERING HYMN

*"All Glory Laud and Honor"*

Hymnal #344

*If you're at home, make your own palms! Outline each member of your household's hand--their "palm," if you will--and color them green. Wave them around during this hymn!*

*Refrain*

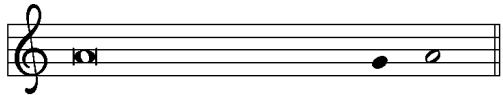
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



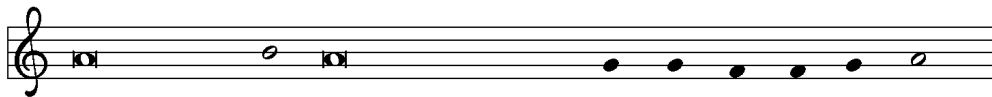
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

(unison) **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.**

**ANTHEM**

*“Hosanna”*  
Nativity Ensemble

Craig Courtney

*Hosanna to the royal son of David’s ancient line!  
His natures two, his person one, Mysterious and divine.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna we sing; Hosanna, hosanna to Jesus Christ the King.*

*The root of David here we find, and offspring are the same:  
Eternity and time are joined in our Immanuel’s name.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna we sing; Hosanna, hosanna to Jesus Christ the King.*

*Blest he that comes to sinful man with peaceful news from Heav’n!  
Hosannas, of the highest strain, to Christ the Lord be giv’n.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna we sing; hosanna, hosanna to Jesus Christ the King.*

*Let mortals ne’er refuse to take Hosanna on their tongues,  
Lest rocks and stones should rise and break their silence into songs.  
Hosanna, hosanna we sing; Hosanna to Jesus Christ the King.*

**GOD’S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED**

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today’s reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God’s steadfast love.*

<sup>4</sup>The 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. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>The 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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

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**SECOND READING**

Phillipians 2:5-11

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Words... Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

**GOSPEL VERSE***"Return to God"*

Red Folder Pg. 15

*Congregation:*

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the  
Source of grace and mer - cy; Come seek the ten - der  
faith - ful - ness of God.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with the word 'Congregation:' and contains the melody for 'Re - turn to God with all your heart, the'. The second staff continues with 'Source of grace and mer - cy; Come seek the ten - der'. The third staff concludes with 'faith - ful - ness of God.' and ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 11:1-11

*Pastor: The holy gospel according to Mark... Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*Pastor: The gospel of the Lord... Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**MOMENT TO REFLECT** (*We pause in silence.*)

**WE RESPOND**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

Hymnal Pg. 105

**C: 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.**

**OFFERING/CHILDREN’S TIME**

*(You are invited to mail or drop off your offering, or donate online – go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on “Make Donation.” Thank you!)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(After each prayer petition... P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

**LORD’S PRAYER** (unison) **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 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**

**P:** Now may the light of God surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the presence of God watch over and protect us. For wherever we are, our God is also there. We close as we began, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal

sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.****SENDING MUSIC***"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

arr. David Cherwien

*Flowers by the altar are given by Alice Evans in gratitude for getting through this difficult year.*

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

<p><b><i>Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday</i></b>            9:30am Worship (limited in-person and online)            11:30am Silent Auction ends online!            1:00pm Word of Life worship            6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>	<p><b><i>Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday</i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm            12:00pm Bible Study (online)            7:00pm Worship w/Communion (limited in-person and online)</p>
<p><b><i>Monday, March 29</i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm             5:30pm – 6:30pm Centering Prayer (on Zoom)</p>	<p><b><i>Friday, April 2 Good Friday</i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 1:00pm            7:00pm Worship (limited in-person and online)            7:00pm Word of Life Choir</p>
<p><b><i>Tuesday, March 30</i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm            2:30pm Staff Meeting (on Zoom)</p>	<p><b><i>Saturday, April 3</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>Wednesday, March 31</i></b>            Office Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm            11:15am HNCCCC Chapel            6:00pm Word of Life (small group) (FH)            7:00pm Word of Life Worship (FH)            7:00pm Ensemble</p>	<p><b><i>Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday</i></b>            9:30am Worship w/Communion (limited in-person and online)             1:00pm Word of Life Worship            6:00pm Word of Life Youth</p>
<p><b>PRISM is accepting donations</b> Monday to Friday from 10:00am – 4:00pm.  <b>March’s Mission Offering</b> is designated to PRISM. Part of the Minnesota Food Share, PRISM provides food, clothing, and other necessities to those who are in need.</p>	

**TODAY...**

**This year’s online Palm Sunday Silent Auction ends today at 11:30am!** You can find the items here for virtual bidding: <https://www.32auctions.com/PalmSunday2021>. The auction started on Wednesday at 7:30pm and ends this morning at 11:30am. Please contact Wendy Grimes ([wendy.grimes@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy.grimes@yahoo.com)) with any questions.

**THIS WEEK...**

**Holy Week and Easter Worship!** All Holy Week worship services are limited in-person and online.

- Maundy Thursday worship is on April 1st at 7:00pm.
- Good Friday worship is on April 2nd at 7:00pm.
- Easter Worship is on April 4th at 9:30am.

## Easter Sign-Up Information

Because COVID-positive cases have decreased below/around 3.0% in Hennepin County, and more people are receiving their immunizations, we are opening worship from 25 people to 25% capacity beginning on Easter. As a result, 75 people will be able to sign up. (There will also be approximately 10 worship leaders so the total will be around 85.) Here are some details:

**-You can sign up for Easter in-person worship now.** All 75 spots will be open until filled. The link will be the same as before: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b48afad2ca3f49-inperson>. If you don't have Internet access, you may call the church office at 763-545-1647 starting at the same time, and we will sign you up.

-Masks and social distancing will be required. There will be singing during worship, and options for participating in communion.

-Worship will also continue to be on Facebook Live as it has been. Thank you to Mark Chamberlain and the Holy Nativity "Stream Team" for all their amazing work on this!

-Each Tuesday at 12:00 NOON we will open another Sunday for signing up. We will follow the COVID positivity rate for Hennepin county and adjust as needed.

We have been enjoying having people in worship in-person again and look forward to seeing even more of you again soon!

**Online Bible Study!** Join us for a new online Bible Study on Thursdays from noon-1pm led by Pastor Jason. We'll meet over Zoom and have begun by studying the book of Isaiah together. Feel free to eat your lunch while we meet. No preparation is required, so please join us!

The Online Bible Study Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83344434256?pwd=ZkRyT3ZrM0I3TTUyK01hdmFPaDRoQT09>.

Calling in is also an option. Contact Pastor Jason for more information.

### MORE INFORMATION...

**March FoodShare!** Every pound of food and all cash donations collected from March 1st through the first week of April will count toward qualifying PRISM for the extra financial reward from this yearly drive. Donate by dropping off directly at PRISM, at Holy Nativity, sending a check direct to PRISM, or online via the PRISM website. The number of families suffering food insecurity remains incredibly high and your donations are critical to meet this need. Individual donations are PRISM's single biggest source of support.

**The Holy Nativity Confirmation families** are going to pack meals with Feed My Starving Children in April, and we invite you to join us!! We have 35 more slots available to pack food on **Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am -11:00am**. FMSC is an essential business, so they are open and ready for us. Here is all the information you need to know to sign-up. Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Ashley if you have questions!

1. You can sign up as an individual or as a family! 5 people will be assigned to each station. **You will not be socially distanced from the other 4 people at your station. Masks are required, and temperatures will be taken, but there is no way to be that spread out.**

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2. **If your whole family wants to serve together, however, we can accommodate that.** When you sign-up, just make a note that indicates “family only” (or something) so that we know!
  3. You can sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48AFAD2CA3F49-feed>
  4. You can read more about FMSC’s COVID precautions here: <https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer#groups>

**Gardeners needed!** There are two opportunities at Holy Nativity to share and use your skills and love of gardening:

1. Columbarium care- includes spring and fall cleanup, watering, weeding fertilizing and trimming on a regular schedule of area surrounding columbarium. Keep planter filled with flowers appropriate for each season. The purpose is to have the area an inviting place for families to visit cremains of loved ones, as well as, church members to enjoy the quiet and serene beauty. Work from Easter through Christmas. 3 – 5 people needed.
2. Front door/parking lot entry pots- 3 pots need seasonal decorating, watering and upkeep on a regular schedule (primarily during the growing season). Work from Easter through Christmas. 3-5 people needed.

Please contact Karen Gaasland at 763-360-8446 for more information.

**Thank you for your continued financial support!** During this time of online worship, there are still many ways you can financially support Holy Nativity!

1. **Mail your offering** (you may use your offering envelopes or mail checks to us at Holy Nativity, 3900 Winnetka Avenue N, New Hope, MN 55427).
2. **Give online** via [our link](#). Or just go to our website at [holynativity.net](http://holynativity.net) and click on “Make Donation.”
3. **Ask the office to send you a Simply Giving form** for automatic withdrawals.

**Thrivent members! Have you directed all your 2020 Thrivent Choice dollars to Holy Nativity?**

Thrivent members can still direct funds earned last year through **THIS Wednesday, March 31, 2021**. To see if you have any 2020 dollars remaining, visit **[Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice)** online, or call **800-847-4836** and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice." Holy Nativity appreciates your support!

*Cantor: Brian Johnson  
Scripture Reader: Deb Peterson*

*People & needs to keep in your prayers this week:  
Geri Lingen, John Lingen, Michelle Hanson, Jon Peterson.*

*If you have a prayer request or update, or wish to be added to our prayer group, please contact the church office at 763-545-1647 or [office@holynativity.net](mailto:office@holynativity.net).*