

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Palm and Passion Sunday | March 29, 2026

Readings from Narrative Lectionary Readings, Year 4

Liturgy of the Palms
John 12:12-26
Psalm 24

Liturgy of the Passion
John 19:16b-22 (23-42)

Prelude & Chiming of the Bell Use this time to ask God to open your heart in worship this morning

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty...

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

***Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem**

John 12:12-15

***Hymn #196 and the Procession of the Palms**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***Welcome and Passing of the Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***Sung Refrain**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

Call to Confession

Psalm 118:19-25

"...Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!..."

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. Yet while our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you.

Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done, and what we have left undone; and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna, indeed!

(Silent Confession)

**adapted from Call to Worship, vol. 58.1*

*** Affirmation of Faith (Insert)**

*excerpts from the Confession of 1967
(Book of Confessions 9.15-26)*

We believe that the power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. We believe that God has created human beings for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for humankind when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience; and initiates new life in Christ.

We believe new life takes place in a community in which we know that God loves and welcomes us however we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

We believe that life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.

Assurance *Gloria Patri

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Minute for Mission

*One Great Hour of Sharing
Community Care Committee*

Call for the Offering

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Blue cards are available in the pew for those who give, or would like to give, online.

Offertory Hymn #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

[John 12:12-26](#)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Expectations...(To Be Continued)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

First Passion Reading

John 19:16b-22

Lauraine Pak

Choral Response

selection from *A Miracle Man*

Second Passion Reading	John 19:23-25a	Cooper Pak
Choral Response		selection from <i>A Miracle Man</i>
Third Passion Reading	John 19:25b-30	Cynthia Filliatreault
Choral Response		selection from <i>A Miracle Man</i>
Fourth Passion Reading	John 19:31-37	Julio Tavares
Choral Response		<i>Who Is That Man</i>
Fifth Passion Reading	John 19:38-40	Krystle Pak
Choral Response		selection from <i>A Miracle Man</i>
*Hymn #160		<i>A Stable Lamp is Lighted</i>
Seventh Passion Reading	John 19:41-42	Pastor Kevin
We Depart, Singing		<i>Jesus, Remember Me</i>
		Please follow the choir out of the sanctuary as you sing
		<i>Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom...</i>

You may notice there is no benediction concluding this service; the word *benediction* means “good word.”

As we enter Holy Week, we are left in the unfinished tension found as we have moved from the Palms to the Passion; the culminating Good Word is near, but still to come...