

Palm/Passion Sunday – April 13, 2025

**Everything [in] between
Shouting & Silence**



Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church



Welcome to our Service

Our mission at Mount Tabor is to be “an inclusive, compassionate faith community living God’s love in the world.” Mount Tabor is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation of the ELCA. This means that all are welcome and affirmed, especially our LGBTQ+ siblings, and that we are connected to the world. We all have a place here at God’s round table just as we are!

If this is your first time here, a special welcome to you! We are mask optional and mask friendly. Please sign the guest register in the narthex (along with your e-mail and cell) so we can be in touch, put on a name tag and join us for refreshments after the service.

Holy Communion is open to all. Children of all ages are invited to receive communion with their parents’ or guardians’ permission. Come when you are ready. Gluten-free bread is available. If you would like a blessing, come to the altar with your arms folded.

Children are welcome at all times in the sanctuary. We are blessed to be part of their faith formation through worship!

Please turn off cell phones in the sanctuary before worship begins.

You may add names to the prayer list by sending a request to Brenda Wardle (office@mttaborslc.org),

Visit our web site at www.mttaborslc.org

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ELW Setting Four

*Please stand as you are able until you are directed to be seated.

Greeting & Preparation for Worship

We gather outside (weather permitting) with our palms and process into the sanctuary after the call to worship.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as the People of God.

***Call to Worship**

On this day, Jesus marched
in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.
May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in between!

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.

***Call to Confession**

Friends, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession.
We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress.
We tell the truth of our lives.
We lay it all out before God.
But this moment of prayer isn't just about us.
In the prayer of confession, we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful.
Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.

Prayer of Confession

Great Creator, forgive me
when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.
Creator God, forgive me
when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you.
Creator God, forgive me
when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.
Forgive me.
Create in me a heart like yours.
Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year,
whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time,
whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice,
God listens to you.

God is merciful.

God is abounding in steadfast love.

There is nothing you could do or leave undone
that could keep God from loving you.

So, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.

Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest!

Amen.

Gathering Song

Pave the Way with Branches

ACS 928



*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

**Additional verses ad lib.:*

Release for the captives . . .

Hope for the downtrod . . .

Land for the landless . . .

Debts are forgiven . . .

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Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla

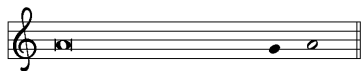
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also, with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



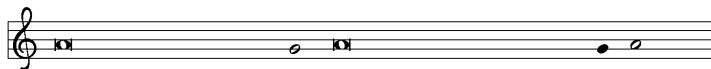
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



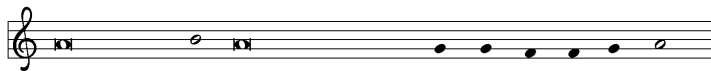
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



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!

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 Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993
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Prayer of the Day

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.

THE WORD

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song

First Reading

2 Kings 9:11-13

¹¹When Jehu came back to his master's officers, they said to him, "Is everything all right? Why did that madman come to you?" He answered them, "You know the sort and how they babble." ¹²They said, "Liar! Come on, tell us!" So he said, "This is just what he said to me: 'Thus says the LORD, I anoint you king over Israel.'" ¹³Then hurriedly they all took their cloaks and spread them for him on the bare steps; and they blew the trumpet, and proclaimed, "Jehu is king."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

O Salutaris Hostia
Mount Tabor Singers

by Beethoven

"O saving victim who opens the gate of heaven, our foes press on us: give strength, bring aid. To the Lord, three in one, be everlasting glory, for he gives us life without end in the Kingdom" ..(synopsis from Latin)

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

To be read responsively

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

**²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

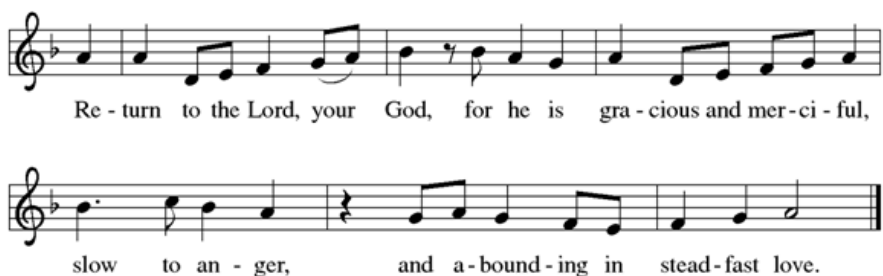
**²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

**²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

***Gospel Acclamation**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Gospel

Luke 19:29-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Christine Higuera-Street

A time of silence follows the sermon for reflection on the message.

*Hymn of the Day

My Song is Love Unknown

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Vs. 1 All, Vs. 2 High Voices, Vs. 3 Low Voices, Vs. 4 A Cappella, Vs. 6 All

Affirmation of Faith

Please join me in professing our Christian faith.

**We believe that many years ago
a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.
We believe that on that day
the people cried out,
longing and praying for a better world.
We believe that these longings
came from a place of deep hope,
and we believe that hope cannot be silenced.
So we listen for the Spirit.
We sing Hosanna.
We pay attention.
For in between the silence and the song,
we believe the Spirit is speaking.
Amen.
Please be seated.**

The Prayers of the People

At this time, you may fill out prayer slips so that they may be added to our prayer chain and leave them in the offering plates during the passing of the peace or when you leave.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

God in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We remember in prayer.

Vicki Lange	Stephanie Wilson
Nancy Poe	Judy White
Paul Robinson	Travis and Nathan Jelsma-Beery
Harry Heightman	

We pray for all those suffering the effects of traumatic events, natural disasters and climate change. We pray for the recovery efforts, the first responders and volunteers who are serving in these areas.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God Feeds Us with the Presence of Jesus Christ.

Sharing our Gifts and Gratitude

We provide several ways of sharing your financial blessings with our congregation. Offering plates are located at the doors of the sanctuary and envelopes can be found in the pews. **Simply Giving** is an automatic direct-donation method of supporting our life and ministry together. If you would like to enroll in **Simply Giving** or if you are interested in updating your giving amount, frequency, etc., please contact office@mttaborslc.org with your request. We are grateful and thankful for your support and wonderful generosity. *Alternately, feel free to use this QR code to contribute electronically.*



Prayer of Gratitude

Let us pray,

**Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The table is prepared as the assembly sings:

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

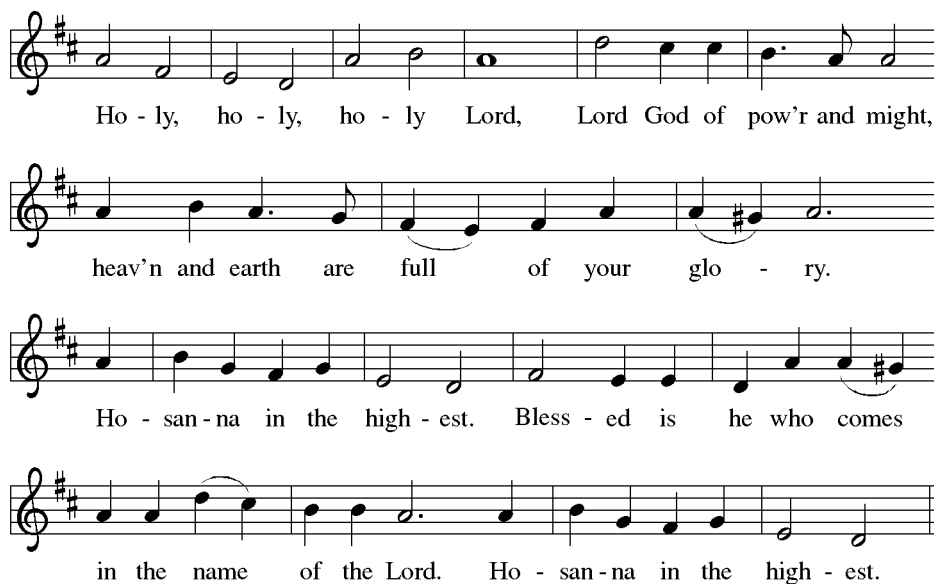
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Table Prayer

Holy God . . . with our song we join the heavenly hosts to praise your holy name.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

In the night.... in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

We pray together as the body of Christ:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The Distribution *Come when you are ready, children are always welcome!*

Communion Songs	Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup	#494
	One Bread, One Body	#496

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SENDING

God Blesses Us and Sends Us in Mission to the World.

Our Life Together (pg. 19 & 20)

***Blessing & Benediction**

As you leave this place,
may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with confidence that you do not go alone.
God is with you in the mountains,
in the valleys, and everywhere in between.
Believe that good news and go in peace.

Sending Song

There in God's Garden

#342

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Bob Brown

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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY: APRIL 13, 2025
Assisting Minister: Casey White
Lector: Dannie Gavros
Usher: Deng Hoth
Counters: Chris Jensen, Dave Warren
Altar Ministry: Lanea Brown
Music Director: Bob Brown
Remote Office Assistant: Brenda Wardle
AV Technicians: Duane Lee, Lee Kreutzer
Presiding Minister: Rev. Christine Higuera-Street

Our Life Together Announcements

Maundy Thursday Service will be at 7:00 pm in the Narthex on Thursday, **April 17th**.

Good Friday Service will be at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary on **Friday, April 18th**.

Easter Service will be at 10:30 am on **Sunday, April 20th**.

Easter Brunch Join us after worship on Easter Sunday, April 20th for our Easter Brunch, hosted by the Council and Endowment & Memorials Committee. There will be a free will offering to benefit the Food Assistance and Emergency Assistance Ministry. There will be ham, quiches, fruit and more to enjoy. Bring your friends and family to church and stay afterwards for this delicious event.

OAKS (Older Adults Knowing Strength) bible study and luncheon. On Tuesday, **April 22nd** at noon. Note that it's being changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, since Holy week falls on the second week of the month.

Senior Food Box Distribution Our distribution of USDA food boxes to seniors in our neighborhood continues with our next distribution set for **Wednesday, April 23rd**. Boxes are available for those who meet eligibility guidelines and have signed up through the Utah Food Bank.

Congregation Council Is meeting in-person **April 27th** after worship.

Rally and March on April 27 from 2-5 PM at the Utah State Capitol Building. This is hosted by the Progressive Clergy Coalition of SLC.

Worship & Music meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 5th at 7pm via Zoom.**

The Welcome Table is the theme for the upcoming women of the ELCA UT Conference retreat. We will gather on April 26th, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Salt Lake City. Please join us for this gathering that will offer community building, fun, faith exploration, and prayer. We will also share a meal together. RSVP or ask questions by e-mailing Pastor DanaLee Simon who will be leading this retreat. Her e-mail is sagehillwisdom@gmail.com. The cost is \$25 and can be paid the day of the retreat. Scholarships are available.