



**Grace Lutheran Church Redcliffe**  
**Service Order For 10<sup>th</sup> April,**  
**Palm / Passion Sunday**



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

LORD God, loving heavenly Father:  
we praise You for the love shown to us through Jesus,  
who entered Jerusalem to give His life for us.

Fill us with the Spirit,  
that our hearts are open to Christ's rule,  
and we may rejoice in the blessings of His kingdom.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCE: Luke 19:38**

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**INVOCATION**

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

**PALM GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-30** Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, He travelled on and went up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As He approached Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples on ahead. <sup>30</sup> "Go into the village ahead of you," He said. "As you enter, you will find a colt tied up that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it along. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you why you are untying it, say this: 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went off and found it as Jesus had told them. <sup>33</sup> While they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> The disciples answered, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it, and Jesus sat upon it. <sup>36</sup> As He was riding along, people kept spreading their coats on the road. <sup>37</sup> He was now approaching the descent from the Mount of Olives. The whole crowd of disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice because of all the miracles they had seen. <sup>38</sup> They said, "How blessed is the king who comes

in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd told Jesus, “Teacher, tell Your disciples to be quiet.”<sup>40</sup> He replied, “I tell you, if they were quiet, the stones would cry out!”

**LHS 737: Prepare the Royal Highway (click [here](#))**

**Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near;  
let every hill and valley a level road appear.  
Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story:  
O blest is He that came in God the Father’s name!**

**God’s people, see Him coming: your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him; spread garments; shout and sing.  
God’s promise will not fail you; no more shall doubt assail you:  
O blest is He that came in God the Father’s name!**

**Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king;  
your king, yet every nation its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him; all voices, thus adore Him:  
O blest is He that came in God the Father’s name!**

**His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth and love.  
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:  
O blest is He that came in God the Father’s name!**

Frans Mikael Franzen 1722-1847; Tr. vv 1-4 Lutheran Book of Worship 1978,  
alt., v5 The Hymnal 1943 (Augustana Synod, USA)

**CONFESSION**

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,  
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and  
repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your  
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake  
of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and  
merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die  
for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given  
the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes  
and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

**INTROIT: From Psalm 31**

<sup>9</sup> *Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eyes grow weak with sorrow,  
my soul and body with grief.*

<sup>10</sup> *My life is consumed by anguish  
and my years by groaning*

**Into Your hands I commit my spirit.**

<sup>13</sup> *For I hear many whispering, 'Terror on every side!'  
They conspire against me and plot to take my life.*

<sup>14</sup> *But I trust in You, LORD;  
I say, 'You are my God.'*

**Into Your hands I commit my spirit.**

<sup>15</sup> *My times are in Your hands;  
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,  
from those who pursue me.*

<sup>16</sup> *Let Your face shine on Your servant;  
save me in Your unfailing love.*

**Into Your hands I commit my spirit.**

**Glory to the Father  
and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now,  
and will be forever.  
Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray for humility.*

[silence]

Loving Father of all,  
your only Son came as a servant  
and was obedient

all the way to his death on the cross.

Make us humble like Christ,  
and bring us to be with him in his glory.

For he lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BIBLE READING**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a** The obedience of the Lord's servant

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11** Christ – obedient servant and exalted Lord

<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.

*After the reading*

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### **LENTEN VERSE: PHILLIPIANS 2:8**

**Christ humbled Himself,  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 23 (selected verses)** Jesus' suffering and death

*Before the reading*

**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>1</sup> Then their whole assembly rose up and brought Him [Jesus] before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> They began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man subverting our nation, opposing payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is the Messiah, a King." <sup>3</sup> So Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You have said it." <sup>4</sup> Pilate then told the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no grounds for charging this man." <sup>5</sup> But they kept insisting, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where He started even to here." <sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> Finding that He was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days. <sup>8</sup> Herod was very glad to see Jesus; for a long time he had wanted to see Him because he had heard about Him and was hoping to see some miracle performed by Him. <sup>9</sup> So he kept asking Him questions, but Jesus did not answer him. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. <sup>11</sup> Then Herod, with his soldiers, treated Him with contempt, mocked Him, dressed Him in a brilliant robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> That very day Herod and Pilate became friends. Previously, they had been hostile toward each other. <sup>13</sup> Pilate called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, "You have brought me this man as one who subverts the people. But in fact, after examining Him in your presence, I have found no grounds to charge this man with those things you accuse Him of. <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, because he sent Him back to us. Clearly, He has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, I will have Him whipped and then release Him." [<sup>17</sup> For according to the festival he had to release someone to them. <sup>18</sup> Then they all cried out together, "Take this man away! Release Barabbas to us!" <sup>19</sup> (He had been thrown into prison for a rebellion that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup> Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, "Crucify! Crucify Him!" <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, "Why? What has this man done wrong? I have found in Him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have Him whipped and then release Him." <sup>23</sup> But they kept up the pressure, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And their voices won out. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate decided to grant their demand <sup>25</sup> and released the one they were asking for, who had been thrown into prison for rebellion and murder. But he handed Jesus over to their will. <sup>26</sup> As they led Him away, they seized Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, and laid the cross on him to carry behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> A large crowd of people followed Him, including women who were mourning and lamenting Him. <sup>28</sup> But turning to them, Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and your children. <sup>29</sup> Look, the days are coming when they will say, 'The women without children, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed, are fortunate!' <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" <sup>32</sup> Two others—criminals—were also led away to be executed with Him. <sup>33</sup> When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. [<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing." ] And they divided His clothes and cast lots. <sup>35</sup> The people stood watching, and

even the leaders kept scoffing: “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One!”<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked Him. They came offering Him sour wine<sup>37</sup> and said, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!”<sup>38</sup> An inscription was above Him: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.<sup>39</sup> Then one of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at Him: “Aren’t You the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!”<sup>40</sup> But the other answered, rebuking him: “Don’t you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment?<sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, because we’re getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong.”<sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!”<sup>43</sup> And He said to him, “I assure you: Today you will be with Me in paradise.”<sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three,<sup>45</sup> because the sun’s light failed. The curtain of the sanctuary was split down the middle.<sup>46</sup> And Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into Your hands I entrust My spirit.” Saying this, He breathed His last.<sup>47</sup> When the centurion saw what happened, he began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous!”<sup>48</sup> All the crowds that had gathered for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, went home, striking their chests.<sup>49</sup> But all who knew Him, including the women who had followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

*After the reading*

*This is the gospel of the LORD.*

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus,  
for suffering and dying for us.

Remember us and save us.

**Amen.**

**LHS 759: When His times was over (click [here](#))**

**When His time was over, the palms lay where they fell;  
as they ate together, He told his friends farewell.  
Jesus, though You cried out for some other end,  
love could only choose a cross when our life began again.**

**Secretly they planned it, with money changing hands;  
in the quiet garden a kiss betrayed their man.  
Priests and elders tried Him, soldiers crowned him king.  
We were in the crowd that day when our life began again.**

**Women wept to see Him; He said: 'Don't weep for me'.  
Many laughed, and mocked Him – 'Forgive them, they don't see'.  
Jesus, please forgive me, You know what I am;  
I was one who nailed Your hands when our life began again.**

**There was one who asked You: 'Remember me this day'.  
Jesus, when I'm dying, remember me that way.  
When my life is over, be with me, my friend,  
like the thief upon the cross, when our life began again.**

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## **SERMON**

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon, or Read and Discuss the Sermon  
For Church YouTube Channel (click [here](#))

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For LCA Worship Resources (click [here](#))

### **With simple faith and childlike trust (click [here](#))**

**With simple faith and childlike trust, O see the Father's love displayed –  
'tis written there upon the cross where payment for our sin was made.**

**Only trust Him, only trust Him, turn to Jesus now.  
He will save you, He will save you; with simple faith and childlike trust.**

**O listen, hear the Saviour call, He welcomes now the least of these.  
His mercies are a fountain full, O precious sinner, come and drink.**

**Only trust Him, only trust Him, turn to Jesus now.  
He will save you, He will save you; with simple faith and childlike trust.**

**O feel the Spirit's gentle work who breaks with love the fortress heart,  
then speaks to it the sweetest word. O stand forgiven, child of God.**

**Only trust Him, only trust Him, turn to Jesus now.  
He will save you, He will save you; with simple faith, with love and grace,  
with simple faith and childlike trust.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Jesus willingly submitted to suffer in our place. Let us pray to God our Father, and place in his hands the suffering of the world.*

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for the holy and joyful days that lie before us. As we begin to celebrate this most holy week, be with your church

throughout the world and bless her worship and praise. May your Son Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, be clearly portrayed before the world.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have no faith, like the crowds. Bless the witness of your church this holy week that the word of your Son's death and resurrection may call all people from death to life.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

We pray for those who have sinned, like Peter. Teach us all to be sorry for our sins, and forgive us for Jesus' sake.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barrabas. May they find true freedom through your forgiveness and by changing the way they live.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

We pray for people in government, like Pilate. May they be responsible and serve truth and justice, and use their power for the good of all people.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are dying, like the thieves who died with Jesus. May they die with Jesus by their side, and be received into your kingdom.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

We pray for parents like Mary who have lost a child. May they bear their suffering and know the comfort of your love.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

We pray for all who face sickness and distress. We bring before you (*insert names*). Watch over them, sustain them, and heal them according to your good and gracious will.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

We pray for the whole human race, that all will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, and king of all the world.

*Lord in your mercy:*     **hear our prayer**

Almighty God: Father, King and Saviour – we praise you for goodness and grace shown to us in Christ Jesus your Son. As he rode humbly into Jerusalem on a donkey, to conquer the world through his own execution, may he ride into our lives this Easter and renew our lives in service and praise to you, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*Let us bless the LORD.*

**God be praised forevermore.**

*Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!  
Peace in heaven and glory to God."*

*The LORD bless us and keep us.*

*The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.*

*The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.*

**Amen!**

## GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

*May the Lord Jesus rule in your heart as King,  
and fill your life with His peace.*

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and fill your life with His peace.**

## WORDS OF SENDING

*Go in peace,*

*as humble servants of the Servant King.*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**LHS 86: All glory, praise and honour (click [here](#))**

**All glory, laud and honour to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring:  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!**

**The company of angels are praising Thee on high,  
and mortal men and all things created make reply:  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.**

**To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:  
Thou did accept their praises – accept the praise we bring,  
who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!**

Gloria, laus et honor, Theodulf of Orleans (c.750 - 821),  
translated by John Mason Neale (1818 - 1866), adapted.

## **HYMNS AND SONGS**

### **Palm gospel: Luke 19:28-40**

#### **LHS**

- 5 O bride of Christ, rejoice\* G4  
7 Come, Thou precious ransom, come G8  
10 O how shall I receive Thee (vv 1,2)\* G3  
18 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates\* G5  
62 My song is love unknown G8  
86 All glory, laud and honour G5  
87 Ride on, ride on in majesty (*tune Winchester New, TIS 348*)  
733 Daughter of Zion, O rejoice G6  
737 Prepare the royal highway G4  
817 O Jesus Christ, to you may hymns be rising G7

#### **AT**

- 211 Hosanna!  
328 Tell the city  
335 And we stood right there (v 1)  
344 The New Road (from v 5) *Replace 'Alleluia' with 'Sing hosanna'*

### **First reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

#### **LHS**

- 48 Lamb of God most holy\* G5  
52 O sacred head, now wounded (vv 1,2,4,5)\* G6  
55 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken\* G4  
57 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth (Pt 1)\* G5  
60 Christ, the life of all the living G5  
62 My song is love unknown G5 (*alt tune A8, G8*)  
70 Stricken, smitten and afflicted\* G3  
406 God still lives and His compassion G7  
413 Why should cross and trial grieve me? (vv 1,2,5,6) G5

**AT**

245 You are the prisoner

347 O dearest Jesus

**Second reading: Philippians 2:5-11****LHS**

11 The advent of our King G4

36 Jesus, name of wondrous love\* G6

166 All hail the power of Jesus' name G8 (*see also* TIS tune 224(i))

174 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine G7

239 Son of God, eternal Saviour G4

782 At the name of Jesus G7

790 O Lord of light, who made the stars (*alt tune* 346) G5

807 Lift high the cross GS

857 Low, the way is low GS

**AT**

31 Freely, freely

50 I will sing (v 5)

55 His name is wonderful

139 Christ humbled himself

157 Jesus, name above all names

190 Low, the way is low

261 The Servant King

370 You are glorious

**Gospel: Luke 24:14 - 23:56 or Luke 23:1-49****LHS**51 Let Thy blood in mercy poured\* G5 (*before holy communion*)

53 Jesus, refuge of the weary\* G3

55 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken?\* G4

59 Jesus, I will ponder now\* G8

60 Christ, the life of all the living G5

62 My song is love unknown G5 (*alt tune* A8, G8) (*final song*)65 Lord Jesus, we give thanks to Thee\* G5 (*final song*)

70 Stricken, smitten and afflicted \* G3

73 Go to dark Gethsemane\* G5 (*preparation for Holy Week*)79 Lord Jesus, when we stand afar G8 (*final song*)85 According to Thy gracious word G5 (*final song*)281 Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour G8 (*holy communion*)285 To Thy most holy supper, Lord\* G5 (*holy communion*)

620 O dearest Lord, Thy sacred head G6

752 A purple robe, a crown of thorns

753 Downtrodden Christ, to you we pray (*final song*)

- 754 Jesus dying on the cross GS (*final song*)
- 758 The royal banners forward go G8
- 759 When his time was over GS
- 840 Lord Jesus, we humbly pray G8 (*holy communion*)
- 857 Low, the way is low GS

**AT**

- 22 He was wounded
- 135 Bitter was the night
- 139 Christ humbled himself
- 143 Jesus dying on the cross (*final song*)
- 147 When his time was over
- 190 Low, the way is low (*final song*)
- 261 The Servant King
- 287 Stay here and keep watch with me (*final song*)
- 335 And we stood right there
- 347 O dearest Jesus
- 374 Always remember me
- 387 Jesus, remember me
- 449 Walk him along