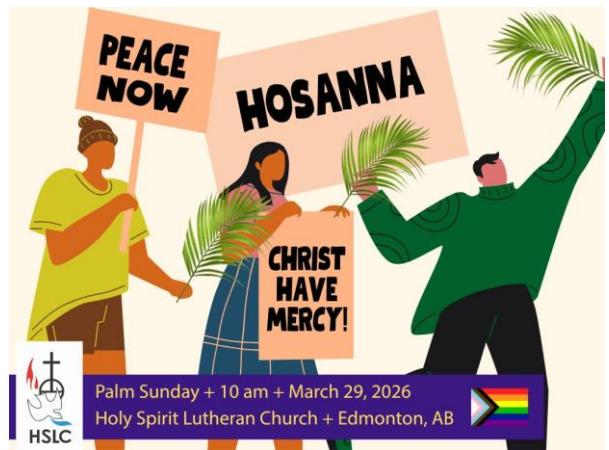




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March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday Service of Holy Communion

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Welcome

Blessing of the Palms

Prayer of the Day

Processional Hymn “*Prepare the Royal Highway*” (ELW 264)

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, 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 in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰so that at the name given to 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.

Gospel Acclamation - ELW Setting 3, p. 142

Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

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: 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."

Sermon

Song of the DAY '*Three Holy Days Unfold Us Now*' (ACS 930)

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S,
Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

Peace

Offertory “*God’s Work, Our Hands*” (ACS 1000) vs 1

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving - spoken

Lord’s Prayer written by Rev. Jim Burklo

**Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts,
farther from us than the most distant star,
you are beyond naming.**

**May your powerful presence become obvious
not only in the undeniable glory of the sky,
but also in the seemingly base
and common processes of the earth.**

**Give us what we need, day by day,
to keep body and soul together,
because clever as you have made us,
we still owe our existence to you.**

**We recognize that to be reconciled with you,
we must live peaceably and justly
with other human beings,
putting hate and bitterness behind us.**

**We are torn between our faith in your goodness
and our awareness of the evil in your creation,
so deliver us from the temptation to despair.**

**Yours alone is the universe
and all its majesty and beauty.**

So it is, Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs

Lamb of God – ELW Setting 3, p. 146

‘*As the Winter Days Grow Longer*’ (ACS 924)

‘*When We Are Tested*’ (ACS 922)

‘*Deep River*’ (ACS 951)

Benediction – ‘*Hope Everlasting*’ Liturgy of the Beloved

Community Life

Sending Song ‘*Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*’ (ACS 1024) ref, vs 1, ref



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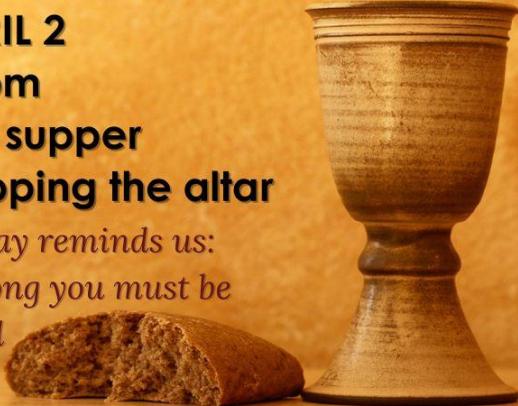
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MAUNDY THURSDAY



APRIL 2
5 pm
Potluck supper
Worship & stripping the altar

*Maundy Thursday reminds us:
the greatest among you must be
the servant of all*



GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3
10:00 AM
Tenebrae Service
With HSLC Choir



*My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?*