

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church  
419 Bossardsville Road  
Stroudsburg, PA

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Celebrating the Passion of our Lord

March 24, 2024

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The KING  
is Coming...

**Welcome to Christ Hamilton!** Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. This service is also available anytime on Facebook or our website along with a bulletin at [www.christhamilton.org](http://www.christhamilton.org). Please share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please know that all are welcome at Christ Hamilton! Life is difficult enough and shouldn't be when you come to church. Regardless of how you got here, we are glad you did. All are welcome here. If you are a visitor please feel free to take the welcome folder home with you. We invite you to fill out the card found inside and place it in the plate at the time of the offering. No financial gift is needed – just the card. We consider it your gift to us.

**Today's service:** *This week, the center of the church year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.*

**Thank you** to everyone who donated to Street to Feet in lieu of flowers for Lent.

## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

Hosanna to the Lord Triumphant

## **PALM SUNDAY ANNUNCIATION**

**MARK 11:1-10**

Reader: <sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] 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,

**All: “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!”**

## **PRAYER**

Minister: Let us pray. . . . Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **GREETING**

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

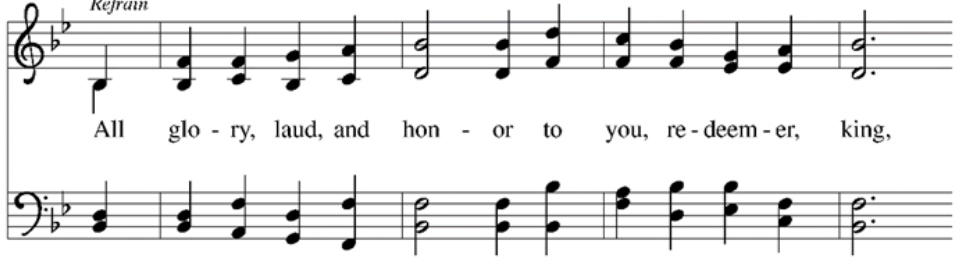
**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

Please come forward by way of the center aisle and return by way of the outside aisle to receive your palms. All Glory, Laud and Honor is sung.

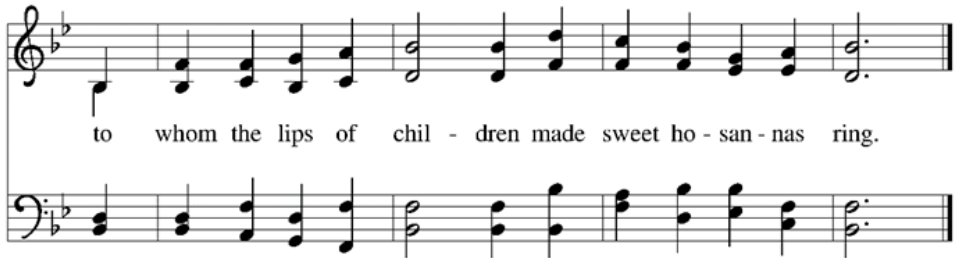
**HYMN**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

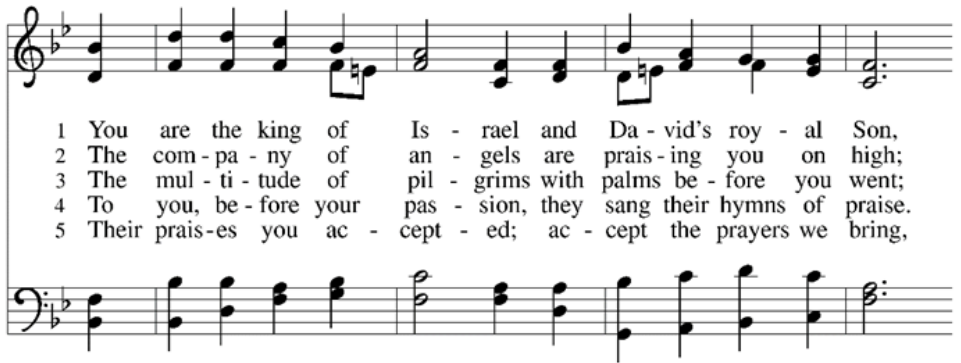
*Refrain*



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.

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

**READING**

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

Reader: A reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Philippians.

<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: The Word of the Lord.     **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem**

**On that Day**

**PASSION READING**

**Mark 14:1--15:47**

*see booklet*

Narrator – Bonnie Claycomb

Jesus - Beth Ross

Peter – John Balas

Judas – Jeff Gilbert

Pilate – Logan Potchnick

Servant Girl – Tassy Gilbert

High Priest – Anson Cassidy

**All: Congregation**

*Congregation joins in the places marked in bold print.*

# Hymn of the Day

# O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## **Prayers**

Assisting Minister: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion.

Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our worship leaders and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their parents and sponsors. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.

Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

**Offering**

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Lisa Weiss



*Please stand.*

**OFFERTORY**

**V. 3 ONLY**



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,  
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,  
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.  
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil  
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . Jesus, you are the bread of life

**All: And the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

**We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

Minister: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness  
of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer

Minister: We share in the prayer Jesus taught us.

**All: 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 us 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## Communion

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. For those who would prefer not to have wine, pre-filled glasses of grape juice are available in the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the Pastor.*

*Please come forward by way of the center aisle and receive the bread from the pastor and the wine from the assistant.*

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.

# Agnus Dei

# Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



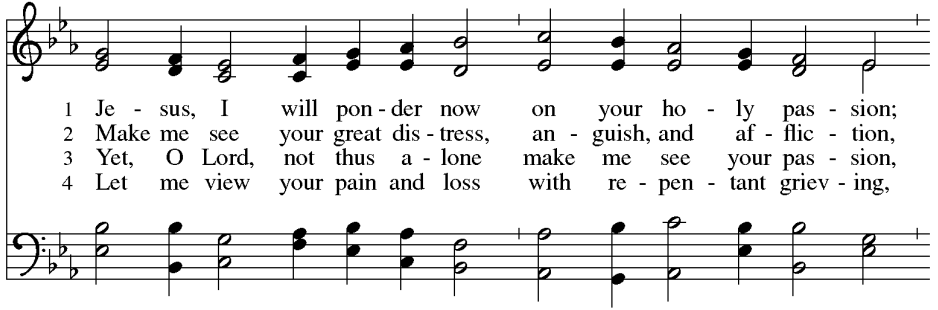
God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



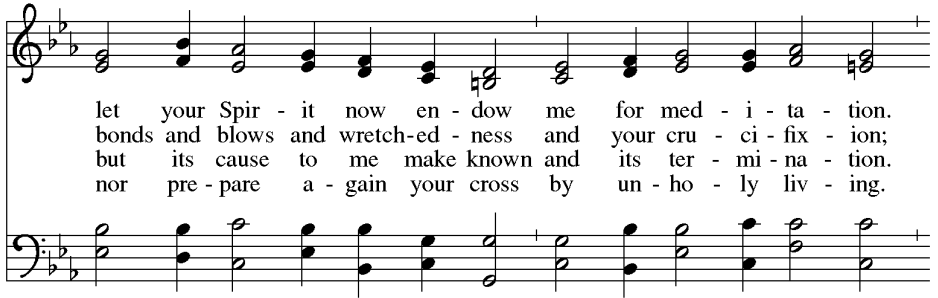
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

# Communion Hymn

# Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



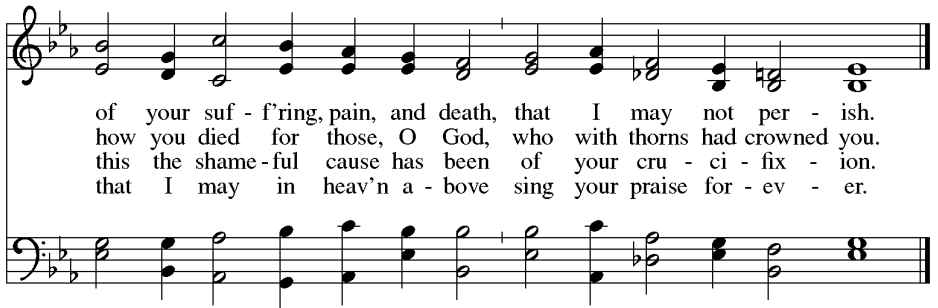
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.  
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,  
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.  
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

# Hymn

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

*After all have returned to their places.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Assisting Minister: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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**Worship Leaders**

Minister:	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Assisting Minister:	Beth Ross
Reader:	Beth Ross
Keyboardist:	Beth McElroy
Greeters:	Amanda & John Balas
Choir Director	Tassy Gilbert
Accompanist	Gail Derrer
Announcements	Amanda Balas, Office Administrator
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar and Anson Cassidy

**Welcome Visitors!** If you are visiting Christ Hamilton for the first time please pick up one of our welcome packets in the basket on the table outside of the kitchen area. We ask that you please fill out the contact card in the packet and place it in the basket. If you are interested in joining Christ Hamilton please contact the church office 570-992-4085 or [chulcsts@gmail.com](mailto:chulcsts@gmail.com)

**LARGE PRINT** bulletins are now available, please ask an usher if you would like one.

**Prayer at the Rail** - Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer in front of the stage by the podium after the service for any concerns.

**Please Remember in Prayer:** Sandy, Jim, Gloria, Jackie and Dumitru. **If you, or someone you know has been hospitalized or needs a pastoral visit please let the office know 570-992-4085.**

**Bulletin Deadlines:** The deadline for information being added to the bulletin is Wednesday noon. Bulletins are printed by 10 a.m. THURSDAY mornings. The office is CLOSED on Friday and Saturday.

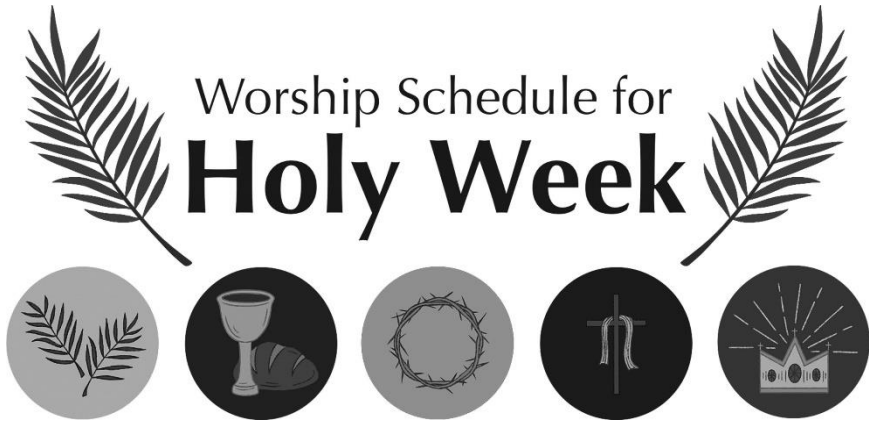
**Coffee Hour** host for April and May are needed! If you can't host please consider picking up or baking some treats that can be frozen and used at a later date!

**CHULC Trails!** We are considering developing a trail system on the 40 acres behind the church. However, we would like to know if there is any interest in a project of this kind. Please talk to Amanda or John Balas if you think this would be a benefit to our church community.

**Scam** – Please be aware that Christ Hamilton and Pastor Steve will never ask you by text for money. Pastor has access to a discretionary fund if needs arise. If money is needed to be collected you will hear of it in person and it will be collected on Sunday mornings.

**Help Us Grow!** Please take a look at the “Help Us Grow” board outside the serving area. If you are able, please consider picking a flower and giving towards one of CHULC’s yearly expenses. Flowers can be returned to the office with the noted donation via mail or in the offering plate on Sundays.

**Monthly Meals** we are looking for people, or groups of people, who would be willing to make a meal once a month for the people at “Street to Feet.” Meals would need to feed between 30 and 40 people and be delivered anytime during the week. If you are interested in this ministry, please see Amanda or contact the church office.



March 28<sup>th</sup>—Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

March 29<sup>th</sup>—Good Friday Service 7pm

March 30<sup>th</sup>—Easter Egg Hunt 11am

March 31<sup>st</sup>—Easter Dawn Service 6:30am,

(Lighthouse parking lot weather permitting)

Easter Day 9am – in the church