



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

9:45 AM

MEDITATION: “Living out our faith sustains us. Living out God’s justice fills our hearts, our minds, our souls, and even our bodies. Here, we recognize that believing in Christ means we feed others and (therefore) are ourselves fed by faith. We do so with the enduring guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit...”

~The Bread of Life Lenten Devotional, Illustrated Ministries

PRELUDE *Preamble to a Solemn Occasion* Copland

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

INTROIT *Be Known To Us in Breaking Bread*

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

People of Allin Church, bring your garments and branches—Jesus is coming into town! Shout Hosanna!

Hosanna! Our deliverer has come! Let all the hungry be fed!

Jesus, the servant king, has come to show us a new kind of power.

Hosanna! Our liberator will set the prisoners free!

Let us worship the one who will save us from corruption. Shout Hosanna to the King of Kings!

Hosanna! Hosanna! The bread of life has come to sustain us.

Believing this promise, let us worship together!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #192 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

(Children may follow the Choir into the sanctuary, waving palms!)

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Let us pray in unison the prayer of invocation, followed by silent confession, singing and then words of assurance.)*

Holy God, As we gather on this Palm Sunday and begin this journey toward the cross, from admiration to despair, we know we are well-nourished for the path ahead. You have prepared us, fed us with love and truth, and refreshed our spirits throughout the Lenten season. Let us carry the spirit of Hosanna in our hearts, ready to serve and love, knowing the journey continues toward resurrection and renewal. May the bread we break, both physical and spiritual, remind us of your presence in every step. Guide us on this path and sustain us for the work ahead. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*HYMN

EVENTIDE

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.

***When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.***

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A WORD FOR ALL AGES: *The Faces of Easter (Part 6)* Elizabeth
McNamee

THE PEACE (*Children are invited to head to Church School after the
passing of the Peace of Christ.*)

Beneath the mantle of peace, Jesus the bread of life, provides a bounty of
fellowship, care and connection. May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Take a moment to greet others with the peace of Christ, which inspires us to
care for the news of our community.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding,
fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Dick
Lane, Michael Martens, Jack Stone, Steve Girard, Rick Hayes and the
family of Don Massey. Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us
saying, **“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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever. Amen.”**

PRAYER RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Meditation*

Andrew Welch

Cedric Kam, trombone



For your convenience, we have included a QR code for donations. Thank you for your generosity.

***DOXOLOGY**

#420 vs. 2 I Come With Joy

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

***UNISON OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God who saves, we bring our gifts to you. We offer our time, talents, and resources for your work in the world. May these gifts be a sign of our trust in you, and may they nourish your mission of love, justice, and hope for all. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

Pam Allen

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying,

“Blessed is the king
 who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven,
 and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This ends the reading of God’s Holy Word.
 For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us; for the Word of God within us, **thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *My Song is Love Unknown* Welch

SERMON *Bread for the Road* Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #200 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*UNISON BENEDICTION Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

Let us go now into the world brimming with love for God and others. May we share the bread of life, offering not only what sustains the body but what nourishes the soul. May we live our lives serving in the way of Jesus, extending compassion to the weary, hope to the despairing, and bread to the hungry.

As you go, may the love of God enfold you, the peace of Christ guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you, now and forever. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669* Bach

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TOWER LIGHTING

In honor of our Confirmands, Ellie & Josh!

FLOWERS

4/13-in memory of Rev. Skip Pimentel from Sue Pimentel

USHERS

4/13-Ellie Kranker, Josh MacLennan, Linda Dempsey & Andy Marcoux

4/20-Jane & Doug Crandall, Nancy Clegg & Linda Dempsey

COFFEE HOUR

4/13/25-Flowers

4/20-Easter-Church Council

Thank you to all who have donated clothing! We are placing a hold on donations for a while. Stay tuned for the room to open again after this small break. Allin's donations have helped many, many grateful people lacking the necessities of life. Thank you for all your support!

Thank you for all of your Easter lilies & tulips orders to beautify the Sanctuary for Easter next week!

Thank you Cedric for playing your trombone for us this week!

Be sure to visit our website to see all that is happening at the Allin Congregational Church!

Please check out our new Children, Youth & Families & Music Ministries pages on our website!

allinchurch.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:**LOOKING AHEAD!**

Sunday April 13th : Join us for the beginning of Holy week with our Palm Sunday Service! This service will include fresh palms for you to take home, and some glorious music (including the sounds of our in-house trombone player Cedric Kam!)

Sunday April 13th is PALM SUNDAY! Be sure to join us for worship and receive your palms!

Thursday April 17th: Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service of Tenebrae/service of shadows (dimly lit, candles and readings that commemorate the last days Jesus as he traveled among us and then was crucified) (6:30pm)

Saturday April 19th: Easter Fireside Vigil 7pm (sunset is at 7:30pm)

Easter April 20: Easter Sunday Celebration!

Saturday April 26th: 8:45-12:15 – Volunteer at New Life Furniture Bank with Pastor AnneMarie! Help NLFB receive and sort through donations of furniture and other household goods that support those transitioning into secured housing.

Sunday, April 27: Let's Go to The Movies Small Group has a "new date" to gather this Month! We will plan to go to the movies together on Sunday evening April 27th! Stay tuned for movie selection and time!! Sign up in the Stage-room if you would like to join this fun small group!

Minister's Office Hours

Rev. Anne Marie would love to visit with you at the church during the week or meet you for coffee! She holds office hours on most Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays between 9:30 and 12:30pm! Drop in or schedule a time to meet! She is available to meet off site Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Just send her an email at pastorannem@allinchurch.org

Rev. Anne Marie tries to hold Fridays and Saturdays as her Sabbath, as they are often filled with sermon editing/writing and family appointment days.

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