



REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer opens wide her doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



April 13, 2025 – The Sunday of the Passion | Palm Sunday

Season of the Cross: Red for Holy Week

Since the early church, Christians have observed the week leading up to Easter as a time of particular devotion. The first Sunday of Holy Week is commonly called "Palm Sunday." It's important to capture the irony of the day. This is the day on which Jesus entered the city in triumph, but as a part of his journey to the cross; this is the week in which the crowd's cries of "Hosanna" would soon turn to "Crucify him!"

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:25-26

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: Save us, we pray, O Lord!

People: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Song of Ascent

The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-3, 18-20

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

1 And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me... 18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." 20 Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Corporate Confession of Sin: Valley of Vision, "Sins"

In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. We confess sin in the context of the covenant Lord's love shown to us through Jesus Christ. We offer our confession as part of a covenantal relationship.

Merciful Lord,

**Pardon all of my sins of this day, week, year, all the sins of my life,
sins of early, middle and advanced years,
sins of omission and commission,
sins of lip, life and walk,
sins in private and in the family,
in the study of Your Word, and the neglect of it,
in prayer irreverently offers and coldly withheld,
in time misspent, in quenching the Holy Spirit.**

Pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten.

Merciful Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive. Amen.

Song of Repentance

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.

Most Merciful God

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6:1-6

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Songs of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us.

The Solid Rock
Nothing But the Blood

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Kids' Worship Dismissal

*Children **through fifth grade** are dismissed for kids' worship.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

Psalm 31

Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

Abide with Me

Song of Repose and Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Resources

Christopher Ash, *Psalms*

David Gibson, *Living Life Backwards*

Douglas McKelvey, ed., *Every Moment Holy, vol II: Death, Grief & Hope*

James K.A. Smith, *On the Road with St Augustine*

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

1 In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! 2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! 3 For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; 4 you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

6 I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the Lord. 7 I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul, 8 and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

9 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. 10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. 11 Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. 12 I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. 13 For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

14 But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! 16 Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love! 17 O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol. 18 Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

19 Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! 20 In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the Lord, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. 22 I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.

23 Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

Sermon Series: The Psalms of Easter
Sermon Title: The Psalm of Death and Dying
Date: April 13, 2025

Hook: *How often do you think about death?*

I. A REFUGE IN DYING

"Blessed are they who die not only for the Lord, as martyrs; not only in the Lord, as all believers; but likewise with the Lord, as breathing forth their lives in these words: 'Into thy hands I commit my spirit'" - Martin Luther

II. A REFUGE FOR LIVING

"Life in God's world is gift, not gain." - David Gibson

III. TRUTH FOR DYING AND LIVING

"Life is meant to be enjoyed, not mastered. ... Death is coming. So do your bucket list – not your to-do list." – David Gibson

Takeaway: *Love the Lord. Be strong. Take courage. Wait. (Psalm 31:23-24)*

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL

“THE COMING KING”

SCRIPTURE: ZECHARIAH 9:9-10 (ESV)

In the Ancient Near East, a king entered cities riding on a warhorse in order to convey his military power, particularly when he was entering into newly conquered cities where his rule may have been regarded as illegitimate or met with suspicion or outright rejection. The exception to this custom was when a beloved king entered his own capital city. There he would ride in on a donkey — the benevolent king. The prophet Zechariah speaks of a day when Jerusalem would see her king return. He would conquer the enemy once and for all, secure a lasting salvation, and establish a new reign of peace for all. This hope of the true king, riding on a donkey, led the crowd to shout: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matthew 21:7) when they saw Jesus riding into Jerusalem, yes, on a donkey.

And yet this crowd soon became the angry mob that cried for blood: “Crucify Him!” Jesus, who was once welcomed as the returning king, would be met with the violent rejection of a hostile people. The true king returned to his capital city to find that it had betrayed him. Yet still, he mounted a donkey, not a warhorse, and entered in peace. And he won the ultimate victory for his treacherous people by submitting himself to their violence — **our** violence — confirming our guilt and achieving our forgiveness in one decisive victory. The enemy this king would conquer turned out to be us, and the cost of the victory we longed for was the death of our beloved king. And he did it. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

PRAYER

Lord, we rejoice and shout aloud that you would give your life to pay the price for our treachery. We praise you as our beloved king we have been waiting for. Come reign in our heart, our lives and our city. In Christ's name. Amen.



Holy Week Playlist

Available on our app

The graphic features three smartphones displaying the Holy Week Playlist app interface. The central phone shows a 'REMEMBER WASHUP MUSIC' playlist with 'LIVES PLAYERS' and 'Holy Week' as featured artists. To the right, there is a red square icon with a white cross-like symbol and a QR code for app access.

Announcements

Holy Week POJ: Holy Week Person of Jesus (**Mon. Apr 14-Fri. Apr 18, Noon**) is an opportunity to slow down and look at the way Jesus loved. Seeing the pattern - and power - that He has given us to love in the same way. **Lunch and childcare will be provided.**

Good Friday Service: Good Friday (**Apr 18, 6:30 pm**) is a reflective service where we meditate on the Passion and Cross of Christ. We will have **childcare through pre-K4.**

Easter Two Services: Easter Sunday (**Apr 20, 9 & 10:30am**) we will have two identical worship services with **childcare through 5th grade.**

Student Ministry Fundraiser: Sunday, May 18, following the worship service, we are hosting a lunch to raise scholarship money for students to attend summer camp! Come support the student ministry in Covenant Hall where students will serve lunch and wait tables. Price per plate is whatever you are willing to pay to help send students to camp. Lunch will be followed by a dessert auction. If you have a dessert you think others would enjoy, please sign up at redeemerwh.org/dos.

Family Fest: During the student ministry fundraiser Sunday, May 18, we will be having an event for families with a bubble train, inflatables, and face painting. You won't want to miss this! This is a great opportunity to bring a friend!

Summer Camps: Parents of middle and high school students, please mark your calendars for **June 9-14 (Southland High School Camp)** and **July 7-11 (Southland Middle School Camp)**. These camps are great opportunities for fellowship, worship, and fun, and we encourage all students to attend. To learn more information and register for camp, please visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on Spotify and Apple Music so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: (redeemerwh.org/worship).

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org) and the Florida Church Planting Network (flchurchplanting.org).

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2025 GOAL: \$50,000
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