



Larchmont Avenue Church

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PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2025

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Arr. Molly Ijames

Rich Williams, trombone

*At this time, children of all ages are invited to the rear of the sanctuary
to prepare for our Palm Sunday processional.*

***OPENING SCRIPTURE: CHRIST ENTERS JERUSALEM** Luke 19:28-4

Rev. Dr. Bynum

***PROCESSION OF THE PALMS** “Prepare Ye” from Godspell

Stephen Schwartz

“Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 24 and Matthew 21)

One: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

All: So that the King of Glory may come in!

One: Who is the King of Glory?

All: The Lord, strong and mighty! The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***OPENING HYMN #197**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Christ the Good Shepherd, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises.

**But while our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing
easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your
salvation, yet sin is still close and real, and it leads us away from you.**

Have mercy on your sheep, O Lord. Help us to hear your voice and heed your call.

**Forgive what we have been, and direct who we shall be, for the sake of your
glory...(time for silent prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***KYRIE (#551)**

*Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Simon Pauly

**O Lord our Shepherd, as we open your Word today, we pray that these verses will
lead us to green pastures and still waters. Help us to hear your Word and follow it to
paths that will carry us to your goodness and mercy. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 10: 11-18

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #187 (verse 1)**

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

*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.*

THE GREAT AMEN (congregation singing)

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Claunch

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OFFERTORY

“Ride On, King Jesus”

Arr. Howard Helvey

*Ride on, King Jesus; no man can a-hinder me.
He is King of kings, he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last; no man a-works like him.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse; no man a-works like him.
River of Jordan; no man a-works like him.
Jesus rides in the middle of the air; no man a-works like him.
He call the saints from everywhere; no man a-works like him.*

***DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #198 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”**

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“Litanies”

Jehan Alain

*You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated.
Feel free to greet your neighbors!*

** Please stand if you are able.*

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share?
Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800,
ext. 342.

FLOWERS

- Today's flowers are given to Douglas & Val Kostner on their wedding anniversary, from the Deacons.
- Donate a potted spring flower for our Easter Sunday service.
<https://onrealm.org/LarchmontAvenueChurch/give/Eastermemorialflower>
- If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org or SignUpGenius.com Sponsoring Flowers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Join the Women's Bible Study!
Email broodal@lacny.org. Men's Bible Study. Contact Arthur Washington, ajwash3@outlook.com

• FELLOWSHIP

- Coffee served in Russell Hall today at 11:15 am. Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.
- PROGRESSIVE DINNER. A dinner party with a twist! May 17th 6-10 PM
Scan QR Code to register or visit www.lacny.org,
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MUSIC

Looking for ways to get involved?
Joining the choir is a great way to make
a joyful noise (and some great friends
as well). Call the church office or email
dkostner@lacny.org for more details.

SERVICE

- LAC Food Connection: lacoffice@lacny.org
- [April 27th - Earth Day Sunday & Native Planting Garden Ribbon Cutting](#)
- SAVE THE DATE: LAC Rummage Sale, May 1-3
Donations accepted: Sat., April 26 10am – 12pm
Sun., April 27 12pm – 4pm
Mon., April 28 10am – 4pm
Tues., April 29 9am – 12pm
www.lacny.org/rummage-sale-2025-2/ or scan the QR code



LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday Communion Service — April 17th @ 7 PM
- Good Friday Service — April 18th @ 12 noon
- Community Sunrise Easter Service in Manor Park — April 20th @ 6:30 AM
- Easter Services at LAC — April 20th @ 9 AM and 11AM

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
11:15 am Personnel Committee (Library)

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Carhart, Chapel, Room 202)
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY APRIL 18

Office closes at noon
12:00 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY APRIL 21

Office Closed

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As an earth care Congregation, we ask that you please recycle your bulletin. Thank you.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an-cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.