



LUKE 19:38

Blessed  
is the king  
who comes  
in the name  
of the Lord!



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**WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 186 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

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The Nursery, which is accessed from the double doors, front right, is available for any family needing a space away. The audio portion of the service is provided at 8:00 AM and the live-stream at 10:30 AM.

**Our Communion** is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

The palms for today's service are graciously provided in loving memory of the William S. Eisenhart Family by son Christopher Eisenhart.



## Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

### Entering and Leaving the Church:

*Wearing a mask while in worship is optional.*

### Offerings:

*Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org)*

### Communion Procedure:

1. Come to communion using the center aisle (about 8 adults per side).
2. Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).
3. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.
4. Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.
5. Extend your hands to receive the communion host.
6. Consume the communion host.
7. Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.
8. Consume the wine.
9. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.
10. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

**Our COVID-19 task force** is assisting us as we remain open. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, Norma Shue, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

# Palm/Passion Sunday

## Matins—Morning Prayer

### April 10, 2022 8:00 AM

#### PRELUDE

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

Jacob B. Weber

#### VERSICLES

O Lord, open my lips

**And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

#### HYMN

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (ELW 533)*



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there.
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in-crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre-cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so-e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit*

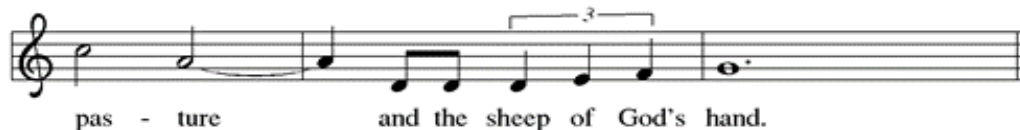
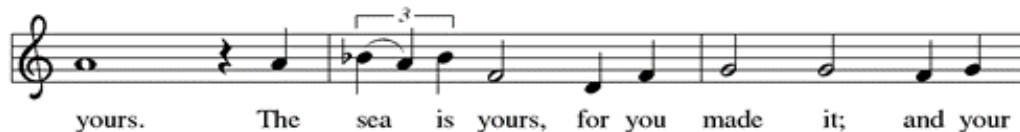
## PSALMODY

Psalm 95

*The Psalm is sung by all to a setting by Carolyn Jennings*

*Refrain*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the  
rock of our sal - va - tion. 1 Let us come be-fore God's  
pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the  
Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great  
God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods.  
*Refrain*  
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the  
rock of our sal - va - tion. 2 In your hand are the



## PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus, the incarnate Word, when you consented to dwell with us, the heavens were glad and the earth rejoiced. In hope and love we await your return. Help us to proclaim your glory to those who do not know you, until the whole earth sings a new song to you and the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PSALM 31:9-16** *Psalm 31 is sung by the choir to a setting by Mark Sedio.*

- <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I<sup>1</sup> am in trouble;  
 my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat<sup>1</sup> and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my<sup>1</sup> years with sighing;  
 my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones<sup>1</sup> are consumed.  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to<sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;  
 when they see me in the street<sup>1</sup> they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten,<sup>1</sup> out of mind;  
 I am as useless as a<sup>1</sup> broken pot.  
<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is<sup>1</sup> all around;  
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to<sup>1</sup> take my life.  
<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.  
 I have said, "You<sup>1</sup> are my God.  
<sup>15</sup>My times are<sup>1</sup> in your hand;  
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who<sup>1</sup> persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up-<sup>1</sup> on your servant;  
 save me in your<sup>1</sup> steadfast love."

## PSALM PRAYER

O Lord our God, our times are in your hand. You saved your chosen one, Jesus Christ, when he commended himself to you. Let your face shine on all who suffer persecution, and give our hearts courage to confront evil. Lead us and guide us through all our weary years, that we may praise you for the wonders of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 50:4-9a (back cover)

*A period of silence follows the reading*

**SECOND READING** Philippians 2:5-11 (back cover)

*A period of silence follows the reading*

**HOMILY**

Pastor Reep

**ANTHEM**

*Hosanna! Hosanna!*

Antonio Caldara

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

**But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son**

**GOSPEL CANTICLE**    *The refrain is sung by all. The choir sings the verses.*

*Refrain*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the  
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

1 Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
2 You have raised up for us a might - y Savior,  
3 Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,  
4 to show mercy to our forebears,  
5 This was the oath you swore to our fa - ther Abraham:  
6 free to worship you without fear,  
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
8 to give God's people knowledge of sal - vation  
9 In the tender compassion of our God  
10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

1 you have come to your people and set them free.  
2 born of the house of your ser - vant David. *Refrain*  
3 from the hands of all who hate us,  
4 and to re - member your ho - ly covenant.  
5 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
6 holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. *Refrain*  
7 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare the way,  
8 by the for - give - ness of their sins.  
9 the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,  
10 and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Refrain*

**Stand****PRAYERS**

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children,  
and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*There in God's Garden (ELW 342)*

*Sanza-1 All, 2-Women, 3-Men, 4-Choir, 5 & 6-All*

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
3 Thorns not its own arc tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

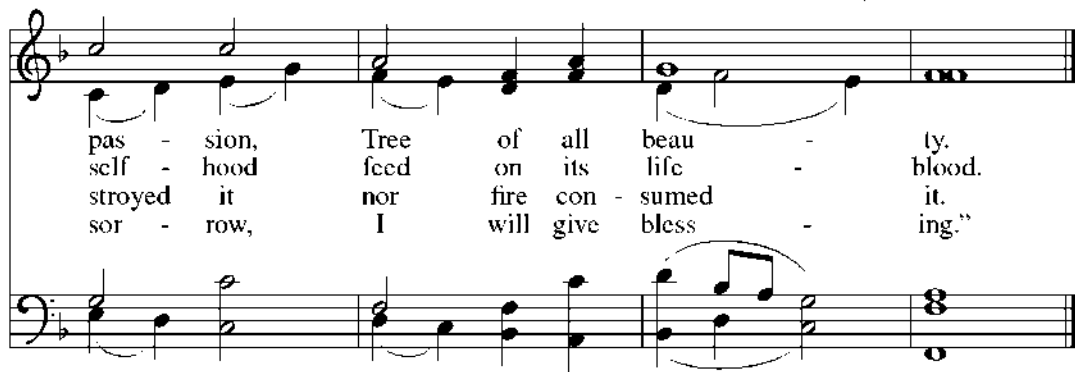




whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions;  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

**BLESSING**

Almighty God Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*O World, I Must Leave You*

Gerald Near

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Please join us for breakfast outside (inclement weather in Fellowship Hall) and for the Blessing of the Palms at 9:15 AM at the Garden of Memory. A procession through the neighborhood follows the Blessing of the Palms. You are most welcome to join in the Palm Sunday Procession. The reading of the Passion and the celebration of Holy Communion is at 10:30 AM.



# Palm Sunday

## Blessing of Palms and Procession

April 10, 2022      9:15 a.m.

### GATHERING

*The congregation gathers at the Garden of Memory.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now 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, <sup>38</sup>saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

# THANKSGIVING *Those assembled are given Palm branches.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

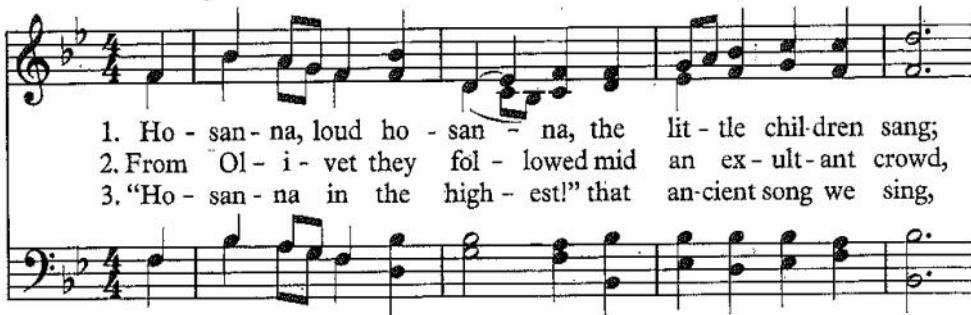
We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

*Please raise your branches.*

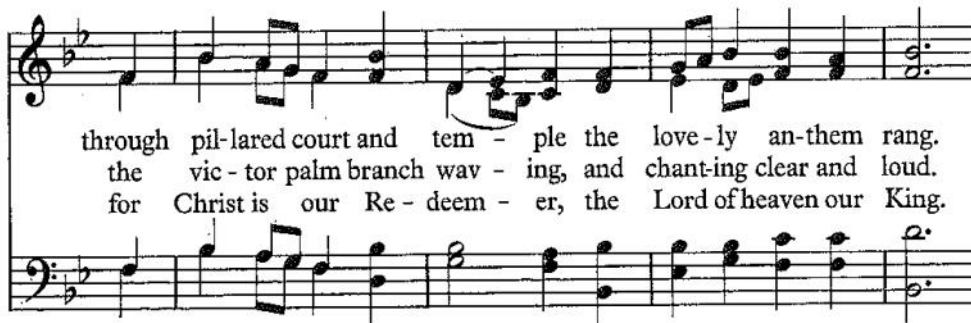
We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*The branches are sprinkled with water.*

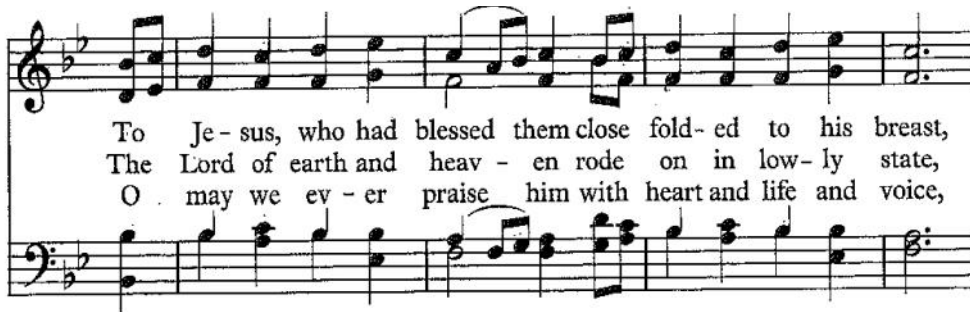
## HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*



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 love - ly 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.



## PRAYERS

Let us pray. Have mercy, O Lord, on all those whose judgement of truth is rooted in the opinions of others; all who are swayed by pressure groups to do deeds which they themselves would never think of doing; all whose lack of purpose, lack of conviction, lack of stability or lack of employment, makes them available to the purposes of others and delivers them as a weapon into the hands of evil people; give to all people everywhere, O Lord, a spirit of responsibility and discernment, and make them more ready to seek for the truth and less ready to believe a lie; through Jesus Christ or Lord.

**Amen.**

Have mercy, O Lord, on all who bear high office and abuse its authority; all who plot courses of political action for the sole purpose protecting their own positions; all who persecute prophets because of the evil they expose; all who manufacture a lie for public consumption; all who treat prophets and public alike as pawns and puppets; on all such, everywhere, O Lord, have mercy. Help them to worship truth, and to give God the glory. Teach them to know and to understand, to believe and to trust, that for the mighty as for the meek it is only by losing our life that we find it, only by dying that we live; only by following Christ that we have hope; for his name's sake.

**Amen.**



O God, who knows our weakness, have mercy on us and all Christian people when we are tempted to cast away our confidence in Christ. When the high and mighty are against him, and when the crowd cries for his blood, help us to cling to his cross and behold his face. And as you saved and delivered the first disciples, so, by the power of the resurrection, save and deliver us too, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of the Lord.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The procession follows the cross through the neighborhood.*

*Following the procession children may proceed to Sunday School classes on the upper level. Adults may proceed to Christ Hall for a time of conversation.*



**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**April 10, 2022**  
**Holy Communion 10:30 A.M.**

**PRELUDE**                      Handbells        *Holy, Holy, Hosanna!*

*Stand*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**                      *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (ELW 346)*



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear 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; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.        **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



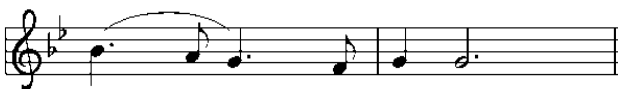
Lord, have mer - cy.

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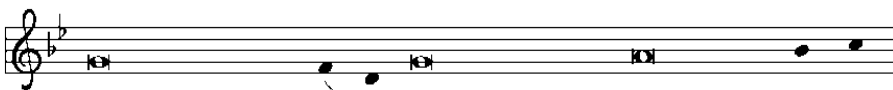
*Kyrie continued...*



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord,** have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



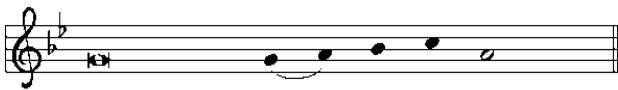
God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord,** have mer - cy.



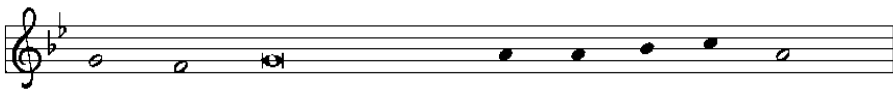
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord,** have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A** - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit***HOMILY****Pastor Reep****THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE***Silence follows the reading.**Stand***HYMN OF THE DAY***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW 803)*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember those who have died. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for us with you in paradise. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people share signs of peace. The ministers prepare the altar for Holy Communion.*

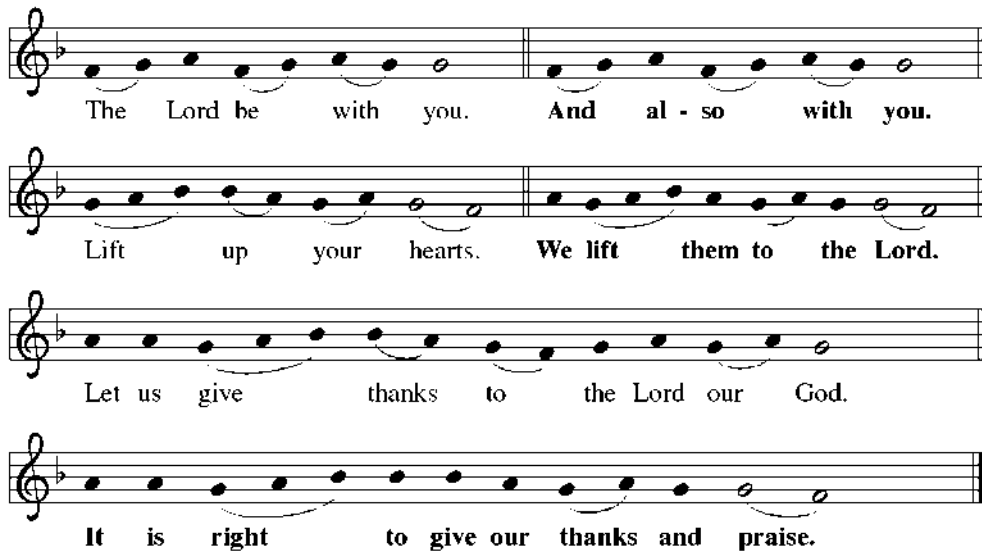
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

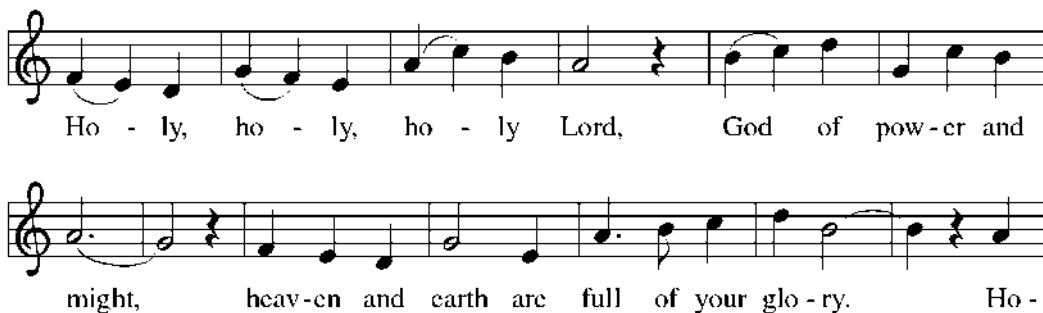
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

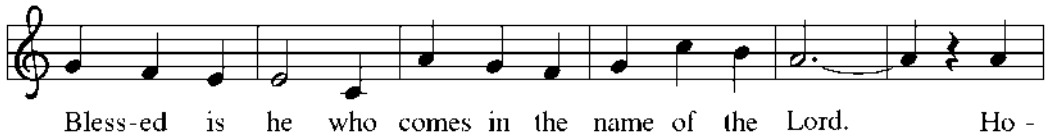
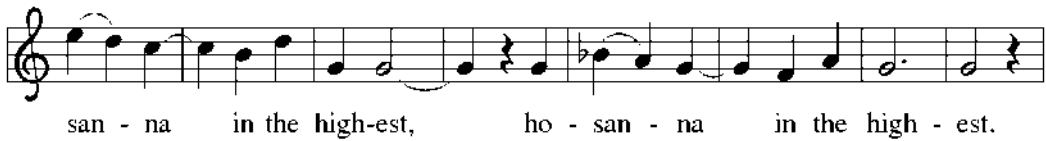
## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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,**

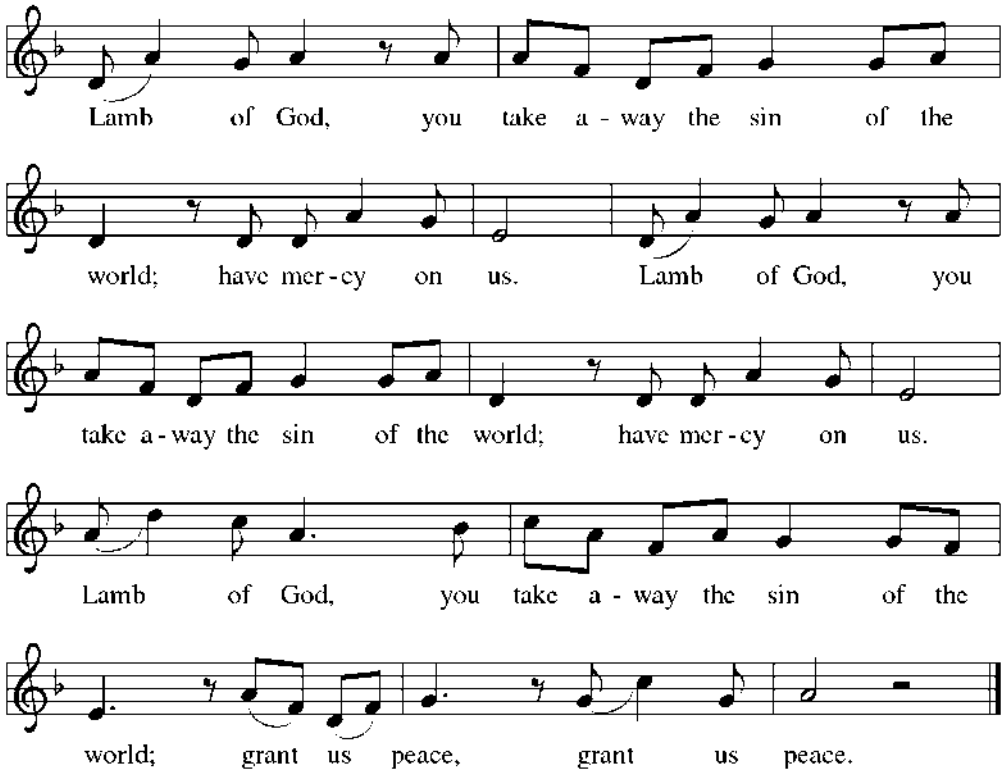
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## FRACTION

*A brief silence is kept.*

## AGNUS DEI

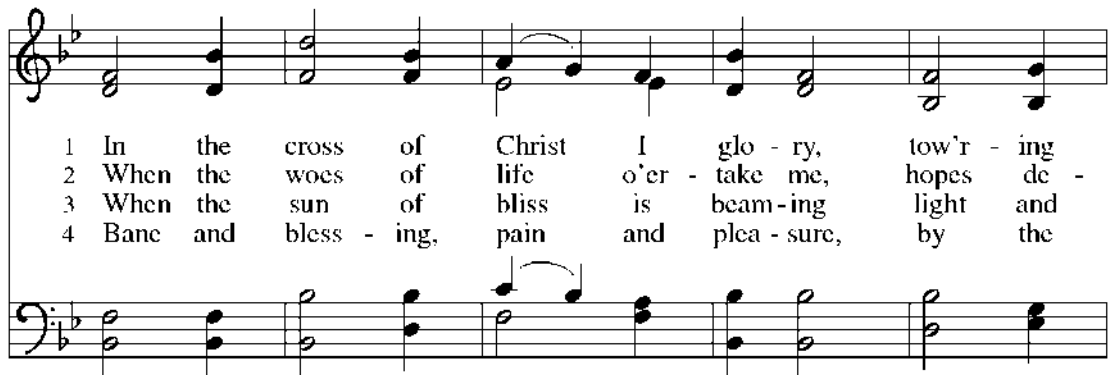


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

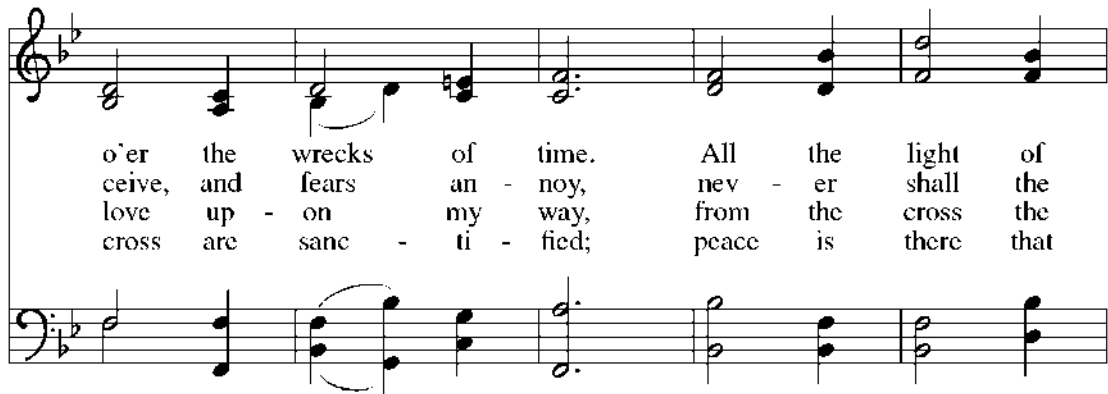
*Sit*

## COMMUNION

*Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**     *In the Cross of Christ I Glory (ELW 324)*


1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and  
 4 Banc and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (ELW337)*



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?  
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

*Stand*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray (*a brief silence*).

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

*The people remain standing until the minister and servers exit the nave.*

**POSTLUDE**

*O World, I Must Leave You*

Gerald Near

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**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I 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.  
  
<sup>7</sup>The 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;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**Psalms 31:9-16**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

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.

**GOSPEL: Luke 22:14—23:56**

or Luke 23:1-49 [not printed]