

# SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

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***"Preach. Teach. Reach."***

## PRELUDE

*Congregation gathers to begin the procession of the palms in the Narthex entrance inside.*

## WELCOME

*Please rise.*

## GATHERING

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

P The Gospel according the Mark 11th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

*Mark 11:1-11*

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

P <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, “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!” <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace.

C **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*



- 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*



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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C** Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**“WHEN YOU PRAYED BENEATH THE TREES”**

*Choir*

FIRST READING

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

**R** <sup>4</sup>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>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**R** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*Psalms 31:9-16*

**R** <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**C** <sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

**R** <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**C** <sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

**R** <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**C** <sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.**

**R** <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**C** <sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

R <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.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

P The Gospel according to Mark 14th and 15th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

*Mark 14:1-72, 15:1-47*

*The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.*

Narrator <sup>1</sup>It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; <sup>2</sup>for they said,

Regulator “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

Narrator <sup>3</sup>While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Tempter “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.”

Narrator And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said,

Jesus “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Narrator <sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Narrator <sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

**C** “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

Narrator <sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

Narrator <sup>16</sup>So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>17</sup>When it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

Narrator <sup>19</sup>They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

**C** “Surely, not I?”

Narrator <sup>20</sup>He said to them,

Jesus “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

Narrator <sup>22</sup>While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

Jesus “Take; this is my body.”

Narrator <sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them,

Jesus “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Narrator <sup>26</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them,

Jesus “You will all become deserters; for it is written,

Regulator ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’

Jesus <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

Narrator <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him,

Peter “Even though all become deserters, I will not.

Narrator <sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator <sup>31</sup>But he said vehemently,

Peter “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

Narrator And all of them said the same.

**C** **“Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”**

Narrator <sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus “Sit here while I pray.”

Narrator <sup>33</sup>He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them,

Jesus “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

Narrator <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>He said,

Jesus “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

Narrator <sup>37</sup>He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? <sup>38</sup>Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup>He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator <sup>43</sup>Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Temptor “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

Narrator <sup>45</sup>So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Regulator “Rabbi!”

Narrator and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.”

Narrator <sup>50</sup>All of them deserted him and fled. <sup>51</sup>A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Narrator <sup>53</sup>They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup>Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>Some stood up

and gave false testimony against him, saying,

Regulator <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”

Narrator <sup>59</sup>But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

Tempter “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

Narrator <sup>61</sup>But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

Regulator “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

Narrator <sup>62</sup>Jesus said,

Jesus “I am; and

**C** **‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”**

Narrator <sup>63</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

Tempter “Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?”

Narrator All of them condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

Tempter “Prophecy!”

Narrator The guards also took him over and beat him.

Narrator <sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

**(Women)** **“You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.”**

Narrator <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying,

Peter “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.”

Narrator And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Regulator “This man is one of them.”

Narrator <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to

**(Men)** **“Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.”**

Narrator <sup>71</sup>But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter “I do not know this man you are talking about.”

Narrator <sup>72</sup>At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

**C** **“Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”**



Narrator And he broke down and wept.

Narrator <sup>15:1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him,

Tempter “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator He answered him,

Jesus “You say so.”

Narrator <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again,

Tempter “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Narrator <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Narrator <sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them,

Tempter “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again,

Tempter “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Narrator <sup>13</sup>They shouted back,

**C** “**Crucify him!**”

Narrator <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them,

Tempter “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

**C** “**Crucify him!**”

Narrator <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Narrator <sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him,

**C** “**Hail, King of the Jews!**”

Narrator <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Narrator <sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they

crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

<sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read,

**C            “The King of the Jews.”**

Narrator    <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Tempter    “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

Narrator    <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**C            “He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”**

Narrator    Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Narrator    <sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus        “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

Narrator    which means,

Jesus        “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Jesus & Peter    Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

Jesus, Peter, Tempter    O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but find no rest.

All speakers    Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

**C            To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**

Narrator    <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**C            “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”**

Narrator    <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Regulator    “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

Narrator    <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry

Jesus        But I am a worm, and not human' scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All Speakers    All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

**C            Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

Narrator and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

**C “Truly this man was God’s Son!”**

Narrator <sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

**(Women) All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord.**

**(Men) Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.**

**(All) And I shall live for him.**

**(Men) Posterity will serve him.**

**(Women) Future generations will be told about the Lord,**

**(All) And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying, He has accomplished it.**

Narrator <sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.

Jesus I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

Peter My heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

Jesus & Peter My mouth is dried up like a broken piece of clay,

All Speakers And my tongue sticks to my jaws:

**C You lay me in the dust of death.**

Narrator He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

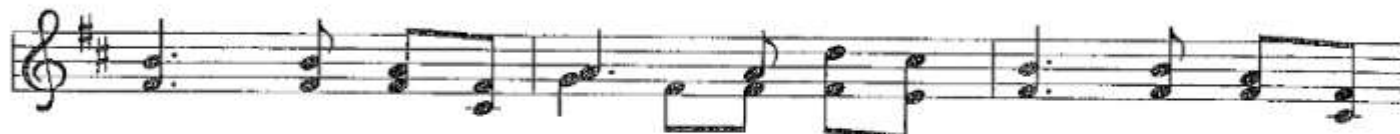


# Lamb of God

## Your Only Son



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

*Refrain*



O Lamb of 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.

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YOUR ONLY SON

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## THE CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P** Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

**R** 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**R** 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**R** Establish peace and justice among the nations of Ukraine and Palestine. 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**R** Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**R** Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, in treatment, or ill, especially Lisa Thompson, Mark Gehrke, Virginia Steward, June Chadwick, Martha Dallman, Marie McCoy, Jean Lothe, David Hanson, and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

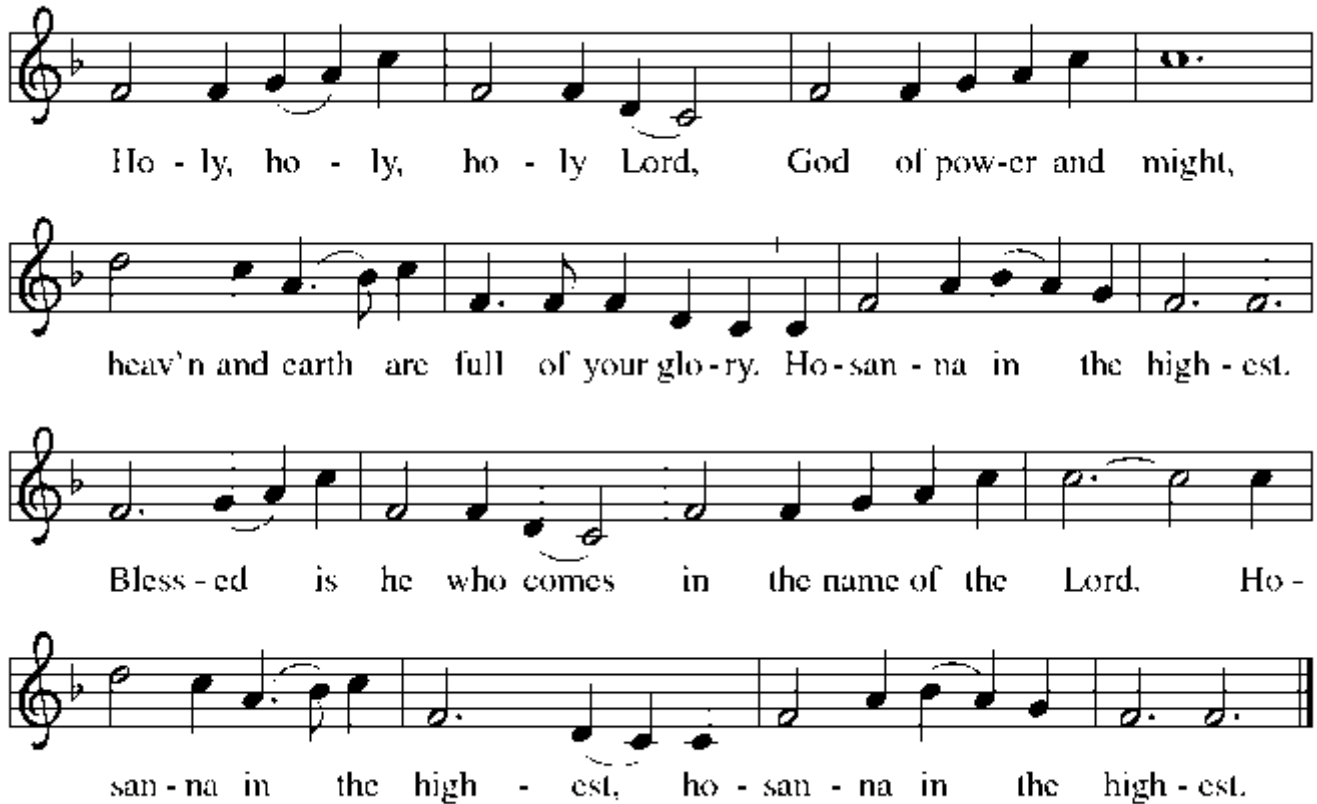
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

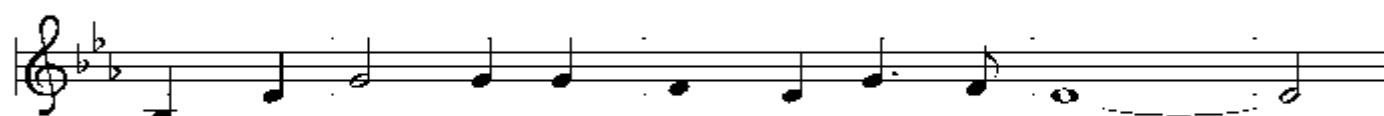
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**



## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

### Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Mus: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual



# My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
 re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they  
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have  
 my dear Lord made away;  
 a murderer they save,  
 the prince of life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,  
 that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death, no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home;  
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—  
 no story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!

*Please rise.*



## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

## COMMUNION PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

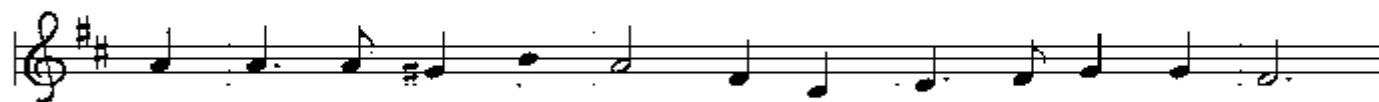
## BLESSING

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

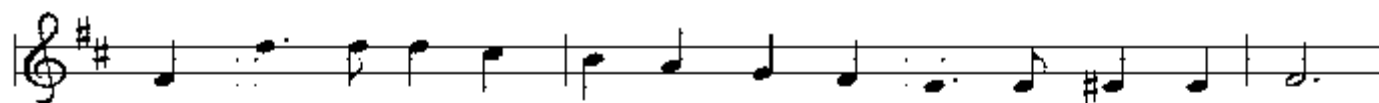
C Amen.

## SENDING 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.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share your bread.  
C Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY: Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card  
and place it in the offering plate if  
you are communing today.*

## OUR STAFF

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Dave Wisner

## PRAYERS & CARES

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**A Nursery (Youth Room)** for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

**Our Prayer List:** Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson (daughter of Bob & Jeannette Gehrke)

Mark Gehrke (son of Bob and Jeannette Gehrke)

Martha Dallman (Mother Kathy Sandridge)

Virginia Steward

Marie McCoy

June Chadwick

Sonja Nielsen

Jean Lothe

David Hanson

## Congregational Opportunities

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**BIBLE STUDY:** Every Wednesday, at 1:00pm.

**QUILTING:** Every Wednesday at 9:00am, no experience needed.

**BAND PRACTICE:** Every Monday at 10:30am (new day, same time).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bulletin Announcements:** Bulletin deadline is noon on Wednesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net or drop them off at the office.

**Hospitalized?:** Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup on the table in the narthex. Please help us get these distributed to your families.

## YOUTH & KIDS

**Sunday School: (ages 3 - grade 6)** Children will start out in worship and be dismissed after the children's sermon.

**Confirmation Classes [grades 7-8]:** 10:30am-noon in the Fireside Room.

## CALL TO ACTION

**March Food Pantry Focus:** March focus is "Toiletries," such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hair brushes/combs, disposable baby diapers, feminine products (pads/tampons), Depends, etc. Please place your non-perishable goods in the 'Donations' basket in the entryway & it will be delivered to the pantry.

**Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.**

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

Please join us for Palm Sunday Breakfast after service today. This is a fundraiser for the Youth Group and any donation will be greatly appreciated.



Easter Sunday services will be held at 9:00am and 10:30am.



## THIS WEEK AT BURKE

<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	Quilting, 9:00am	Bible Study, 1:00pm
<b>Friday, March 29</b>		Worship at Norway Grove Memorial, 1:00pm Worship at Burke, 7:00pm
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	Worship, 9:00am & 10:30am	

Narrator	Pastor Bryan
Bold	Congregation
Jesus	Julie Clark
Peter	Cheryl Beckman
Tempter	Sharon Hughes
Regulator	Deb Brown

## WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>March 24 - 9:00am Service</b>	<b>March 29 - 7:00pm Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel-Moore
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sharon Hughes	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Cheryl Beckman, Julie Clark, Sharon Hughes, Deb Brown	Pastors Bryan Lagerstam & Stacy Gahlman-Schroeder
<b>Usher Team</b>	Karl & Shari Patzer	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Palm Sunday Youth Breakfast	
<b>Counters</b>	Sharon Hughes, Jan Peterson Cheryl Beckman	
	<b>March 31 - 9:00am Service</b>	<b>March 31 - 10:30am Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Chris Grefe, Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe, Dave Wisner
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Julie Clark	
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Deb Brown	
<b>Usher Team</b>	Steve and Donna Frederick	
<b>Counters</b>	Gloria Lundquist Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist Jeannette Gehrke