

# 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 Matthew 21st chapter.

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

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:1-11*

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

P <sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” <sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 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,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 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.*

P The Gospel according to Luke chapters 26 and 27.

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

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:14-27:66*

*In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.*

[Narrator] <sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said,

[Tempter] "What will you give me if I betray him to you?"

[Narrator] They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

[Narrator] <sup>17</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

**[All] "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"**

[Narrator] <sup>18</sup>He said,

[Jesus] "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

[Narrator] <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said,

[Jesus] "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

[Narrator] <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

[All]                   **“Surely not I, Lord?”**

[Narrator]           <sup>23</sup>He answered,

[Jesus]                “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.  
<sup>24</sup>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>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said,

[Tempter]            “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

[Narrator]            He replied,

[Jesus]                “You have said so.”

[Narrator]           <sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he  
broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

[Jesus]                “Take, eat; this is my body.”

[Narrator]           <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

[Jesus]                “Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is  
poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never  
again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with  
you in my Father’s kingdom.”

[Narrator]           <sup>30</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them,

[Jesus]                “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I  
will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ <sup>32</sup>But  
after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

[Narrator]           <sup>33</sup>Peter said to him,

[Peter]                “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

[Narrator]           <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him,

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

[Narrator] <sup>35</sup>Peter said to him,

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

[Narrator] And so said all the disciples.

**[All] “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”**

[Narrator] <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

[Jesus] “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

[Narrator] <sup>37</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them,

[Jesus] “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”

[Narrator] <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

[Jesus] “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”

[Narrator] <sup>40</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

[Jesus] “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Stay 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>42</sup>Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

[Jesus] “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

[Narrator] <sup>43</sup>Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

[Jesus] “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

[Narrator] <sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

[Tempter] “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

[Narrator] <sup>49</sup>At once he came up to Jesus and said,

[Tempter] “Greetings, Rabbi!”

[Narrator] and kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him,

[Jesus] “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

[Narrator] Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him,

[Jesus] “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

[Narrator] <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

[Jesus] “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

[Narrator] Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. <sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said,

[All] **“This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”**

[Narrator] <sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said,

[Priest] “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

[Narrator] <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

[Priest] “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

[Narrator] <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him,

[Jesus] “You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

[Narrator] <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

[Priest] “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your verdict?”

[Narrator] They answered,

**[All] “He deserves death.”**

[Narrator] <sup>67</sup>Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying,

**[All] “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”**

[Narrator] <sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

[Priest] “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

[Narrator] <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before all of them, saying,

[Peter] “I do not know what you are talking about.”

[Narrator] <sup>71</sup>When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

[Priest] “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

[Narrator] <sup>72</sup>Again he denied it with an oath,

[Peter] “I do not know the man.”

[Narrator] <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

[All] **“Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”**

[Narrator] <sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

[All] **“I do not know the man!”**

[Narrator] At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

[Jesus] “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

[Narrator] And he went out and wept bitterly. <sup>27:1</sup>When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. <sup>2</sup>They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. <sup>3</sup>When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup>He said,

[Tempter] “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

[Narrator] But they said,

[All] **“What is that to us? See to it yourself.”**

[Narrator] <sup>5</sup>Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

[Priest] “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”

[Narrator] <sup>7</sup>After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. <sup>8</sup>For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah,

[Tempter] “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

[Narrator] <sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

[Priest] “Are you the King of the Jews?”

[Narrator] Jesus said,

[Jesus] “You say so.”

[Narrator] <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him,

[Priest] “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

[Narrator] <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. <sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

[Priest] “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

[Narrator] <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

[Tempter] “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”

[Narrator] <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them,

[Priest] “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

[Narrator] And they said,

[All] “**Barabbas.**”

[Narrator] <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them,

[Priest] “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

[Narrator] All of them said,

[All] “**Let him be crucified!**”

[Narrator] <sup>23</sup>Then he asked,

[Priest] “Why, what evil has he done?”

[Narrator] But they shouted all the more,

**[All]                   “Let him be crucified!”**

[Narrator]           <sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

[Priest]               “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

[Narrator]           <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered,

**[All]                   “His blood be on us and on our children!”**

[Narrator]           <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. <sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

**[All]                   “Hail, King of the Jews!”**

[Narrator]           <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. <sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

<sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read,

**[All]                   “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”**

[Narrator]           <sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying,

**[All]                   “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

[Narrator] <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

[Men] <sup>42</sup>**“He saved others; he cannot save himself.**

[Women] **He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.**

[All] <sup>43</sup>**He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”**

[Narrator] <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. <sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

[Jesus] “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

[Narrator] that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

[All] **“This man is calling for Elijah.”**

[Narrator] <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said,

[All] **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**

[Narrator] <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

[Tempter] “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

[Narrator] <sup>55</sup>Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. <sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich

man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. <sup>62</sup>The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said,

[Tempter] “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ <sup>64</sup>Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

[Narrator] <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them,

[Priest] “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

[Narrator] <sup>66</sup>So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please rise.*



HYMN OF THE DAY

LAMB OF GOD



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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Music: Twila Paris

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YOUR ONLY SON

LMD

## 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** Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

**R** O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**R** You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

R Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

R Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day, especially family and friends of Bill, Lisa, Mark, Tim, Paul, Shannon, Tom, Cindy, and all those we name upon our lips and in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

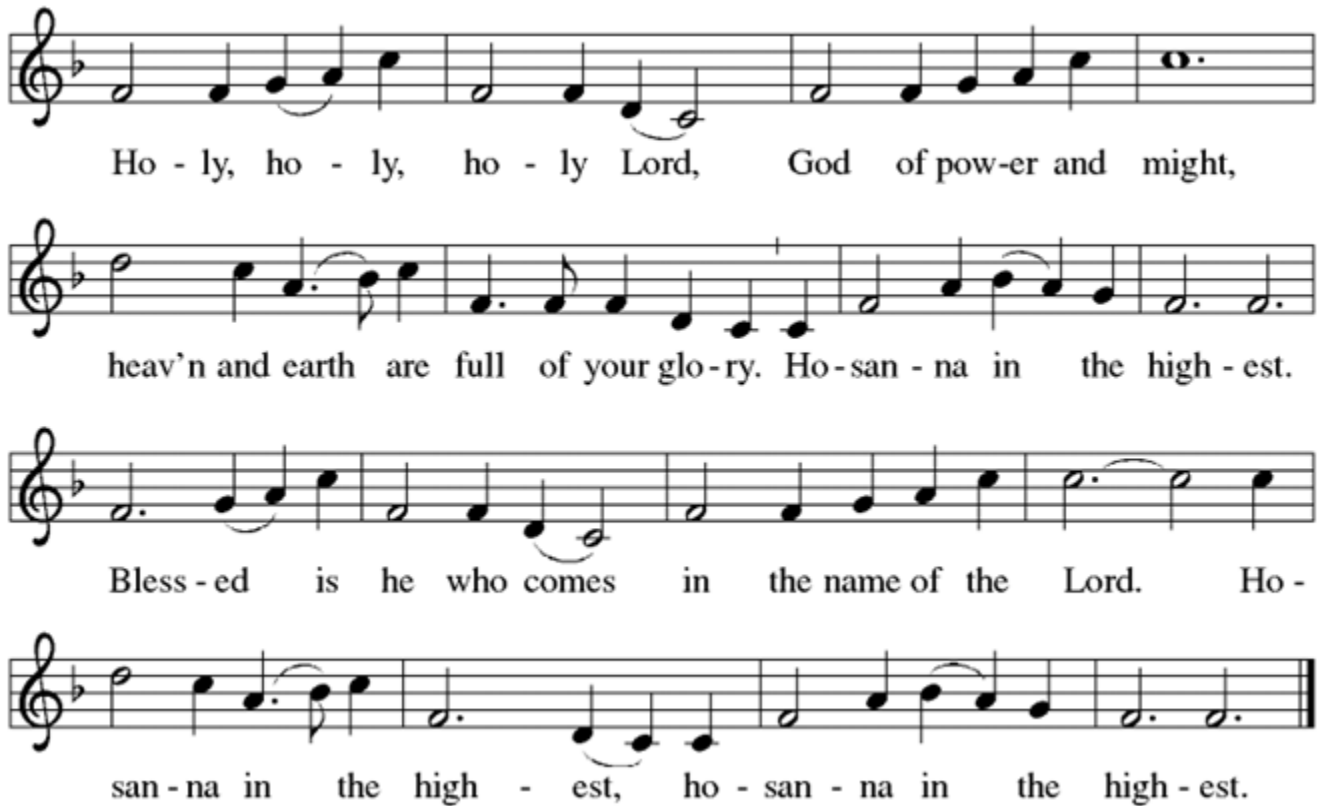
P Lift up your hearts.

**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?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
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?

*Refrain*



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



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
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  
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual



# My Song Is Love Unknown



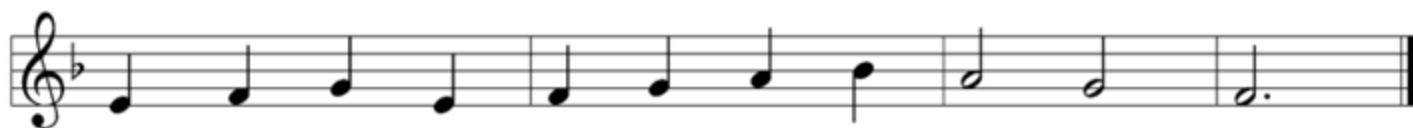
1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



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.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

*Please rise.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

**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.

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes if you have not already done so. They are on the table in the Narthex.

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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## 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.*

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## OUR STAFF

### **Pastor**

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### **Maintenance Engineer**

Isaac Super

## 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 four weeks.

Family and Friends of Bill Schmidt

Lisa Thompson

Mark Gehrke

Tim Lothe

Paul Fritz

Shannon Schlimgen

Tom Hughes

Cindy Sommer

## Congregational Opportunities

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**QUILTING:** Every Wednesday at 9:00am.

**OWLS:** On hiatus during Lent.

**JAM at NGMLC:** On hiatus during Lent.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Bulletin Announcements:** Bulletin deadline is noon on Tuesdays. Send them to [burkelutheran@att.net](mailto: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.

## 175TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



On September 24, 1851, the Sun Prairie Lutheran Church of Burke was organized. It was on February 1, 1948, when the congregation officially changed its name to Burke Lutheran Church. We are looking for volunteers to help us brainstorm ideas of things we can do this fall to celebrate our 175th Anniversary. Please let Mary TeWinkel know if you are interested in helping.

## CALL TO ACTION

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**April Food Pantry Focus:** Fats, Oils and sweets. Such as jams/jellies, syrups, honey, mayo, salad dressings or sugar. Please place your non-perishable goods in the 'Donations' basket in the entryway.

### **Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.**

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

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### **Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles**

If you have news you'd like to see in the Sunday bulletin announcements and/or Light of Life newsletter:

1. Email your submissions to burkelutheran@att.net (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), or
2. Mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or
3. Turn it into the church office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays**

**LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 25th of the month**

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### **THIS WEEK AT BURKE**

<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>	Quilting, 9:00am	
<b>Thursday, April 2</b>		Maundy Community Service at Christ Lutheran, DeForest 6:30pm
<b>Friday, April 3</b>		Good Friday Worship, 6:30pm
<b>Sunday, April 5</b>	Easter Worship, 10:00am	

Narrator	Pastor Bryan
Tempter	Hope McFarlin
Jesus	Debbie Brown
Peter	Gloria Lundquist
Priest	Cheryl Beckman
<b>All</b>	<b>Congregation</b>

### WORSHIP LEADERS

	<b>March 29 - 9:00am Palm Sunday Service</b>	<b>April 3 - 6:30pm Good Friday Service</b>	<b>April 5 - 10:00am Easter Sunday Service</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore Gloria Lundquist
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Dave Wisner		Dave Wisner
<b>Communion Asst</b>	Julie Clark	N/A	Youth
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Gloria Lundquist	N/A	Gloria Lundquist
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<i>See above</i>	Sign-Up	Deb Brown
<b>Usher Team</b>			Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Youth Easter Breakfast		None
<b>Counters</b>	Sharon Hughes Gloria Lundquist		Gloria Lundquist Rose Haney

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

<b>Sunday 9:00am</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>
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