

Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Sunday of the Passion/ Palm Sunday

Today we gather in the Narthex before processing into the sanctuary with palm branches and singing in commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The tone of our worship then quickly moves from this triumphal event to meditation upon Jesus' passion and death.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 19:28-40

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was 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, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

HYMN 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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.

Refrain

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

The assembly is seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

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P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

CHOIR *In the Shadow of Your Wings - Psalm 57* Phil Spears, John Leavitt (1990 GIA Publications)
Charlotte Bogda, violin

In the Shadow of Your Wings - Paraphrase of Psalm 57

Gracious God, be merciful. O my God, be merciful. My soul is crying out to you. My only refuge, lord, is you, God most High.

*In the shadow of your wings, 'neath the shadow of your wings,
My soul finds rest from my deep distress. My heart hides there till this darkness passes by. I cry to God on high whose purpose is fulfilled for me.*

He reaches down to save and reproaches him who threatens me. Gracious God, be merciful. O My God, be merciful. My soul finds love and truth in you. No other place of safety, Lord, but you. In the shadow of your wings I hide, O my God, most high.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

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P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 23:1-49)

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Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 343 My Song is Love Unknown

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that many years ago a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.

We believe that on that day the people cried out, longing and praying for a better world.

**We believe that these longings came from a place of deep hope,
and we believe that hope cannot be silenced.**

So we listen for the Spirit.

We sing Hosanna.

We pay attention.

For in between the silence and the song, we believe the Spirit is speaking.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Congregational response to

P. God, in your mercy,

C. receive our prayer.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering (especially). God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

We remember especially those whom we name aloud... **Marie** Becker, **Carole** Bergner, **Dave** Boock, **Wally** Brandt, **Bob** Bridges, **John** Carlson, **Sharon** Cobb, **Connie** Kretzmann, **Maia** Michalsen, **Carenna** Reisen, **Braden** Sitte, **Sandy** Weckler, and all whom we remember in our hearts and lift before you... (*silence for reflection*) ... God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lamb of God, Unspotted* Georg Philipp Telemann

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***About Communion:** This is Christ's table and meal of grace! All are welcome! Ushers will guide you forward. Receive the bread (gluten free available); wine or white grape juice is received from a cup from the gold tray. If you have difficulty coming forward for the distribution, please let one of the ushers know and they will ask the pastor to bring you communion in the pew. Children may come forward for a blessing.*

COMMUNION DIALOG

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

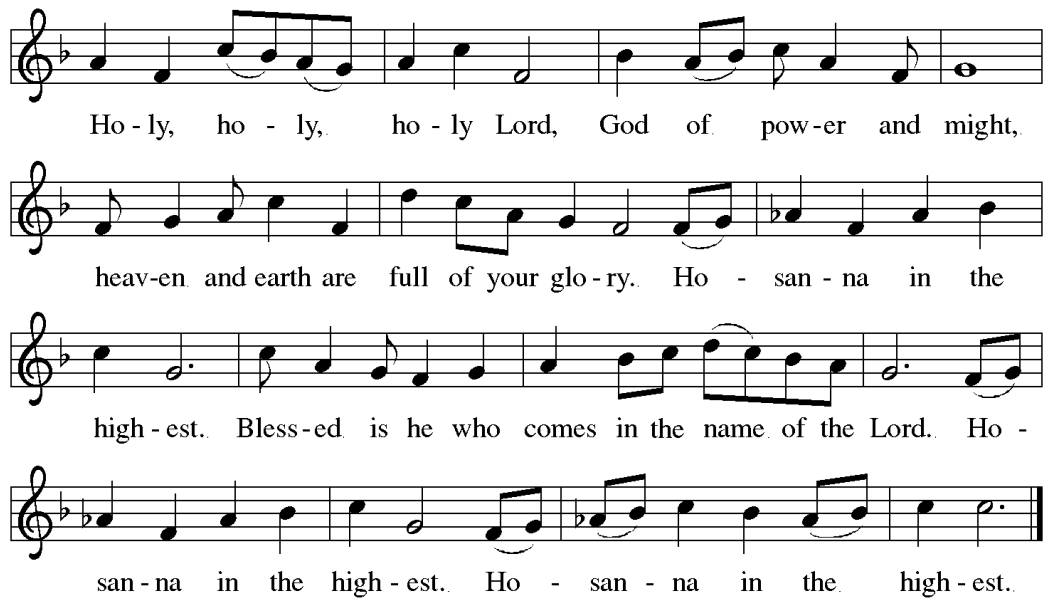
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

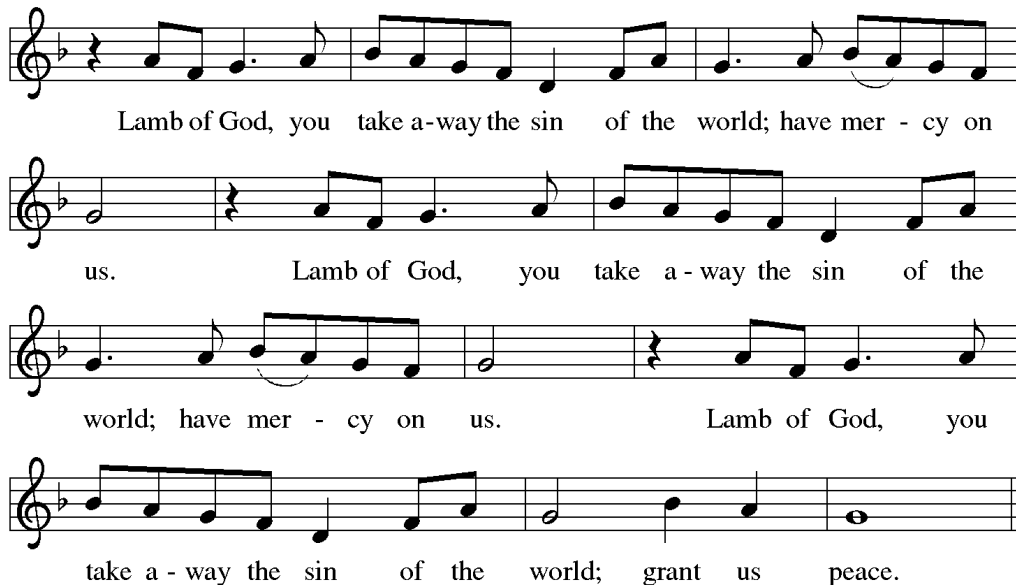
THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Choir will sing stanza 1. The congregation will join in singing on stanza 2.

HYMN 351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

I would like to invite forward, those who will be sharing this meal with our homebound members.

Let us pray: Gracious God,
You took the form of a servant offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world.
Anoint with a servant heart these, your people, who now take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers
in their homes.

Grant grace, mercy, healing and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new
life.

May we all recognize that we have a home and a place in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
‡ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

HYMN 339 Christ, the Life of all the Living

DISMISSAL

As you leave this place,
may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind,
and with the confidence that you do not go alone.
God is with you in the mountains,
in the valleys,
and everywhere in between.
Believe that good news, and go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

DEPART TO SERVE

POSTLUDE *Christ, Thou Lamb of God* Johann Sebastian Bach

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