



Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Roy Cook on his birthday by Kay, Amanda, Adam, Jillian, Brooke, and Christian.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching and Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Donna Potts
Passion Readers	John Beckford Pat Morgan Lisa Rehm Joshua Warner
Prayers	Jonathan Preacher
Communion Assistant	Chris Barsody
Cantor	Amanda Cook
Acolytes	EmmieMae Peden
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Mark Allen Anne Harmon Lara Wannemacher
Praying for Possibilities	Pat Morgan
Greeters	Mark Allen Chad Brightwell Julie Brightwell Anne Harmon Lisa Rehm Joshua Rhodes
Ushers	Richard Delap Carol Elliot Calvin Harmon Jay Hilbourn
Fellowship Hosts	Chris Nix, Dean Nix, and Rosa Waldrop
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

Nehemiah Action

Angie McCormack

Please stand as able

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kin-dom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, Jesus went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today Jesus entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these palm branches and palm crosses 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.

*Everyone is invited to lift up or wave their palm branches
or crosses during the Processional Hymn.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.** *Refrain*

**The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.** *Refrain*

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.** *Refrain*

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.

To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

**Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.** *Refrain*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting and Endlessly Loving God, out of your love for humanity, you walked this earth as Christ Jesus. You showed us your ways of justice, inclusion, compassion, and mercy. Help this world to accept you and the truth of your good news. Hear our cries of Hosanna and guide us in working for the coming of your kin-dom. As we retell the story of Christ's death on the cross, teach us to proclaim Christ crucified for all people, including each of us. Allow us to see ourselves in this story, from cross to empty tomb, trusting that you are always bringing new life, defeating sin, and loving us into your grace. We pray these things in the holy and life-giving name of Jesus, the One who was willing to go to death even for us. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

- ⁴GOD MOST HIGH has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning God wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
- ⁵GOD MOST HIGH has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
- ⁶I 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.
- ⁷GOD MOST HIGH 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;
- ⁸the one who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
- ^{9a}It is GOD MOST HIGH who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm
 Refrain



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

Psalm
 Tone



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

A reading from Philippians.

- ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted Jesus
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

A Cross for You

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

Please be seated for the reading of the Passion Story.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the fourteenth chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

¹It 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; ²for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”³While 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. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When the chief priests heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give Judas money. So Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus’ disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³So Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and 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?’ ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. ¹⁷When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to Jesus one after another, “Surely, not I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For 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.”

²²While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly 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.”²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

²⁹Peter said to Jesus, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” ³⁰Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But Peter said vehemently, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” ³⁵And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, “Abba, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” ³⁷Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again Jesus went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹Jesus came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.” ⁴³Immediately, while Jesus 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. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵So when Jesus came, Judas went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled. ⁵¹A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴Peter 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. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸“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.’” ⁵⁹But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶²Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of God,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’” ⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses?

⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned Jesus as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him. ⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-attendants of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant attendant, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

^{15:1}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. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked Jesus again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed Jesus in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. ²¹They 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. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified Jesus, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²⁵It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.”

²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" ⁴⁰There 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. ⁴¹These used to follow Jesus and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph 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. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then 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. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

MEDITATION

Naked and Afraid

Please stand as able

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

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. Guide us in carrying both the joyful and the protesting spirit of the palms into the world around us. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us,

according to your steadfast love.

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 songbirds, flowering dogwoods, and native plants. Provide sanctuary to the bees and other insects whose job is to pollinate this earth. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us,

according to your steadfast love.

Establish peace and justice among the nations, especially in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Let inclusion and equity for all people, especially the LGBTQIA+ community, be on their hearts and minds. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us,

according to your steadfast love.

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. As the lands around us become blanketed in Spring color, comfort Indigenous people who continue to mourn the theft of land from their ancestors. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us,

according to your steadfast love.

Give energy and joy to pastors, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians as Holy Week begins. Bless our staff: Susan, Jim, Patrick, Amy, Angie, Kay, Karen, Roy, Henry, and Beth as they strive for excellence in creating meaningful worship experiences to help us realize the fullness of God's love played out in the narrative of this week. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us,

according to your steadfast love.

Give your gift of healing to all who suffer this day. While the coming Easter celebrations will bring many people together, a large gathering can also serve as host for anxiety, shame, grief, and isolation. Comfort those who are afflicted and find places at tables for those who feel left out. Where there is illness or despair, show us the cross as a symbol of your presence even there. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... O God, and have mercy on us,

according to your steadfast love.

Bring new understanding to children and youth who may be experiencing Holy Week for the first time or may be of an age to realize its implications more fully. Help them to see themselves at the foot of the cross and at the opening of the empty tomb. Inscribe the cross on their hearts so they might carry its redeeming and reconciling message to the world around them. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us,
according to your steadfast love.

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us,
according to your steadfast love.

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

ANTHEM

And Can It Be

Adult Choir

Music by Dan Forest; Text by Charles Wesley

And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, So free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.
And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me.
Amazing love, how can it be? Amen.

Please stand as able

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right
spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Let us pray. Jesus, **you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.

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, 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.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

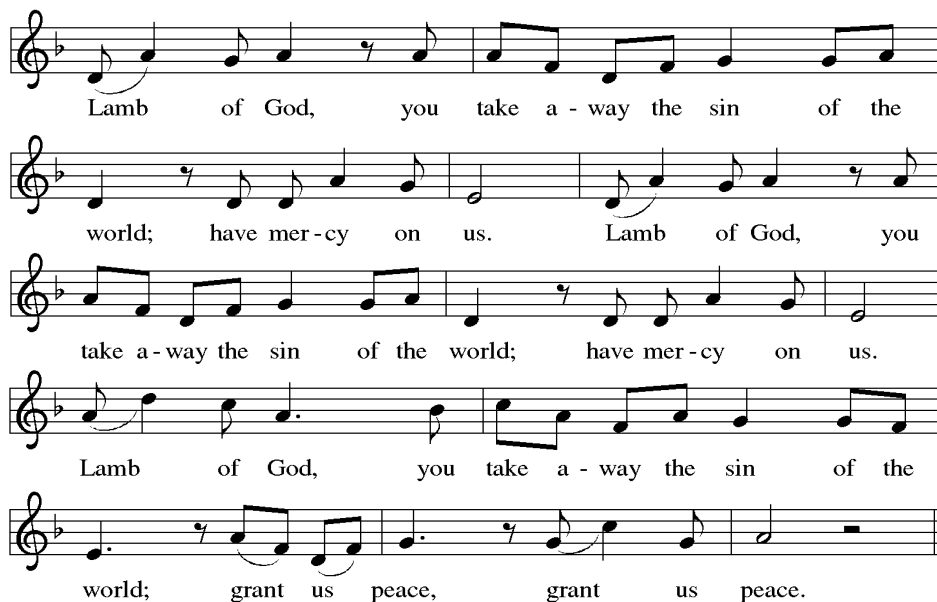
COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the bread into the wine to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

Larghetto and Allegro
from Sonata for flute and Cembalo
in A Minor by G. F. Handel

Jo Lewis, flute

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might
lovely be. Oh, who am I that for
my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its
Savior know. But, oh, my friend, my
friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas
to our king. Then "Crucify!" is
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of
life to slay. Yet cheerful he to
suffring goes that he his foes from thence might free.
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.
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!**

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow or a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.
Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.
I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.**

**Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward
goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land. Clear before
us through the darkness gleams and burns the
guiding light; pilgrim clasps the hand of
pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.**

**One the light of God's own presence on the
ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and
terror, bright'ning all the path we tread. One the
object of our journey, one the faith which
never tires, one the earnest looking
forward, one the hope our God inspires.**

**One the strain that lips of thousands lift as
from the heart of one; one the conflict, one the
peril, one the march in God begun. One the
gladness of rejoicing on the far
eternal shore, where the one almighty
Father reigns in love forevermore.**

**Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward,
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its
battle till we rest beneath its shade. Soon shall
come the great awak'ning; soon the rending
of the tomb! Then the scatt'ring of all
shadows, and the end of toil and gloom**

Please stand as able

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

There in God's Garden

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**There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all
compassion, Tree of all beauty.**

**Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
see there the tendrils of our human
selfhood feed on its life blood.**

**Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not
destroyed it nor fire consumed it.**

**See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness, give me all your
sorrow, I will give blessing."**

**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.**

**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!**

DISMISSAL

Go out into God's world in peace.

Wave palms of both joy and protest.

Walk the way of the cross.

Ready yourself for new life, for Easter is coming!

Thanks be to God.

Everyone is invited to gather in the back corner of the Gym following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

Please join us in the Multipurpose Room following worship for a Taco Bar Lunch and Holy Week activity.

Please feel free to take your palm branches home or you may leave them in your seats.

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