# **Palm Sunday**

April 10, 2022

# Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting III Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church Rev. Zachary W. Johnson, Pastor Donna Menzies, Assistant to the Pastor, Visitation & Spiritual Care Douglas Shabe, Director of Music Bob Menzies, Organist Steve Rose, Assistant Minister Kyle Stewart, Irene Amon, Pat Fortmeier and Paul Heatley, Lectors

#### **Order of the Liturgy**

ACCLAMATION - The presiding minister begins. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

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

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

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.



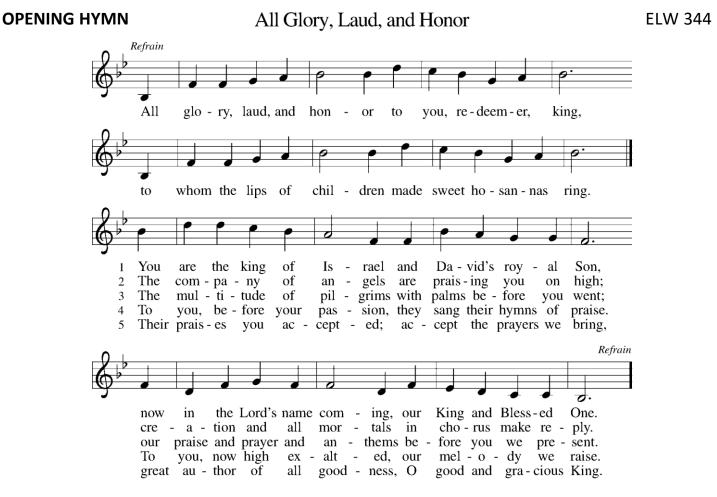
#### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

#### 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.

#### PROCESSION

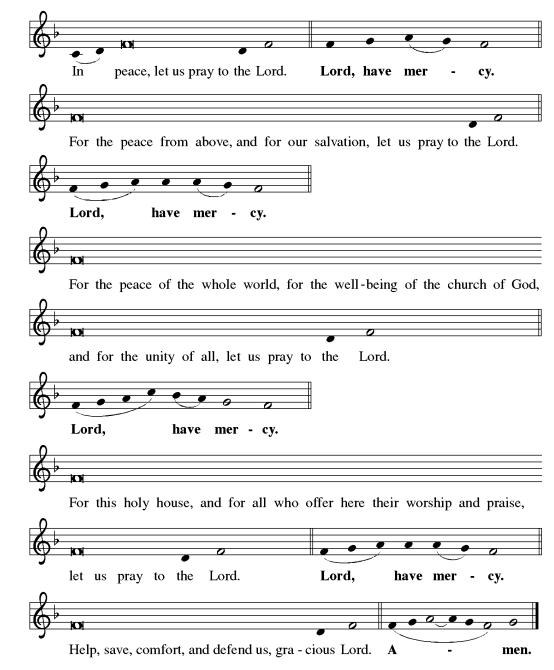
Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

#### GREETING

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



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**KYRIE** 

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.** 

# FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<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 wakens — 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?

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16** The congregation responds with the bold verses.

<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.

<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.

<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.

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

<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.

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

<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me. <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love."

# SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

<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,

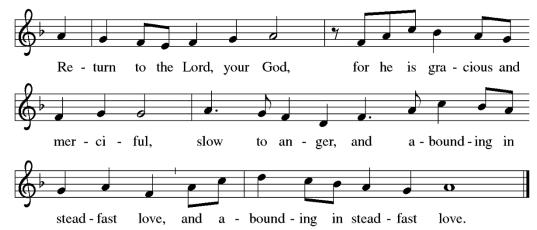
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### PASSION READING: Luke 22:14-23:56

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

(**C=Congregation**; N=Narrator; J=Jesus; P=Peter/Pilate V=other voices.)

The Gospel is announced:

N: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

N: When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them,

J: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

N: <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

J: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

N: <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

J: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

N: <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

J: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup>But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

N: <sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. <sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

<sup>25</sup>But he said to them,

J: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup> "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; <sup>29</sup>and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup> "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

N: <sup>33</sup>And Simon Peter said to him,

P: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

J: <sup>34</sup> "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

N: Then he said to them,

J: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

N: They said,

#### C: "No, not a thing."

J: <sup>36</sup> "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup>For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

N: <sup>38</sup>They said,

#### C: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

J: "It is enough."

N: <sup>39</sup>He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>When he reached the place, he said to them,

J: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

N: <sup>41</sup>Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

J: <sup>42</sup>"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." N: <sup>45</sup>When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because

of grief, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them,

J: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

N: <sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him,

J: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

N: <sup>49</sup>When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

#### C: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

N: <sup>50</sup>Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>But Jesus said,

J: "No more of this!"

N: And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

J: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? <sup>53</sup>When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

N: <sup>54</sup>Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

V: "This man also was with him."

N: <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying,

P: "Woman, I do not know him."

N: <sup>58</sup>A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

V: "You also are one of them."

- N: But Peter said,
- P: "Man, I am not!"
- N: <sup>59</sup>Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,
- V: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."
- N: <sup>60</sup>But Peter said,

P: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

N: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

N: <sup>63</sup>Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; <sup>64</sup>they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

V: "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"

N: <sup>65</sup>They kept heaping many other insults on him. <sup>66</sup>When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. <sup>67</sup>They said,

# C: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

J: "If I tell you, you will not believe; <sup>68</sup>and if I question you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

N: <sup>70</sup>All of them asked,

# C: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

- J: "You say that I am."
- N: <sup>71</sup>Then they said,

# C: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

N: <sup>23:1</sup>Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying,

# C: "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

- N: <sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him,
- P: "Are you the king of the Jews?"
- J: "You say so."
- N: <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,
- P: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."
- N: <sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said,

# C: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began

#### even to this place."

N: <sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. <sup>9</sup>He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. <sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them,

P: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

N: <sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together,

#### C: "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

N: <sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting,

#### C: "Crucify, crucify him!"

N: <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them,

P: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

N: <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

N: <sup>26</sup>As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said,

J: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the

wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

N: <sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

N: <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said,

J: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

N: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

#### C: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

N: <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying,

#### C: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

N: <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him [and saying,]

V: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

N: <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, [saying,]

V: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>[Then he said,] "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>

J: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

N: <sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

J: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

N: Having said this, he breathed his last. *Silence is kept.* <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

#### C: "Certainly this man was innocent."

N: <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

N: <sup>50</sup>Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, <sup>51</sup>had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. <sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

The gospel of our Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Jesus, I Will Ponder Now HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 345 will pon-der now your ho pas - sion; Je - sus, Ι ly on 1 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion, 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion, your pain and loss 4 Let re - pen - tant griev - ing, me view with en - dow your Spir - it now for med - i - ta - tion. let me bonds and blows and wretch-ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion; hut its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion. nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing. love and faith Grant that Ι the im - age cher - ish in may make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you, al and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion; For I so May give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior, Ι Ð Ō of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that Ι may not per ish. how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you. of this the shame-ful cause has been your cru - ci - fix - ion. that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt. Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

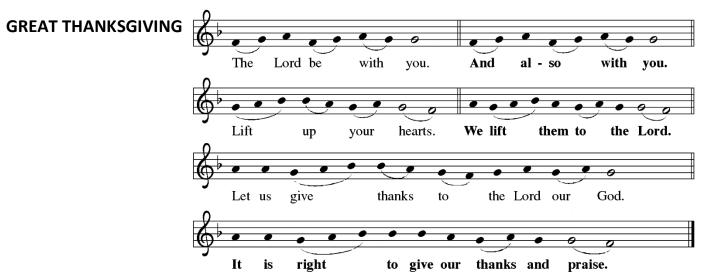
Each petition ends with "Merciful God", The assembly responds with "Receive our prayer."

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** - *The presiding minister* & *the assembly share a virtual sign of peace.* The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

#### OFFERING PRAYER - All speak the prayer together.

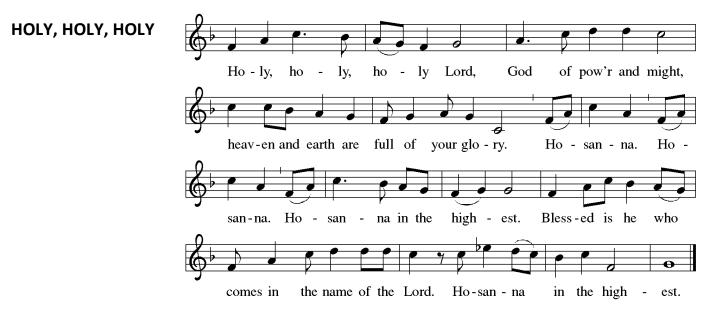
Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION



#### PREFACE

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come Holy Spirit.** 

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

#### Come Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

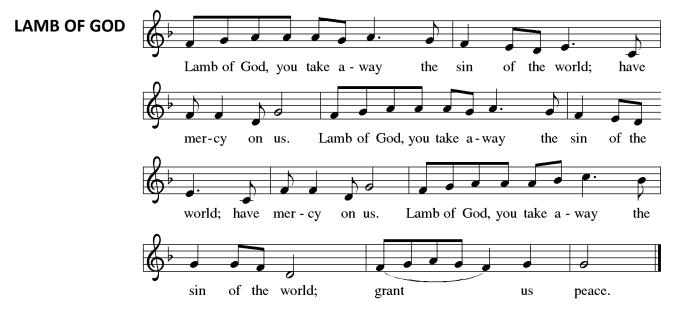
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION



#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All are invited into a time of reflection before they receive communion. During this time, you may prepare your hearts to receive the sacrament. Once ready, you may commune yourself and those around you with the bread and wine/grape juice. A representative from each household may say the following—bread: **"The body of Christ given for you."** Wine/grape juice: **"The blood of Christ shed for you."** 

# CHOIR ANTHEM"The Cross Was His Own"Tom Fettke

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION -** All speak the prayer together.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BENEDICTION

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, 中 bless you this day and always. **Amen.** 



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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

"All Glory, Laud & Honor"

arr. G. W. Cassler

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Calendar This Week			
Today	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service	
Today	1:00 PM	Confirmation Class via Zoom	
Tues 4/12/22	7:00 PM	Virtual Council Meeting	
Thurs 4/14/22	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Virtual & In-Person Worship Service	
Fri 4/15/22	7:00 PM	Good Friday Virtual & In-Person Worship Service	

Sat 4/16/22	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sat 4/16/22	7:00 PM	Easter Vigil at Trinity Lutheran in Pasadena
Sun 4/17/22	10:00 AM	Easter Sunday Virtual & In-Person Worship Service

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

This year we are challenging the congregation and friends to participate in our **Chapter a Day Bible Challenge**. We are reading the New Testament 6 days a week for a few months, then will transition to 5 days a week, in order to be done this year. The gospel will be spread throughout the year. We encourage you to get together with a small group to talk about what you've read for the week. Share your progress and get others involved! Check out the separate links for an Introduction page and an informational page about the books of James and Mark. Share the link with family and friends!! Also be sure to watch Pastor Zach's videos on Facebook each week with details about the reading for the week. This week we are continuing the Gospel of Mark, and will start the book of 1 Peter on the 13th.

Foothill Conference and Friends invite you to join the **2022 Easter Vigil** on April 16th at 7 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pasadena, with Bishop Bos presiding. Participating churches (so far): Trinity Pasadena; Christ the Shepherd Altadena; Hill Avenue Grace Pasadena, All Saints Sun Valley; Salem Glendale. Join us for this solemn and joyous celebration!



The **Food Shelf's** greatest need right now is for **athletic socks**, black or white. Although the weather is changing, warm feet are always a priority! Again, bring them to church, to the office during office hours, or to the Food Shelf directly (Saturdays about 9:00 a.m. – before people arrive). Another way to contribute? Monetary donations are always welcome – it takes a lot to keep those shelves full, and we all know that food prices are going up!

If you are looking to help the folks in **Ukraine**, **Lutheran World Relief** (lwr.org) and **Lutheran Disaster Response** (through elca.org) are collecting donations for relief efforts. You can donate directly to them on their websites, or put a check in the offering plate or send to the church office and put 'Ukraine' on the memo line, and we'll make sure the monies get sent along.

An Accessory is Necessary!! On April 22nd, Earth Day, there will be a Dress for Success event. While there is plenty of clothing, they could use accessories - - purses, scarves, bracelets, costume jewelry, earrings, belts, gloves, etc. Also handy are unused journals. No Clothes! Likenew items that are ready to wear or use only, please. Please contact Linda Koci-Biondolillo if you need further information. There will be no Confirmation Class on Sunday the 17th. The next **Confirmation Class will be on April 24**, at 1 PM.

**Today is the deadline to submit your request to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter!** If you wish to donate lilies to decorate the Sanctuary for this Easter, the cost per plant will be \$15.00. Please earmark all checks for <u>EASTER LILIES</u>. Email the church office today with your information to submit your request.

Join us this Sunday at 10 AM for our Virtual Worship via Zoom! Check in a few minutes early and hear the prelude! You may also join us on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing your faces and worshiping together!

Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/95007590439?pwd=M2NmMUZCZzhMOUY0SG8xeHpxcU5RUT09 Meeting ID: 950 0759 0439 Passcode: worship

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As we have resumed Sunday services in the sanctuary, we ask that you follow these guidelines to ensure safety for everyone.

- 1. We ask that everyone wear a mask while in the sanctuary, including during worshiping and singing.
- 2. We will enter the church through the glass doors on Hill Avenue.
- 3. There will be a 1-way flow in the church: we enter through the center doors of the narthex and exit the church down the side aisles. If you need to leave during the service, exit down the side aisles and return down the center aisle.
- 4. You may leave your offering in the plate inside the narthex.
- 5. Pick up a communion set at the table and then proceed into the sanctuary. There will be 3 options for communion: bread and wine, bread and juice, and gluten-free bread and wine. Only take one set for yourself. Wait for communion instructions before opening the packet.

If you have any questions, please see one of our happy volunteers on the front patio, in the narthex, or in the sanctuary. As we transition from virtual to in person worship, we appreciate your help in continuing to wear masks for the time being, with the health and safety of all in mind. As Pastor Zach said, this isn't forever!

The service will still be available on Zoom and Facebook Live for those who prefer to remain at home. If you have questions, please let our church office know. We look forward to actually seeing you at church this Sunday!