

## **Palm Sunday**

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### **Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Setting III**

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### **Order of the Liturgy**

#### **ACCLAMATION**

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

#### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL – Matthew 21:1-11**

<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.”

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**



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**BLESSING OF PALMS**

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.**

**PROCESSION**

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

**OPENING HYMN****All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

ELW 344

*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

**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.**

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## PASSION READING: 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.*

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

The Gospel is announced:

N - The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*The assembly is seated.*

N - <sup>14</sup>One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said,

O - "What will you give me if I betray him to you?"

N - They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. <sup>17</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

**C - "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"**

J - <sup>18</sup>[Jesus said] "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.'"

N - <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,

J - "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

**C - "Surely not I, Lord?"**

J - <sup>23</sup>[Jesus said], “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.”

N - <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said,

O - “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

J - [He replied], “You have said so.”

N - <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,

J - “Take, eat; this is my body.”

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

J - “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.”

N - <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,

J - “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.”

N -<sup>33</sup>Peter said to him,

P - “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

J – [<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him,] “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

P – [<sup>35</sup>Peter said to him,] “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

N – And so said all the disciples. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

J – “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

N – <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,

J – “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”

N – <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

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

N – <sup>40</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

J – “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.”

N – <sup>42</sup>Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

J – “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

N – <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,

J – “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.”

N – <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,

O – “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

N – <sup>49</sup>At once he came up to Jesus and said,

O – “Greetings, Rabbi!”

N – and kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him,

J – “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

N – 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,

J – “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?”

N – <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

J – “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.”

N – 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,

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

N –<sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said,

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

N – <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

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

J – [<sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him,] “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.”

N –<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

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

N – They answered,

**C – “He deserves death.”**

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

**C – “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”**

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

O – “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

N –<sup>70</sup>But he denied it before all of them, saying,

P – “I do not know what you are talking about.”

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

O – “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

N –<sup>72</sup>Again he denied it with an oath,



P – “I do not know the man.”

N – <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

O – “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”

N – <sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

P – “I do not know the man!”

N – At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” 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,

O – “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

N – But they said,

**C – “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”**

N – <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,

**C – “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”**

N – <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, “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.”<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

P – “Are you the King of the Jews?”

J – [Jesus said,] “You say so.”

N – <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,

P – “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

N – <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,

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

N – <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,

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

N – <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,

P – “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

N – And they said,

**C – “Barabbas.”**

P – [<sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them,] “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

N – All of them said,

**C – “Let him be crucified!”**

P – [<sup>23</sup>Then he asked,] “Why, what evil has he done?”

N – But they shouted all the more,

**C – “Let him be crucified!”**

N – <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,

P – “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

N – <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered,

**C – “His blood be on us and on our children!”**

N – <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,

**C – “Hail, King of the Jews!”**

N –<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, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” <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,

O – “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.”

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

**C –<sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”**

N –<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,

J –“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

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

O –“This man is calling for Elijah.”

N – <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,

O – “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

*The assembly stands.*

N – <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,

## C – “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

*Silence is kept.*

N –<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,

O – “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.”

N –<sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them,

P – “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

N – <sup>66</sup> So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The gospel of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

ELW 343

- 1 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?
- 2 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!
- 3 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.
- 4 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 suff'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.
- 5 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.

- 6 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!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

## **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**

### **OFFERTORY**

*"Hosanna! He Comes"*

- Bruce Stevenson

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

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

**HOLY COMMUNION****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

**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.**

### 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 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.”***

### 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.*

**Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

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

## SENDING HYMN

## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

ELW 345

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
 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,  
 4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,

let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.  
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
 but 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.

Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,  
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,

of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.  
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

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

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Postlude

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Melchior Teschner

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Calendar This Week		
Every Sunday	10:00 AM	Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Thurs 4/6/23	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Fri 4/7/23	7:00 PM	Good Friday Virtual & In-Person Worship Service
Sat 4/8/23	9:30 AM	Food Shelf Open
Sat 4/8/23	7:00 PM	Easter Vigil at Trinity Lutheran in Pasadena
Sun 4/9/23	10:00 AM	Easter Sunday Virtual & In-Person Worship Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Foothill Conference and Friends invite you to join the **2023 Easter Vigil** on April 8th at 7 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pasadena. Participating churches: Trinity Pasadena, Christ the Shepherd Altadena, Hill Avenue Grace Pasadena. Join us for this solemn and joyous celebration as Pastor Zach delivers the sermon! If you'd like to **participate in the Easter Vigil**, Trinity is looking for helpers to read scripture or sing with the choir. Let Pastor Zach know, and he'll contact Pastor Richter.

**No Bible Study classes this week** due to the extra Holy Week Services. **Bible Study will resume on 4/12/23** with 2 opportunities to participate: Wednesdays at 10 AM in the chapel and at 7 PM via Zoom. Contact Pastor for the zoom link at [Pastor@hillavenuegrace.org](mailto:Pastor@hillavenuegrace.org)

**Wednesday 4/5/23 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 EASTER LILIES. Email the church office today with your information to submit your request.

**Property Cleanup** – We will be cleaning out the 2nd floor of the Education building in preparation for possible rental space. We need help removing old items, gathering items for give-away, changing light bulbs, cleaning, plastering, painting, etc. Can't help with the physical cleanup but want to help? Sponsor an activity! Contact Dave Cuatt to help out!

**The Hill Avenue Grace Food Shelf needs volunteers!** We're looking for new, friendly faces to help distribute food on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. You can help out as often or as little as you want. If you're open to hearing more, please contact Angela Jorgensen at [foodshelf@hillavenuegrace.org](mailto:foodshelf@hillavenuegrace.org).

**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 worshipping together!**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/95007590439?pwd=M2NmMUZCZzhMOUY0SG8xeHpzcU5RUT09>  
Meeting ID: 950 0759 0439                      Passcode: worship**

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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 worshipping and singing.
2. 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.

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!

# EASTER LILIES

We will decorate our sanctuary for Easter!

If you wish to purchase an Easter Lily plant, please complete the following form and place it **AND your check** (made payable to Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran) in an envelope and place it in the offering basket or mail it to the church office.

Please mark your checks for **EASTER LILIES** in the memo line. The cost per plant will be \$15.00.



Please complete the following form by **Wednesday, April 5th.** That is the **absolute deadline.** Thank you!

I am donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the following:

In memory of:

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In honor of:

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In thanksgiving for:

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Other:

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**Given by:** (Please list names as you want them to appear in the bulletin)

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Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Please call the church office at 626-792-4169**

**or email to [office@hillavenuegrace.org](mailto:office@hillavenuegrace.org)**

