Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday at First Lutheran Church in St. Helens, Oregon Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 10:00 AM



Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

**All are welcome in our worship!** Your presence here is a gift from God. We particularly welcome visitors and guests. We'd love it if you came again.

**Follow this worship bulletin** as your guide to the service from beginning to end. Leaders speak the words in regular type; **people speak (or sing) the boldface words.**Please rise, whether physically or simply with your heart, during the portions of the liturgy marked by an asterisk\*.

### To get ready for Zoom worship (at home)

We celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you plan to take part. If you do not have access to wine/grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup; Christ is fully present as the "Bread of Life."



### GATHERING

Please gather in the Fellowship Hall prior to service. Everyone receives a palm to wave.

# \* Processional Gospel

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

#### Hosanna in the highest!

(This may be repeated until everyone is ready to begin.)

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. (Luke 19:28-40)

<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 gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# \*Blessing of 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 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.

**Choir** Hosanna Michael Burkhardt

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

### All Glory, Laud and Honor

**ELW 344** 







- 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,



# \* Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

# Hosanna in the highest!

From God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in + Christ Jesus, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace, peace, and abundant mercy be with you all.

### And also with you.

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.

### ~ WORD ~

# Listen! God is calling.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah

<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?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

# Responsive Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

A reading from the Psalms

<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 upon your servant; save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love."

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from Philippians

<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.

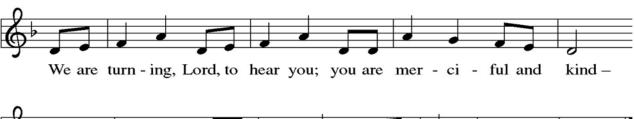
Word of God, word of life.

to the glory of God the Father

Thanks be to God.

# \* Gospel Acclamation

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slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

\* Gospel Luke 22:14—23:56

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, [Jesus] took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "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." <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "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." <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, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "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!" <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, "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." <sup>33</sup> And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

<sup>35</sup> He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." <sup>36</sup> He said to them, "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." <sup>38</sup> They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

<sup>&</sup>lt;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, "Pray that you may not come

into the time of trial." <sup>41</sup> Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup> "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." <sup>43</sup> [Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup> In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] <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, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

<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, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" <sup>49</sup> When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" <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, "No more of this!" 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, "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!"

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, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup> Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" 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.

<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, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" <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, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "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." <sup>70</sup> All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." <sup>71</sup> Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"<sup>23</sup>:

<sup>1</sup> Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> They began to accuse him, saying, "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." <sup>3</sup> Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." <sup>5</sup> But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

<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, "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."

<sup>18</sup> Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" <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, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, "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." <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.

<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, "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?"

<sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <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, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <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, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "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> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

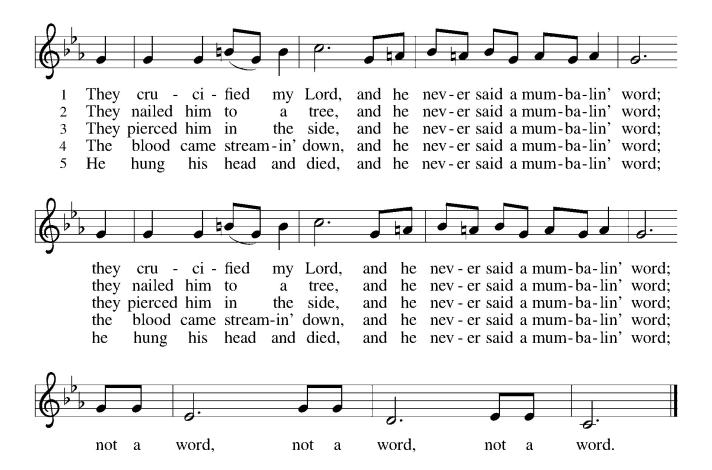
<sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <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.

<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.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



### Installation of Council Members

### \* Apostles' Creed

With the whole Church in heaven and on earth, we confess our faith.

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### \* Prayers of Intercession

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

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

### receive our prayer.

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

### receive our prayer.

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

#### receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering especially *Scott Bauska*, *Carlene Clore*, *Doreen Gordon*, *Kitty Heide*, *Marilyn Hensley*, *Brian Morse*, *Jayne Schilling*, *Donna Meyers*, *Richard Bourassa*, *Sandy Hora and family*, and all those we lift up upon our hearts or our lips. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

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

#### receive our prayer.

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

#### receive our prayer.

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

# \* Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet those around you with gestures that signal Christ's peace.

### ~ MEAL ~

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

# Offering and Musical Offering

Thank you for supporting the ministries of First Lutheran Church.

If worshiping in-person, you may place your offering in the wooden bowl when it is passed to you. You may also make your offering by mail and/or through our website.

**FLCSH Choir** 

O Jesus I Have Promised

Arr. Thomas Keesecker



# \*Offering Prayer

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.

# \* Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

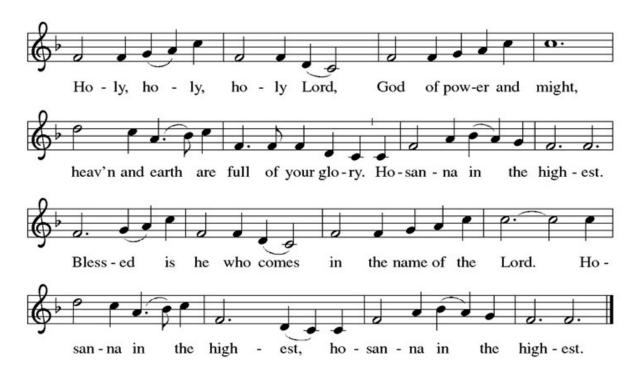
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# \* Holy, Holy, Holy

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# \* Thanksgiving at the Table

### \* Lord's Prayer

Remember us, Lord, in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Eternal Spirit,** 

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples

of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

### \* Invitation

All who are hungry, come!

The feast of grace is spread.

#### Communion

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! At the direction of an usher, those who wish to commune may proceed down the center aisle. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail and receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. After eating, you may select a cup of red wine or white grape juice. After drinking, return to your pew via the side aisle, placing your empty cup in the basket as you go. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may signal this preference by crossing your arms across your chest. If you would like communion to be brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.



# Cantor will sing the verses, congregation will sing the refrain.



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- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n-ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

# \*Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# \*Prayer after Communion

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 ~

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# \* 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  $\oplus$  give you peace.

#### Amen.



### **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

**ELW 338** 



- 1 Be neath the cross of Je sus I long to take my stand; 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
- 2 Up on the cross of Je sus, my eye at times can see 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a m the ver - y dy - ing for I ask no oth - er s

might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land, form of one who suf - fered there for me. sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way, And from my con-trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess: con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur-dens of the day. the . . . won-der of his glo-rious love and my un-wor-thi-ness. my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

# \* Sending

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.



### Postlude

### **WEEKLY WINDOW**

Today's Assisting Ministers (Next Week – Easter April 20)

Worship Leader: Pastor Robert Neubert Pastor Robert Neubert

Worship Musician: Dr. Denise Reed Dr. Denise Reed Cantor: Enid Schantz-Hagelberg Frank Kenny

Lay Reader: Olive Campbell & Sandy Young
Communion Preparer: Caroline DuBois
Communion Server: Caroline DuBois
Communion Clean-up: Donna Meyers

The Vingerud's
Katie Garman
Geri Logan

Tech: Teri Sherpe TBD

Ushers: Tim Meyer & Kathy Bauska Terry Rude & Rodney Sherpe

Altar Flowers: Kathy Bauska & Caroline DuBois Tom, Christina, Henrik & Ally Vingerud

Coffee Hour: Palm Sunday Brunch We'll see who rises to the occasion

### **Happening This Week**

Sunday 4/13 PALM SUNDAY

Service at 10:00 a.m. Brunch after service

Church Council after brunch

Monday 4/14 Zoom Guild at 11:00 am

AlAnon at 7:00 pm

Tuesday 4/15 Bible Study at 10 am

Sarah Guild at 1:00 pm

Community Meals at 5:30 pm

Wednesday 4/16 Quilters & Crafters at 10:00 am

Worship and Music at 1:00 pm

Thursday 4/17 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship Service at 7:00 pm

Friday 4/18 GOOD FRIDAY

Ecumenical Service at First Christian Church at 12:00 pm

Good Friday Service at First Lutheran at 7:00 pm

Sunday 4/20 **EASTER SUNDAY** 

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship at 11:00 am

# **Celebrating This Week**

**Birthdays** 

4/13 Susan Tolleshaug

4/16 Edee Douglas

4/17 Rose Jensen

4/19 Maria Weiss

### **Anniversaries**

None

# **Last Sunday's Worship Attendance**

# **Last Sunday's Offering (Envelopes)**

In Person: 52 Zoom: 4 \$4580

### SIGN-UP SHEETS

We will be having coffee/fellowship after Easter service and, so far, no one has signed up. Please consider helping us celebrate Easter with fellowship following the service. Also, please check the other special sign-ups for Holy Week services.

### SOUP SUPPERS

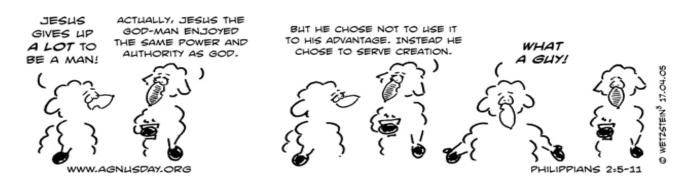
The soup suppers that we have been having during Lent are now over, as is the Holden Evening Prayer service. Thank you to everyone who provided the delicious soups and breads.

### HOLY WEEK

Remember to mark your calendars for the Maundy Thursday service, the services on Good Friday and, of course, Easter Sunday.

### PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Instead of an Easter morning breakfast, we are having a Palm Sunday Brunch following service today.



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