

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday



*Our mission, as God's people, is to **gather** in worship, **grow** in faith, and **go** in service in the name of our Risen Lord.*
Our vision – Sharing God's love, hope and healing.

Prelude:

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

***Gathering:**

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

***Processional Gospel - Mark 11:1-11**

Jesus enters Jerusalem

P The holy gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please stand as you are able.

***Blessing of Palms:**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

P 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.

C **Amen.**



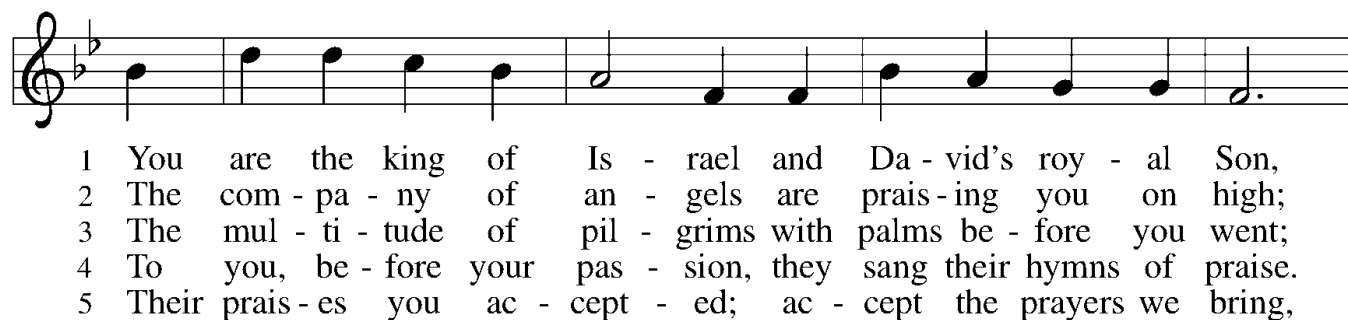
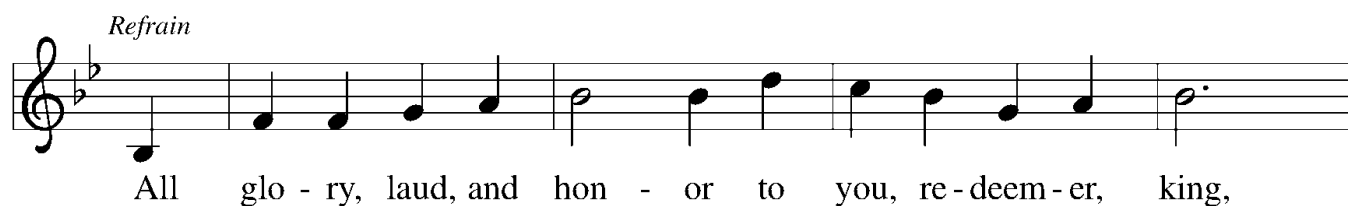
***Procession Hymn:**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ELW 344

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Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

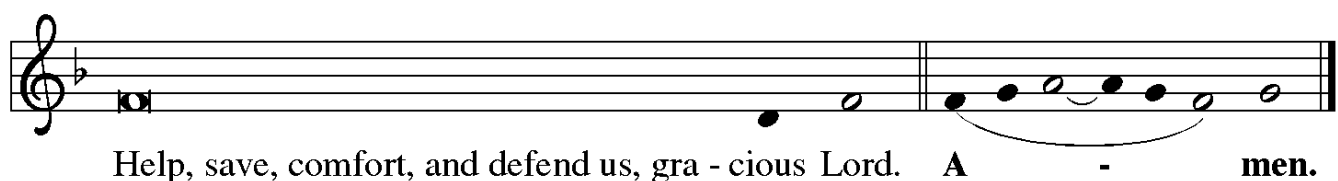
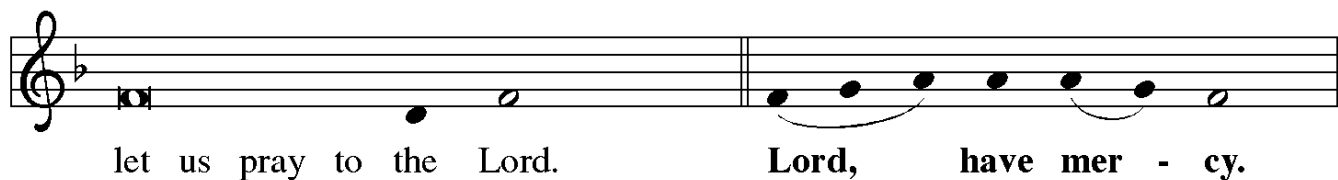
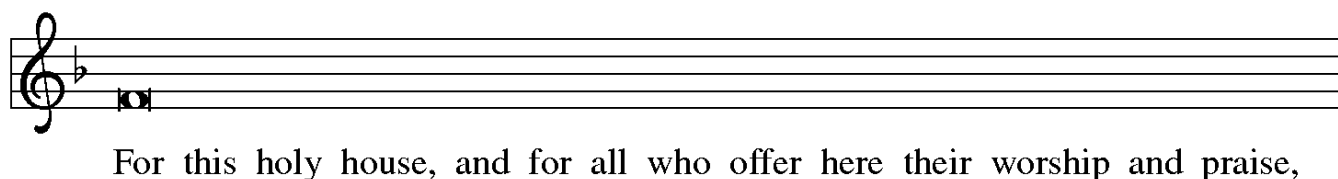
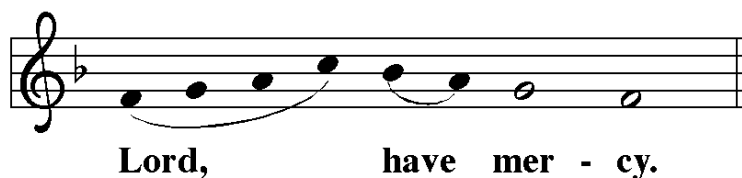
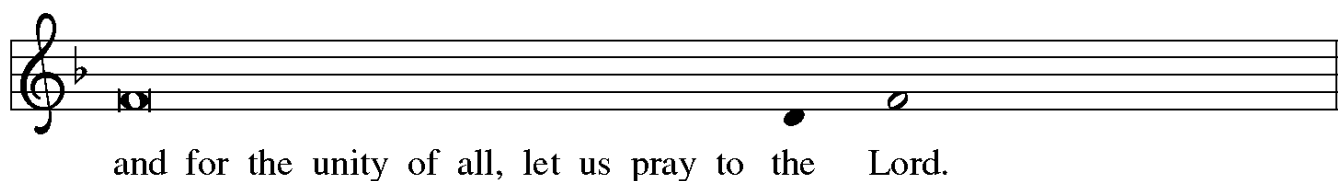
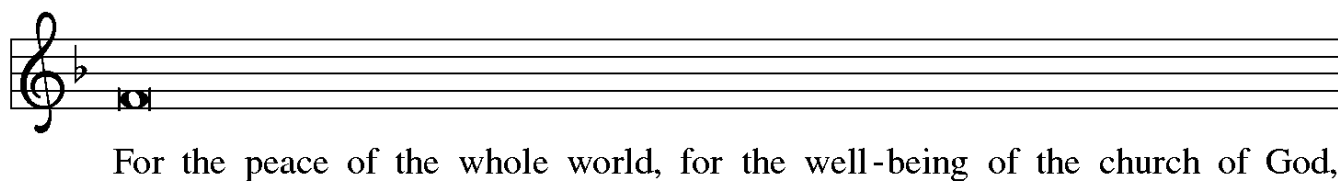
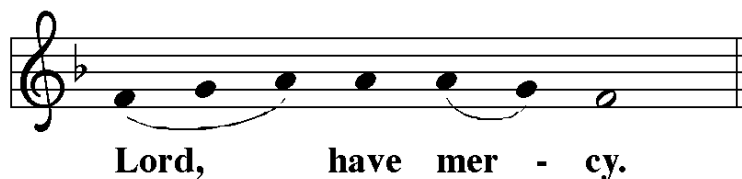
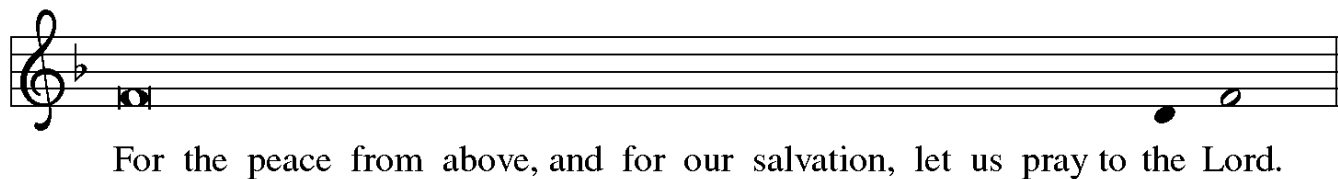
***Greeting:**

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

C **And also with you.**

*Please stand as you are able.

***Kyrie:** (Setting 3 ELW)



***The Prayer of the Day:**

P 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.

C Amen.

Kids Word: Pr. Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 31:9-16: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

Our second reading is from Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

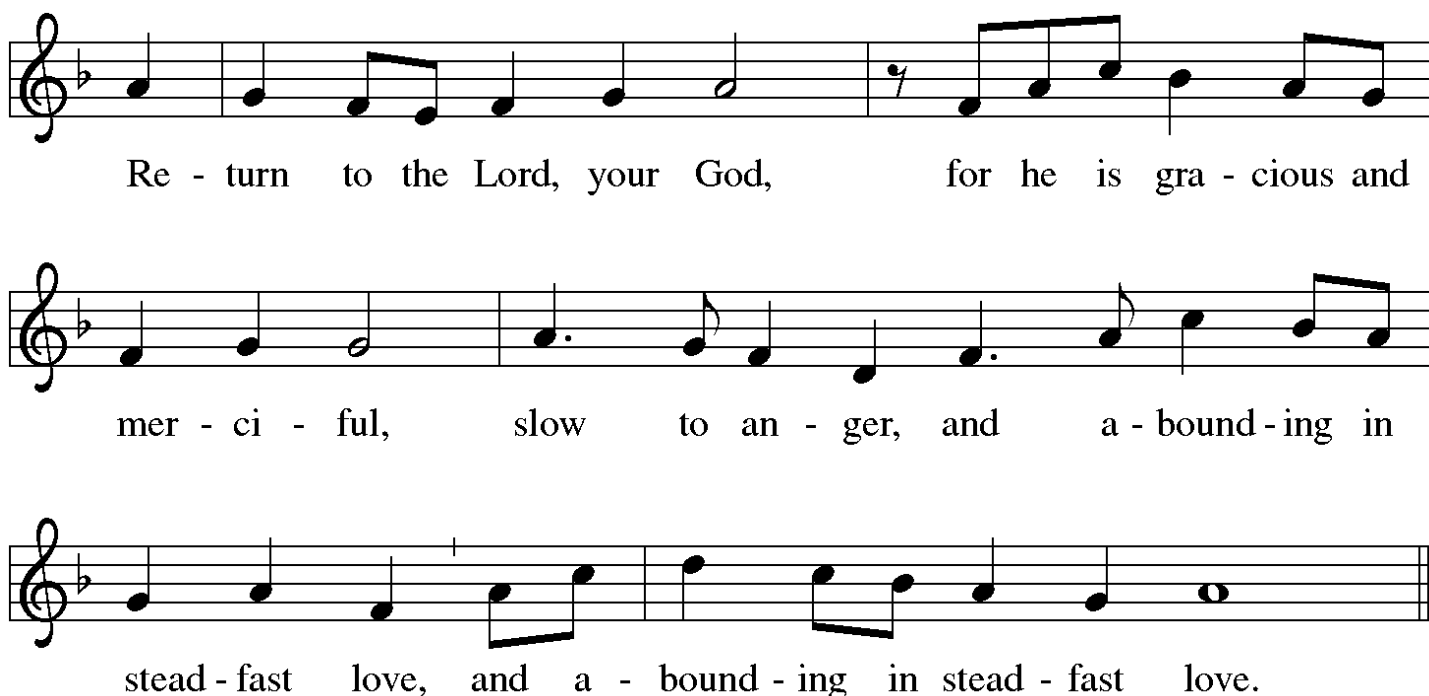
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:** (Setting 3 ELW)



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.

Homily: Pr. Jerry O'Neal

Announcing the Gospel: Passion Narrative According to Mark

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The Reading of the Passion Narrative - See Insert

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

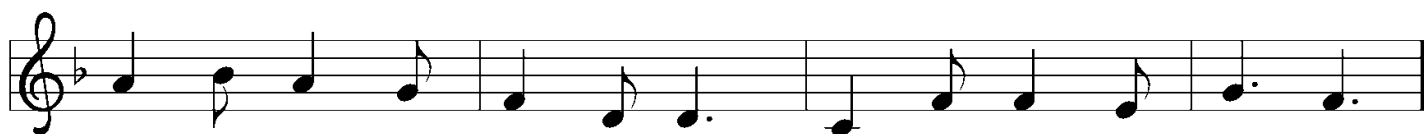
*Please stand as you are able.

***Hymn of the Day: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW 335**

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1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

***Apostles' Creed:**

P&C 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 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.

*Please stand as you are able.

***Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Hear us, O God." and your response is, "**Your mercy is great.**"

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give energy and bless Pastor Jerry, worship leaders, altar guild and our staff, and our accompanist, Perry, as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Blessed One, we give thanks and praise for Holy Trinity's Choir, who share their gift of song, which brings joy to all. Thank you for Karen, Becke, Kristen, John, Virginia, Denise, Neal, Jan, Becki, and Pastor Jerry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offertory Anthem: "Blessed Are They" arr. by Joel Raney - Holy Trinity Choir

Offertory Presentation: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW 182

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Text: John W. Luther, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hill, b. 1923
Text and music: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, ed. by Augsburg Fortress.

***Offering Prayer:**

L 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.

C Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

***The Great Thanksgiving: (Setting 3 ELW)**

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.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'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.

- P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
 Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

- P La noche en que fue entregado,
 nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;
 lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:
 Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.
 Hagan esto en memoria mía.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa,
dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo:
Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre,
derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado.
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P 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.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ
for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace,
and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

All **Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy
will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the King-
dom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

***Invitation to Communion:**

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (Setting 3 ELW)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.

Communion Hymn: "Were You There" ELW 353

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- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

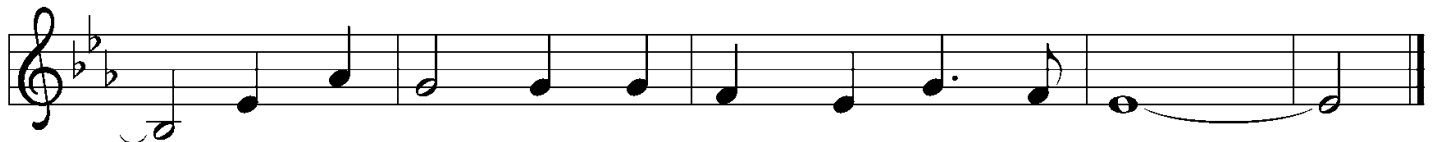


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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

***Post Communion Blessing:**

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

All Amen.

***Post Communion Prayer:**

L 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.

C Amen

***Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!

C **Our hands!**

L God's love!

C **Our hearts!**

L God's story!

C **Our voices!**

***Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

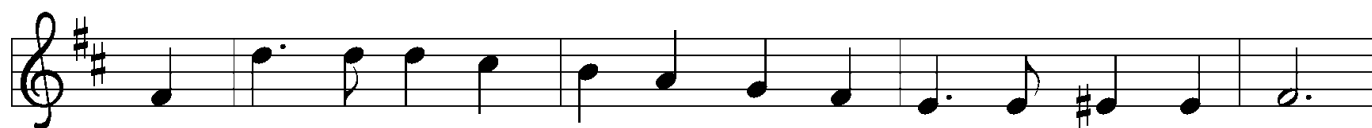
C Amen.

***Sending Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ELW 338**

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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
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er 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.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

***Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements for March 24, 2024

Calendar of Events for the Week of March 24:

Sunday, March 24 - Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship (10am)

Monday, March 25 - Bible Study (10am), and Choir Practice (4pm)

Tuesday, March 26 - Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), and Binding Ties Group (10am)

Wednesday, March 27 - Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Riverside/Normal City Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting (7pm)

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service at High Street UMC (7pm)

Friday, March 29 - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am) and Good Friday Service at Holy Trinity (7pm)

Saturday, March 30 - Stephen Ministry Training (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

*Please stand as you are able.

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Pr. Jerry, Amy O'Neal and Family
Karen Huff
Susie Peteron's cousin, Allison
Solom and Mary Miller
Shelle Richardson
Bonnie and Mitchell Eldridge
Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother
David and Jency Engle, Susie Peterson's parents
Helen Merz
Angie Kidd and her son, Evan
Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law
Matthew Santoni
Roberta Debolt
Chuck Cook
Stephanie and Rich Thompson
Maria and her family in Ukraine
Dan Haynes
John Paul Metzcar
Mary Broughton
For all who are sick and suffering

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Micah Smith

Usher: John Huff and Jim Suding

Greeter: Marla Suding

Lay Worship Leader, Lector, and Communion Assistant: Amy Norris

Altar Guild: Kathy McCauliff and Linda Reynolds

Birthdays and Anniversaries for March 24-30, 2024:

Birthdays:

March 30 - Bonnie Haynes

March 30 - Steve Strong

Anniversaries:

March 24 - Jaren and Kendra Summers

Flowers at the Altar:

The flowers at the altar are given by Paula Gregory in memory of Don Gregory.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

From Outreach:

The annual Lenten Non-food collection is nearing its conclusion. The bin for donations of baby items for Christian Ministries will be out until Easter Sunday. It is located just outside of the Office. We thank everyone for a tremendous response this year!

Our Sympathy and Love:

Our sympathy and love go to Pr. Jerry, Amy and family at the passing of Jerry's mom, Carol O'Neal on Monday, March 18. Please keep Pr. Jerry, Amy and their family in your prayers. Carol's funeral will be in North Carolina in April. May God's promise of life, comfort and peace surround their family in the days ahead.

*Please stand as you are able.

Phase 2/Part 1 of the Building Renovation Is Ongoing!

During the construction time we ask that you watch for signs for directions and safety cautions. During the week if you come to the church we ask you to avoid the construction area as much as you can for your safety and the safety of the construction crew.

Patience and Prayers:

We ask for your patience and prayers. It is never easy to go through a renovation and there will be a lot going on at the church during the renovation, that will, at times, interrupt our regular schedule. Please keep the construction crews, building team and all who are involved in the renovation in your prayers.

If you have any questions or comments, please talk with Larry Wood or John Scholl.



Palm Sunday, March 24 - 10am Service

**Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 7pm at High Street
United Methodist Church, 219 S. High Street**

Good Friday, March 29 - 7pm at Holy Trinity

Easter Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunrise Service - 7:30am

Easter Continental Breakfast - 8:45am

Easter Service - 10am



EASTER FLOWERS

Please help us decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to order Easter Flowers for your loved ones and friends, please fill in the form below and bring or mail it to the church office along with your payment of \$12.75 per flower by Sunday, March 24. You may take the flowers home after the Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Given By: _____

Flower Choices: Lily _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulip _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

For _____ flowers

*Please note that payment needs to be made at the time of placing the order.
We will not order the flower(s) if payment is not received. Thank you.



*Please stand as you are able.



Worship Notes: