



Sunday, March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

Prelude

***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.

***Blessings of Palms**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

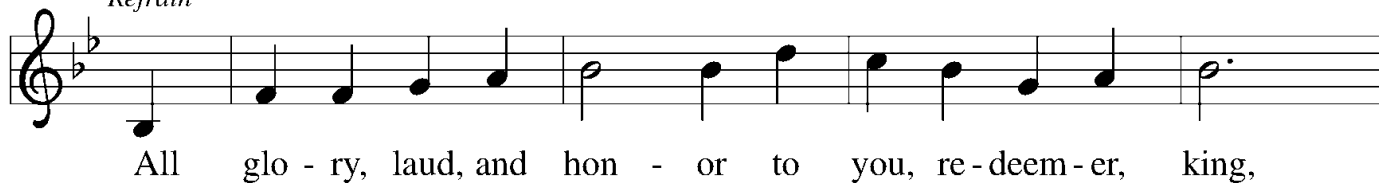
A brief silence is kept.

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.**

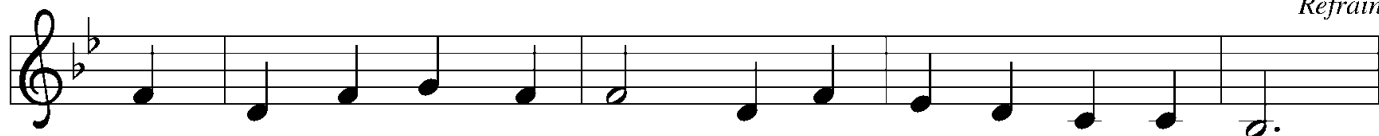
***Gathering Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ELW 344**

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- 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



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:**

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.**

***The Prayer of the Day**

All **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.**

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

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)**



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.

*Please stand as you are able.

Introduction to the Passion Narrative - Pastor Jerry O'Neal

The Reading of the Passion Narrative According to Mark 14:1 -- 15:47

(Done as a dramatic reading by the Pastor, Organist, and the Quartet.)

Becke Bly – Narrator

Pastor Jerry O'Neal – Jesus

Karen Huff, Chuck Gallatin and John Pinckney – Various Voices

Narrator: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ² for they said,

Chief Priest (Chuck): “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

Narrator: ³ While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴ But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Someone (John): “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.”

Narrator: And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said,

Jesus: “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Narrator: ¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Narrator: ¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

Disciple (Karen): “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

Narrator: ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

Narrator: ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Narrator: ¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

Narrator: ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

Disciple (Karen): “Surely, not I?”

Narrator: ²⁰ He said to them,

Jesus: “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ For 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.”

Narrator: ²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “

Jesus: Take; this is my body.”

Narrator: ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them,

Jesus: “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Narrator: ²⁶ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

Narrator: ²⁹ Peter said to him,

Peter (Chuck): “Even though all become deserters, I will not.”

Narrator: ³⁰ Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator: ³¹ But Peter said vehemently,

Peter (Chuck): “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

Narrator: ³² They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples,

Jesus: “Sit here while I pray.”

Narrator: ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

*Please stand as you are able.

Narrator: ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ Jesus said,

Jesus: “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

Narrator: ³⁷ He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸ Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator: ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator: ⁴³ Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas (John): “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

Narrator: ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas (John): “Rabbi!”

Narrator: and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.”

Narrator: ⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled. ⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Narrator: ⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴ Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

Chief Priest (Chuck): ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”

Narrator: ⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

*Please stand as you are able.

High Priest (John): “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

Narrator: ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

High Priest (John): “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

Narrator: ⁶² Jesus said,

Jesus: “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

Narrator: ⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest (John): “Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?”

Narrator: All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

Narrator: ⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant Girl (Karen): “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.”

Narrator: ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying,

Peter (Chuck): “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.”

Narrator: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant Girl (Karen): “This man is one of them.”

Narrator: ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Bystander (John): “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.”

Narrator: ⁷¹ But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter (Chuck): “I do not know this man you are talking about.”

Narrator: ⁷² At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

Jesus: “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator: And he broke down and wept.

Chapter 15

Narrator: ¹ As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him,

Pilate (John): “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator: He answered him,

Jesus: “You say so.”

Narrator: ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again,

Pilate (John): “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Narrator: ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Narrator: ⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then Pilate answered them,

Pilate (John): “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator: ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate (John): “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³

Narrator: They shouted back,

All: “Crucify him!”

Narrator: ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

All: “Crucify him!”

Narrator: ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Narrator: ¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him,

Soldier (Chuck): “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator: ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Narrator: ²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Passerby (Karen): "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

³¹ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priest (Chuck): "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³² Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Narrator: ³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means,) "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator: ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystander (Karen): "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

Narrator: ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander (Karen): "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

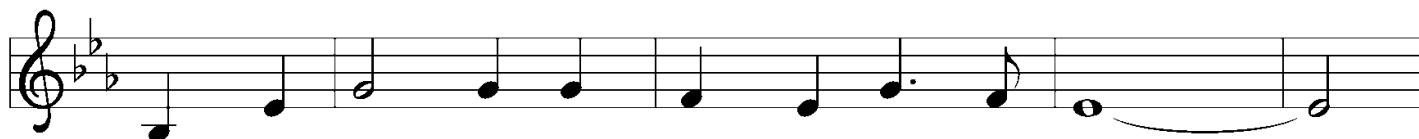
Narrator: ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion (John): "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Narrator: ⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

Narrator: ⁴² When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

***Hymn of the Day:** "Were You There" ELW 353



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?

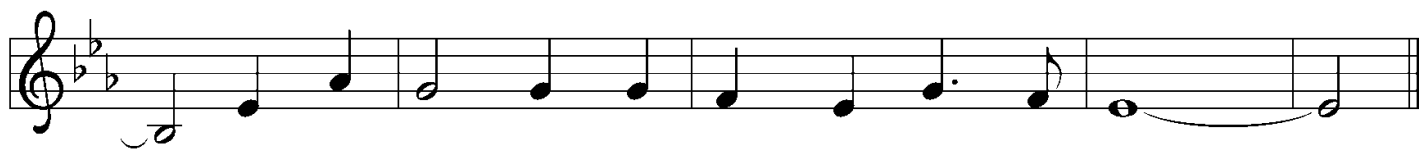


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 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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?

***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.

***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.."

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer especially to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause); grant respite and renewal. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As we enter into the holiest of weeks, open our hearts to your cleansing and our minds to your Word. Bless our mid-week Lenten studies and our combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services with High Street United Methodist Church. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*Please stand as you are able.

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offering:

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Offering Music: "Benedictus" arr by Ruth Morris Gray

***Offering Prayer:**

L Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God...

...singing the song of your unending praise.

(setting 3)



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 Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One...

...Great is the mystery of faith.

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

P Humble God...

...ever one God, in all ages and for evermore..

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 Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

*Please stand as you are able.

Communion Hymn "Lamb of God" (setting 3)

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. We invite you to come forward, receive the bread in your hand, and take a cup from the tray and take them back to your seat. After all have been served, we will consume Communion together. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine and are in the cups in the center of the tray.

***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 God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

*Please stand as you are able.

***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.**

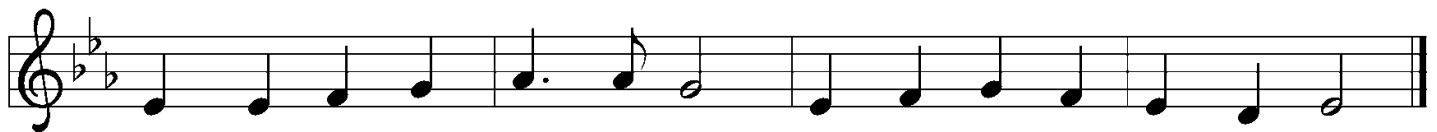
***Sending Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ELW 347**



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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***Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Share the good news.
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements for March 28, 2021

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of March 28-April 3:

Birthdays:

March 29 – Mary Bishop

March 30 – Bonnie Haynes

March 30 – Steven Strong

Anniversaries:

April 1 – Ben and Jennifer Sanderfer

April 1 - Richard and Stephanie Thompson

April 2 - Richard and Kate Leigh

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

Mary Broughton

Sue Donnellan

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

Rachel Wagner, Nancy Wagner's daughter

Denise Amschler

Those who are infected with the COVID-19 Coronavirus and the frontline workers who are caring for them.

Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers to work in the Christian Ministries Food Pantry on **Wednesday, March 31 (Need 1 more); Thursday, April 1 (Need 2); and Friday, April 2 (Need 2)** from 9:00am to 12 Noon. We need 2 people per day. If you can help with this, please contact the church office.

Walking Group

The HTLC walking group will continue to walk at the Muncie Mall at 10 AM on Tuesday mornings. The entrance is just past the Books A Million entrance.

Coat racks, restrooms, signs regarding distancing, hand sanitizer is available. Masks must be worn. Come join us. Linda Hamilton, Parish Nurse

Updated [03/04/2021] Vaccination News:

Recent news from the Indiana State Department of Health has opened up the availability by appointment only for Indiana residents age **40 and older** to receive a COVID 19 vaccination.

You may schedule your appointment by going online at **ourshot.in.gov** or by calling **211**

Mark Your Calendars! In-Person, Indoors, Sunday Worship to Resume Sunday, April 11th:

After careful consideration, and as long as the COVID number stay low, the Council has decided to resume in-person, indoors, worship on Sunday, April 11th at 10:00am. Masks and social distancing will be required. We will still offer the live streaming on Facebook for those who are not yet ready to gather in-person and for our homebound members. We will have further updates in the coming weeks.

*Please stand as you are able.

Mid-Week Lenten Book Study:

We conclude our Mid-Week Lenten Book Study, via Zoom, on Wednesday, March 31st at 7:00pm. We will be joining Lutheran Church of the Cross, Grace Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and Riverside United Methodist Church, in this Lenten Zoom Study.

****This week, March 31st, we will be discussing the Chapter Six.****

Here is the Zoom link information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82224448890?pwd=R2E3d3EwWWwwYW5TaS9WbDU1V085Zz09>

Meeting ID: 822 2444 8890

Passcode: 225469

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 822 2444 8890

Passcode: 225469

On Thursday, April 8th at 7:00pm via Zoom, we will be having a virtual Q&A with the author of *Entering The Passion of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine.

Holy Week Schedule 2021:

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** on March 28 at 10:00am via Facebook Live.

Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00pm at High Street United Methodist Church (UMC), 219 S. High St, Muncie. This will be an in-person service. Masks and social distancing required. High Street UMC will also be live streaming the service on their Facebook page. See the link below:

High Street UMC Facebook Link:

www.facebook.com/HighStreetUMChurch/

Good Friday, April 2 at 7:00pm via Holy Trinity's Facebook page in a live stream. This will be a joint service with High Street UMC.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/HTLCMuncie/>

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7:00am with an in-person, outdoor service. Masks and social distancing required.

Easter Sunday Service at 10:00am via Facebook Live only (no in-person service)

*Please stand as you are able.