

# Passion/Palm Sunday



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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

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**Gathering—We Enter into the Holy Week of our Salvation**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Important:** If you do not have palms at home, you may use any other greenery to participate in this service.

**Invocation**

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Acclamation**

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Palm Sunday Gospel**

*Matthew 21:1-11*

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<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

### Blessing of Palms *Raise your branches.*

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

P: We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us go forth in peace, **C: in the name of the Lord.**

### Opening Hymn

#344  
ELW

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . . .

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

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## The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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### 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?

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:9-16**

<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 have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**I am forgotten like a dead man, 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>**Make your face to shine up on your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**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, to the glory of God the Father.

P: The word of the Lord.     **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**     *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.** [John 12:23]

**Holy Gospel — *Matthew 26:14–27:66***

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.     **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. <sup>17</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread

the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

<sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." <sup>30</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." <sup>32</sup>Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." <sup>33</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>34</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. <sup>35</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>36</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." <sup>38</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." <sup>39</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>40</sup>Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>41</sup>Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>42</sup>Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>43</sup>So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>44</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>45</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." <sup>46</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him

was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." <sup>49</sup>At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. <sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup>Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, "Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." <sup>71</sup>When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup>Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. <sup>27:</sup> When morning

came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. <sup>2</sup>They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. <sup>3</sup>When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup>He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." <sup>5</sup>Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." <sup>7</sup>After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. <sup>8</sup>For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." <sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. <sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. <sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked



him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"<sup>30</sup> They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.<sup>31</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.<sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),<sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.<sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;<sup>36</sup> then they sat down there and kept watch over him.<sup>37</sup> Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."<sup>38</sup> Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.<sup>39</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads<sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."<sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,<sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him."<sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'<sup>44</sup> The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.<sup>46</sup> And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"<sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah."<sup>48</sup> At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.<sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."<sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.<sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.<sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.<sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"<sup>55</sup> Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.<sup>56</sup> Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.<sup>57</sup> When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus.<sup>58</sup> He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.<sup>59</sup> So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth<sup>60</sup> and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.<sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.<sup>62</sup> The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief

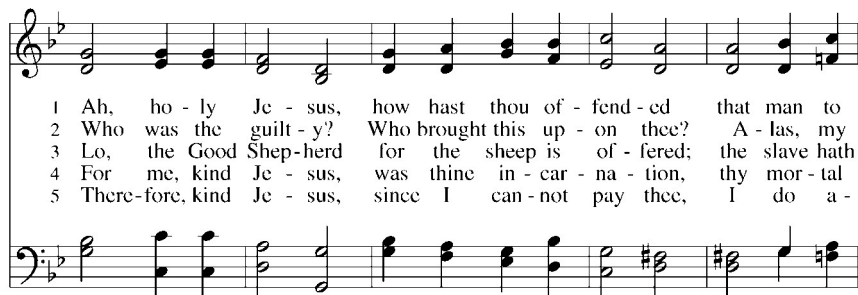
priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate<sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.'<sup>64</sup> Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."<sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."<sup>66</sup> So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.  
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### The Message

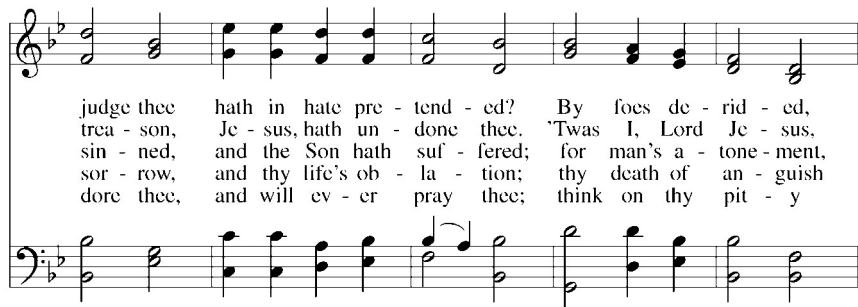
*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### Hymn of the Day #123 Green

### Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

## Prayers of the Church

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

P: Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. Equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings humbly to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Save your creation, O God. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep, especially Ukraine, Russia, Yemen, Sudan, Taiwan, China, and the United States. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are imprisoned or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful, and those who are ill or awaiting treatment, especially those we name now..... Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, ushers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany our congregations through this Holy Week. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Save us at the last, O God. Accept our thanks for your saints who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you as we await the day of Christ's coming and our resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

## Peace

*Because of Jesus' death and resurrection. God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace, Like Jesus with his disciples, pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.*

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**Thanksgiving** We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us how to pray.

**C: 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.**

**Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

**Benediction**

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Closing****Go to Dark Gethsemane****Hymn**

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1 Go to dark Geth-se-m - 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-raigned;  
 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

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Community Meal — Sunday, APRIL 2, 11:00-12:30 PM — St. Peter's**

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—APRIL 2—

**Sunday of the Passion**

**Palm Sunday**

Procession with Palms  
Reading of the St. Matthew Passion.

**8:45 AM** — Holy Communion  
St. Peter's Lutheran

**10:30 AM** — Holy Communion  
Christ Manchester

—APRIL 6—

**Maundy Thursday**

**3:30 PM** — Holy Communion  
St. Peter's Lutheran

**7:00 PM** — Holy Communion  
Christ Manchester

Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar



—APRIL 7—

**Good Friday**

**3:30 PM** — Adoration of the Cross

**7:00 PM** — Service of Darkness  
Adoration of the Cross  
St. Peter's Lutheran

—APRIL 8—

**Holy Saturday**

**7:00 PM** — Vigil of Easter @ St. Paul's  
[W Springettsbury Ave]

—APRIL 9—

**The Festival of the Resurrection**

**7:00 AM** — Sunrise Service  
of Holy Communion  
St. Peter's Lutheran

Held outdoors in the Prayer Garden,  
Weather permitting

**8:45 AM** — Holy Communion  
St. Peter's Lutheran

**10:30 AM** — Holy Communion  
Christ Manchester

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8:45 AM—Worship Service



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**This Week**  
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**8:00 AM — 1:00 PM**

Friday  
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