

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion



INTRODUCTION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

The good news of God's love according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"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." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE BRANCHES

We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

...joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud, And Honor*

ELW #344

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

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

Refrain

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

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ & meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

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.**

A READING FROM ISAIAH

Isaiah 50:4 – 9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of 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.

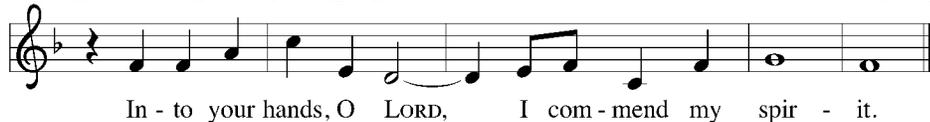
⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck 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. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

*(Congregation begins by singing the **refrain** and repeats as indicated by **R**)*



⁹*Have 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. R

¹¹*I am the scorn of 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.*

¹³*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. R

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

*My 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." R*

A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PASSION NARRATIVE

*The Passion Narrative will be presented by many voices; the congregation will read the text in **bold type**.*

NARRATOR	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
DISCIPLES	“Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”
JESUS	“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.’”
NARRATOR	So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
JESUS	“Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”
NARRATOR	And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
DISCIPLES	“Surely not I, Lord?”
JESUS	“The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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	Judas, who betrayed him, said,
JUDAS	“Surely not I, Rabbi?”
JESUS	“You have said so.”

NARRATOR While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

JESUS "Take, eat; this is my body."

NARRATOR Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

JESUS "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 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."

NARRATOR When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS "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."

NARRATOR Peter said to him,

PETER "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

JESUS "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

PETER "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

NARRATOR He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

JESUS "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

NARRATOR And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

JESUS "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

NARRATOR Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

JESUS "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

NARRATOR Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

JESUS "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. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR 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. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said,

JUDAS "Greetings, Rabbi!"

NARRATOR and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

JESUS "Friend, do what you are here to do."

NARRATOR Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. 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.

JESUS "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

NARRATOR At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

JESUS "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. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

NARRATOR Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. 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. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

WITNESSES "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

NARRATOR The high priest stood up and said,

HIGH PRIEST “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

NARRATOR But Jesus was silent.

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

JESUS “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.’”

NARRATOR Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

PRIEST “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

COUNCIL “He deserves death.”

NARRATOR Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

COUNCIL “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

NARRATOR Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant came to him and said,

SERVANT 1 “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

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

NARRATOR When he went out to the porch, another servant saw him, and said to the bystanders,

SERVANT 2 “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

NARRATOR Again he denied it with an oath,

PETER “I do not know the man.”

NARRATOR After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

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

NARRATOR Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER “I do not know the man!”

NARRATOR At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. 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.

JUDAS “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

PRIESTS "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

NARRATOR Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

PRIESTS "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

NARRATOR After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 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, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."
Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE "Are you the King of the Jews?"

JESUS "You say so."

NARRATOR But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

PILATE "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

NARRATOR But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

PILATE "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

NARRATOR For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. 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." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

PILATE "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

CROWD "Barabbas."

PILATE "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

CROWD "Let him be crucified!"

PILATE "Why, what evil has he done?"

CROWD **“Let him be crucified!”**

NARRATOR 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.

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

NARRATOR So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 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.

SOLDIERS “Hail, King of the Jews!”

NARRATOR They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads.

CROWD **“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.”**

NARRATOR In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

PRIESTS “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. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”

NARRATOR The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

NARRATOR that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

CROWD **“This man is calling for Elijah.”**

NARRATOR 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. But the others said,

CROWD **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**

NARRATOR Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. 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,

CENTURION “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

NARRATOR Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth 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. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate.

PRIESTS “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ 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.”

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

NARRATOR So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

There will be a few minutes of silence after the Passion reading.



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 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.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the hymn, you can use the QR code on the next page to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.

OFFERING HYMN *Lamb of God, Most Holy* ACS #932

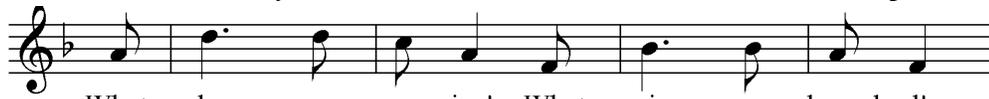
eGiving



Lamb of God, most ho - ly, up - on the cross ex - ten - ded,
 Mine is the trans - gres - sion that cau - ses you to suf - fer.
 Lamb of God, most ho - ly, up - on the cross for - sa - ken.



all my sin you car - ry, the bur - den of my soul.
 Mine is the re - bel - lion, but you re - ceive the blame.
 for our sin you suf - fered, so far from God on high.



What love a - maz - ing! What price un - bound - ed!
 My guilt be - fore me, I come be - fore you;
 Your life sur - ren - dered in mer - cy frees us;



Your bod - dy, wound - ed, will make me whole.
 Lord, I im - plore you, re - move my shame.
 your name, O Je - sus, we glo - ri - fy.

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

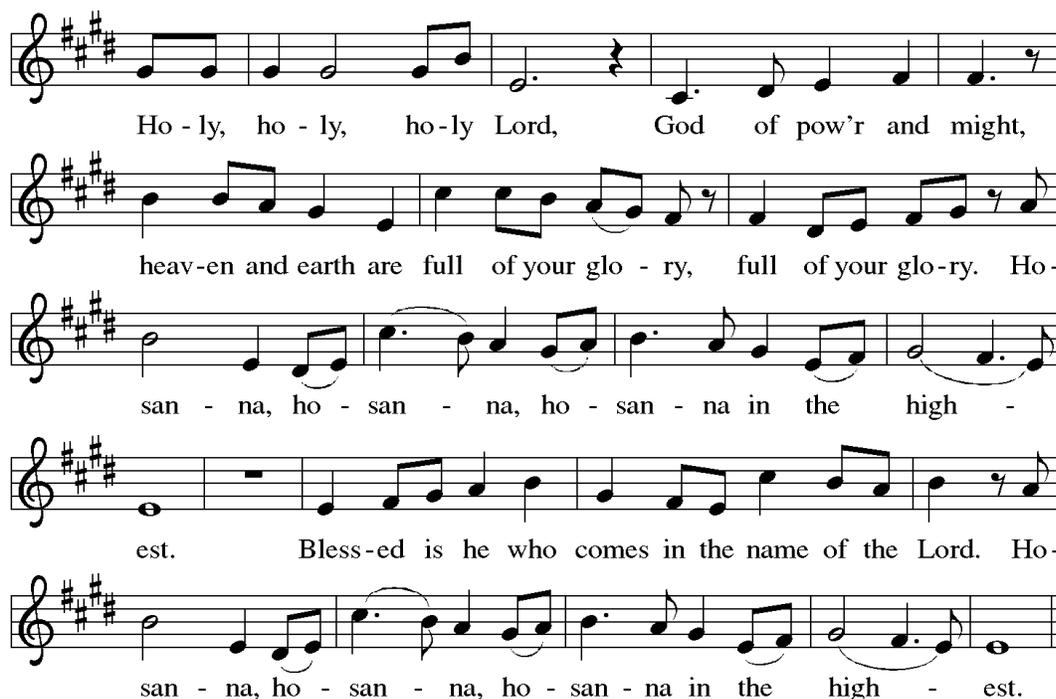


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, 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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the passover feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

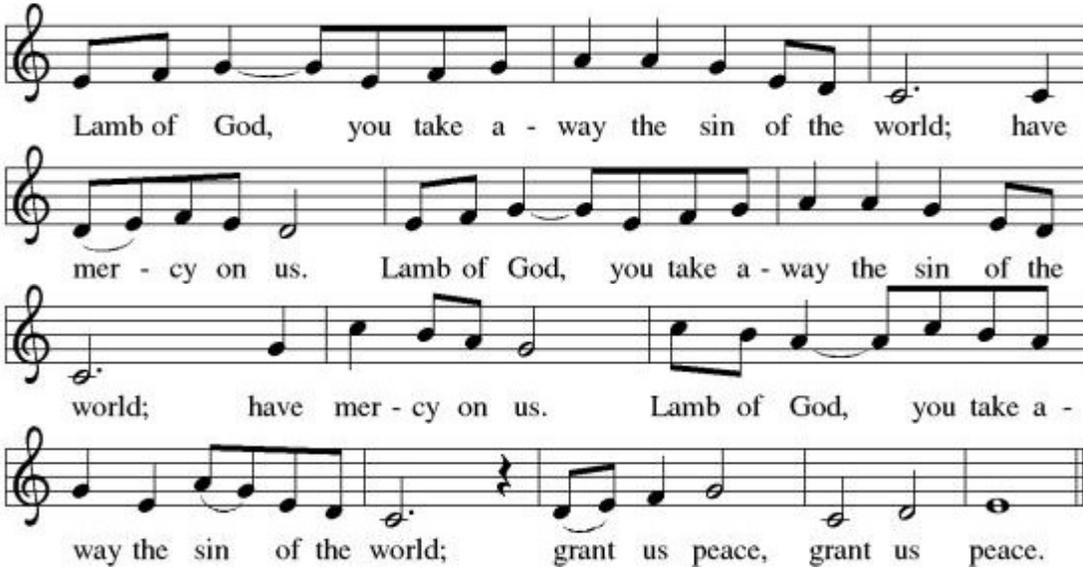
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come to the table; feast on God's goodness and mercy.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



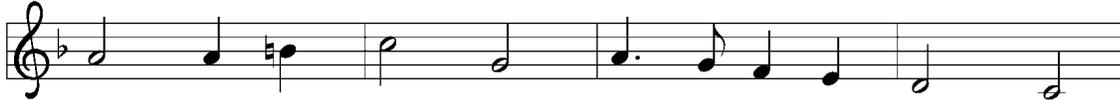
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: *There in God's Garden*

ELW 342



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982
Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for life's journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *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 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

DISMISSAL

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Join us for coffee and a time of fellowship after the service in the CommUNITY Room

Thank you to those serving this month:

Date	Loc	Time	Lector	Communion Assistants	Altar Flowers	Dedication
03/01/26	DT	11 AM	Linda Gascon	Frances Guido, Aimée Fox	Roy Pringle	In Gratitude
03/08/26	DT	11 AM	Marty Snapp	Phil Rearick, Ruth Kinsey	Pat Shipley	IHO Don Shipley's Birthday
03/15/26	ML	11 AM	Terri Craig	Marty Snapp, Gary Bartelt	-none-	
03/22/26	LSP	11 AM	-none-	Margarita Rodriguez	-none-	
03/29/26	ML	11 AM	Betty Herzhauser	Suzanne Bohning, Linda Gascon	Phil Rearick	IMO Annemarie Rearick

Birthdays this week:

- none -

Anniversaries this week:

- none -

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (03/29)

9:00am – City Church (DT Sanctuary)
 11:00am – Worship at Meadowlawn
 7:00pm – St Augustine Group (ML Library)

Monday (03/30)

Items due for next Sunday's bulletin

Tuesday (03/31)

2:00pm – Healthy Grieving (DT 2nd Floor)

Wednesday (04/01)

11:30am – Community Meal (DT 3rd Floor)
 1:00pm – Grace & Games (DT 2nd Floor)

Thursday (04/02)

6:00pm – Maundy Thursday Seder (CommUNITY Rm)

Friday (04/03)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (DT 1st Floor)
 9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

Saturday (04/04)

9:00am – Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

April Newsletter: April starts on Wednesday!
 If you haven't yet submitted your articles for the April newsletter, it's probably not going to happen.

Next Sunday:

Sunrise Service: Coming to the **8am** service?
 Bring a flower or greenery from your garden to adorn the cross as we celebrate the resurrection.

Easter Breakfast: There will be an Easter Breakfast in the CommUNITY Room following the Sunrise Service (targeted start time: **9am**). Come for the sunrise service and stay for the breakfast, or come for the breakfast before heading downtown for the 11am service.

Egg Hunt: Estimated start time: **9:45am** on the Meadowlawn property.

Regular Worship Service: **11am** downtown with a light reception to follow (you'll already have had breakfast at Meadowlawn, right?).

