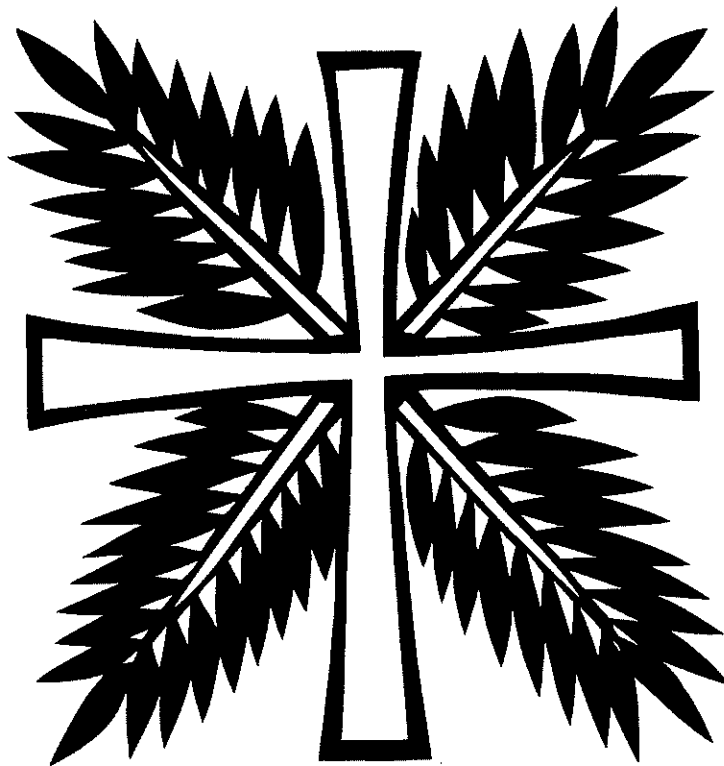


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*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

**April 2, 2023**

**9:30 AM**

Palm and Passion Sunday

## PRELUDE

# The Liturgy of the Palms

## OPENING ANTHEM

*The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing*

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

***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, 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 and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When [Jesus and his disciples] 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 THE PALMS:

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the 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 proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

### THE PROCESSION

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*During the processional hymn, All Glory, Laud and Honor, all hold branches in their hands.*

### PROCESSION HYMN *All glory, laud, and honor (Valet will ich dir geben) (H 154)*


*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!



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




1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Repeat Refrain*



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.



*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

## The Word of God

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The people sit*

<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 awakens — awakens 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>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## PPSALM 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;\*  
**my eye wastes away from grief,**  
**my soul and body also.**

<sup>10</sup>For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;\*  
**my strength fails because of my misery,**  
**and my bones waste away.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;\*  
**those who see me in the street flee from me.**

<sup>12</sup>I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;\*  
**I have become like a broken vessel.**

<sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many —  
terror all around! \*  
**— as they scheme together against me,**  
**as they plot to take my life.**

<sup>14</sup>But I trust in you, O LORD;\*  
**I say, "You are my God."**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;\*  
**deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;\*  
**save me in your steadfast love.**

## **THE PASSION GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27:66**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

(A Dramatic Reading of the Passion)

## **ANTHEM BY CHOIR**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All rise as you are able.*

*On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, have mercy.*

For the whole church throughout the world, its bishops, clergy, and all the baptized, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace among nations and forbearance among all people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, especially for those listed who are near to our hearts, and those we now name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

*Violet Armstead, Clair Armstrong, Angie Ashe, Bob Austin, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Carol, Carolyn, Tony Carroll, Lola Clarke, Betsy Comstock, Millie Connor, Didi, Dorothy, Andrea Dudley, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Mary Fleck, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Lillian Hadler, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Matt Hess, Janice, Danyell Jackson, Jay, Jennifer Jenkins, Pete Jennings, Diane Kitson, Jodi Lancaster, Alison Lauren, John and Lindsay, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Kathy Lozier, Olivia Lyons, Paige McClean, Kevin McGloob, Mia, Mickey, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Meredith Olseski, Betty Peirce, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Antonia Planamento, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Flora Rutledge, Judy Skoniczin, Shane, Thomas Shanley, Mary Shidlowksi, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Calvin Smith, Robin Spicher, Colby Stackhouse, Debra Stackwicz, Stephanie, Linda Still, Sue, Becky Swaggart, Dihona Talton and children, Bill Terry, Evans Thompson, Tom, Tom Wagner, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams*

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who protect and serve, and their families: the police, the firefighters, emergency medical personnel and those serving in the military, especially those listed who are near to our hearts and those we name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

*Police: Sgt Lori and Jeff Kistle, Marquis Costello*

*Military: PVT Austin Combs, PO2 Jason Combs, PO3 Andrew Combs, 1CPT Corey Combs, Skylar Dantzler, MAJ Alex Deets, Petty Officer William Dowling, 1st LT Frank Furman, Jr., J. Andrew Hinkle, PFC Shane McWilliams, MGSgt Troy Meacham, Sgt Kaleel Pernsley, Specialist Jason Sage, CPT Jeremy Smith, LCMDR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price*

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week: Evelyn Carey, Lily Fazio, Gail Craven, Sherry Deets and Diane Evans, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We give thanks for all the departed who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. For ourselves, that we may be obedient even unto death, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

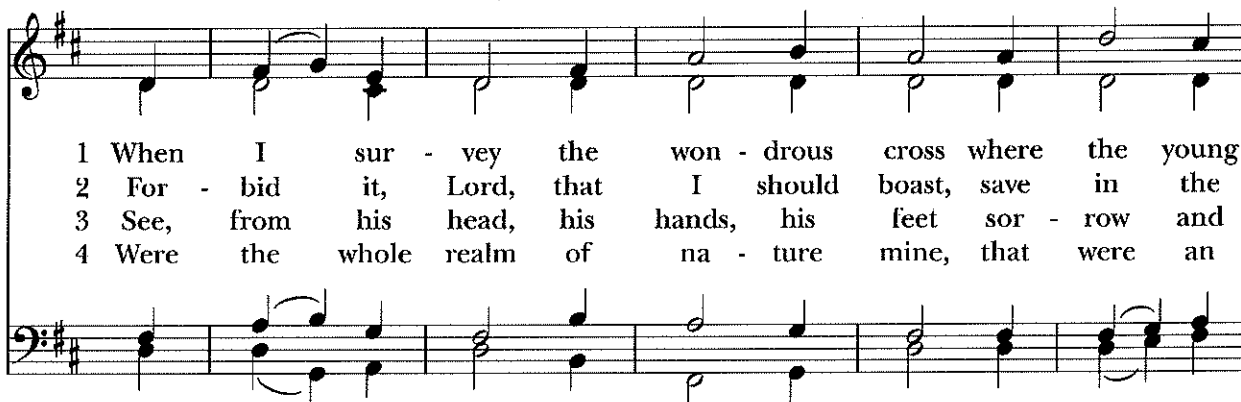
# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## OFFERTORY HYMN *When I survey the wondrous cross (Rockingham)* (H 474)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**1982 HYMNAL SERVICE MUSIC #S125**

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (LEVAS #264)**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

***Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION ANTHEM

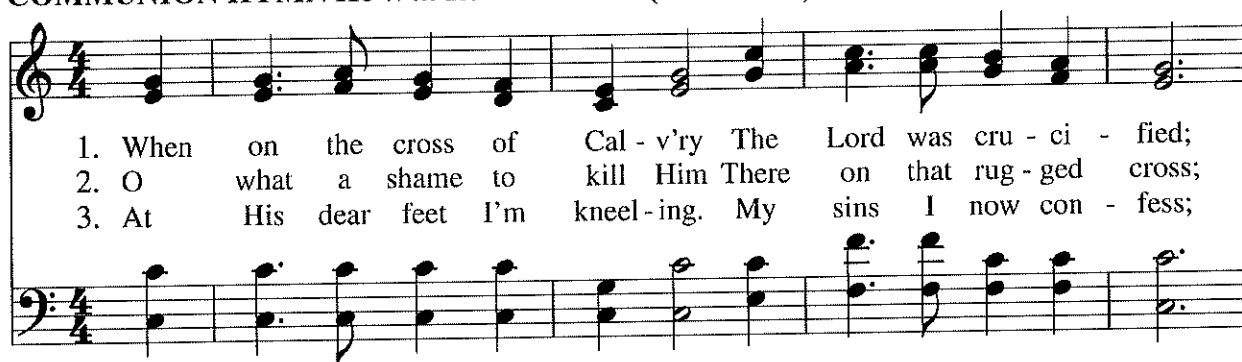
Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

*Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.*

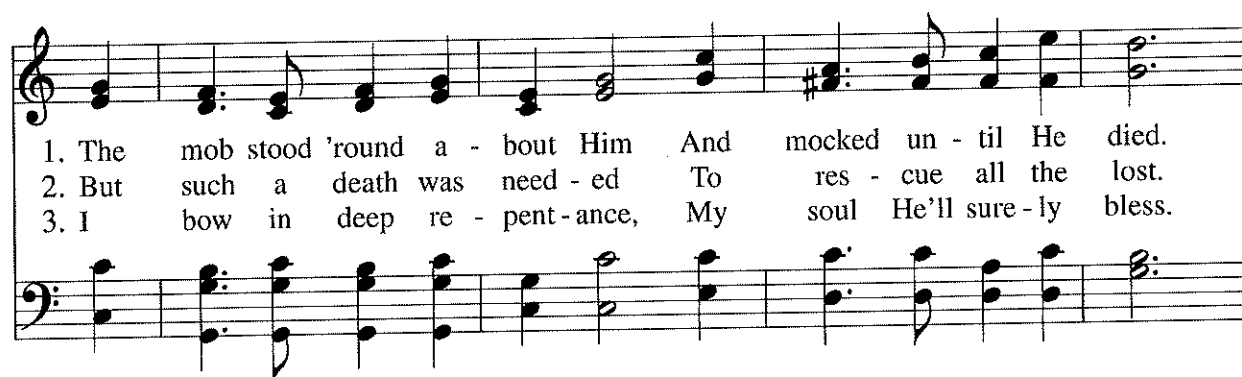
*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

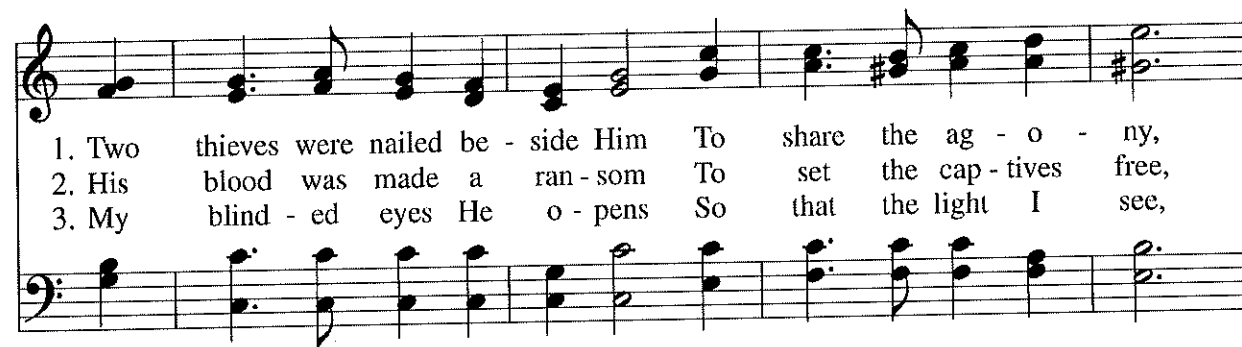
## COMMUNION HYMN *He Will Remember Me* (LEVAS 34)



1. When on the cross of Cal - v'ry The Lord was cru - ci - fied;  
2. O what a shame to kill Him There on that rug - ged cross;  
3. At His dear feet I'm kneel - ing. My sins I now con - fess;



1. The mob stood 'round a - bout Him And mocked un - til He died.  
2. But such a death was need - ed To res - cue all the lost.  
3. I bow in deep re - pent - ance, My soul He'll sure - ly bless.



1. Two thieves were nailed be - side Him To share the ag - o - ny,  
2. His blood was made a ran - som To set the cap - tives free,  
3. My blind - ed eyes He o - pens So that the light I see,

1. But one of them cried out to Him, "O Lord, re-mem-ber me."  
 2. I know that I'm in - clud - ed, and He will re-mem-ber me.  
 3. And when I reach the pearl - y gates, He will re-mem-ber me.

Will the Lord re - mem - ber me, When I am called to  
 Will the Lord re - mem - ber me,

go? When I have crossed death's chill - y sea, Will  
 When I have crossed death's chill - y sea,

He His love there show? O yes, He heard my  
 yes, He heard my

fee - ble cries, From bond - age set me free. And

when I reach the pearl - y gates He will re - mem - ber me.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

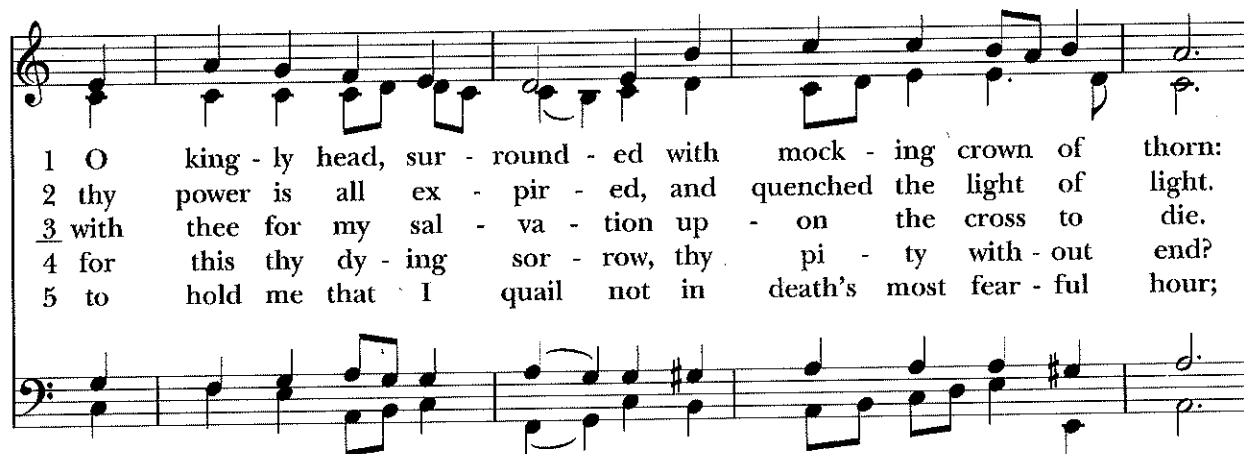
*Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## BLESSING

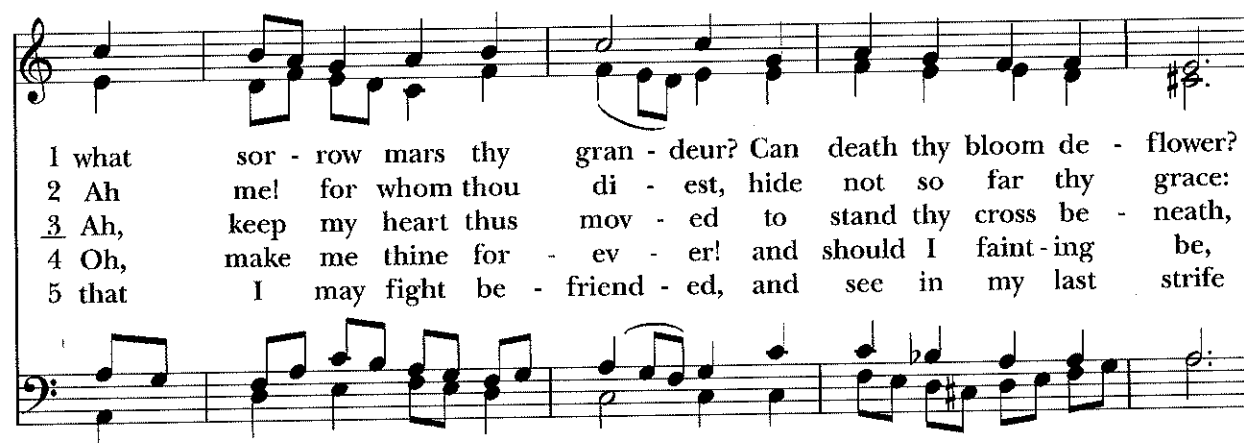
**CLOSING HYMN** *O sacred head, sore wounded (Herzlich tut mich verlangen [Passion Chorale]) (H 168)*



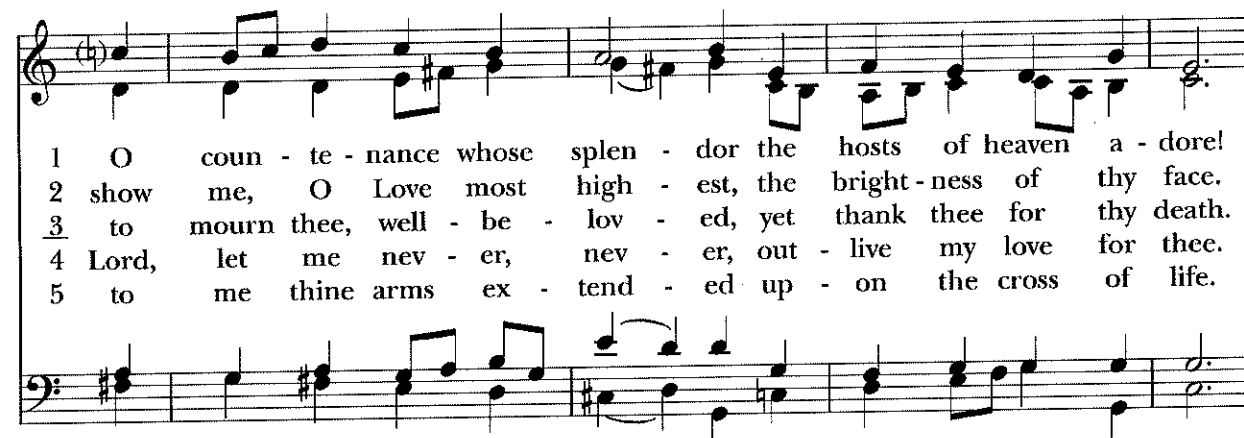
1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 \*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 \*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **Announcements:**

**Healing service Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon via Zoom**, commemorating Daniel G. C. Wu, Priest and Missionary among Chinese American, 1956

**Weekly Bible Study/Book Study with Dan Hinkle, retired Episcopal Priest.** Pastor Sherry has invited Dan Hinkle to facilitate a weekly bible and book study. Sessions would happen at Trinity, on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at a time that works for all interested. The book is A More Christlike Word: Reading Scripture the Emmaus Way by Bradley Jersak. "Signup sheet available or contact the church office. Sessions begin after Easter. (additional details in handout)

**Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM** The Washing of Feet (*optional*) and The Stripping of the Altar

**The Good Friday Liturgy, April 7 at 7:00 PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 9 at 9:30 AM** Special music – Celtic Harp played by Dan Hinkle

**The Giving envelopes have arrived!**

Teddy Bears for the Teddy Bear Ministry are available to give to someone who could use a little Trinity love.

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**Gospel: Matthew 26:14 — 27:66  
(or Matthew 27:11-54)**

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**NARRATOR:** The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

**JUDAS:** What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?

**NARRATOR:** The priests paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

**PETER:** Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said,

**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, Jesus 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 the disciples became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

**PETER:** Surely not I, Lord?

**NARRATOR:** He answered,

**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?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus replied,

**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 his disciples,

**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.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said to him,

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

**NARRATOR:** Peter said to him,

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

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

**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, Jesus 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.

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**NARRATOR:** Again Jesus 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 Jesus came and found the disciples 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 Jesus 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 the crowd a sign, saying,

**JUDAS:** The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

**NARRATOR:** At once Judas 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 the crowd 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. Then Jesus said to him,

**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 Jesus 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, Peter 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,

**F. WTNS.:** 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 to Jesus,

**H. PRIEST:** Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

**NARRATOR:** But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to Jesus,

**H. PRIEST:** I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said to him,

**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,

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

**NARRATOR:** The scribes and elders answered,

**SCRIBE:** He deserves death.

**NARRATOR:** Then they spat in Jesus' face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

**ELDER:** Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

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

**SERVANT 1:** You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

**NARRATOR:** But Peter denied it before all of them, saying,

**PETER:** I do not know what you are talking about.

**NARRATOR:** When Peter went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

**SERVANT 2:** This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

**NARRATOR:** Again Peter 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,

**BYSTNDR 1:** Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

**NARRATOR:** Then Peter 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:

**JESUS:** Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

**NARRATOR:** And Peter 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 said,

**JUDAS:** I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

**NARRATOR:** But the chief priests and elders said,

**C. PRIEST:** What is that to us? See to it yourself.

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

**C. PRIEST:** 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,

**PROPHET:** 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.

[Matthew 27:11–54]

**NARRATOR:** Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

**PILATE:** Are you the King of the Jews?

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said,

**JESUS:** You say so.

**NARRATOR:** But when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

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

**NARRATOR:** But Jesus 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 the crowd,

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

**NARRATOR:** For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and the elders had handed Jesus over. While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

**WIFE:** Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

**NARRATOR:** Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

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

**NARRATOR:** And the crowd said,

**SERVANT 1:** Barabbas.

**NARRATOR:** Pilate said to them,

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

**NARRATOR:** All of them said,

**SERVANT 2:** Let him be crucified!

**NARRATOR:** Then Pilate asked,

**PILATE:** Why, what evil has he done?

**NARRATOR:** But the crowd shouted all the more,

**SERVANT 1:** 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, saying,

**PILATE:** I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

**NARRATOR:** Then the people as a whole answered,

**SERVANT 2:** His blood be on us and on our children!

**NARRATOR:** So Pilate 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 Jesus 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, saying,

**SOLDIER:** Hail, King of the Jews!

**NARRATOR:** They spat on Jesus, 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, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross. (*All stand.*) And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read,

**SOLDIER:** This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

**NARRATOR:** Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**PASSERBY 1:** You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself!

**PASSERBY 2:** 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 Jesus, saying,

**C. PRIEST:** He saved others; he cannot save himself.

**SCRIBE:** He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

**ELDER:** He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, "I am God's Son."

**NARRATOR:** The bandits who were crucified with Jesus 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,

**JESUS:** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**NARRATOR:** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**BYSTANDER 1:** 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,

**BYSTANDER 2:** Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

**NARRATOR:** Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. (*Silence may be kept.*) 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!

*The short form of the Passion ends here. The longer form concludes with the following.*

[Matthew 27:55–66]

**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. Joseph 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. Joseph 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 and said,

**C. PRIEST:** Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive,

**PHARISEE:** He said, "After three days I will rise again."

**C. PRIEST:** Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise Jesus' disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people,

**PHARISEE:** "He has been raised from the dead,"

**C. PRIEST:** and the last deception would be worse than the first.

**NARRATOR:** Pilate said to them,

**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.