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

# Hosanna to the son of David

The Lord be with you.

# and also with you.

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. **Amen.** 

# A Reading from Luke

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

"Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it."

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The members of the congregation raise their palm branches for the thanksqiving and the processional hymn.

# **Blessing of the Palms**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Palm Processional into the sanctuary begins – wave your palms and Sing while walking down the center aisle. Proceed to the front of church and drop your palms on the carpet on the altar stairs. Continue down a side aisle to your pew.





Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

The pastor pauses before the altar steps until the members of the congregation are in their places.

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and 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.

Be seated

**Program: "The Cry of the Whole Congregation"** 

# The Entry into Jerusalem

N: When Jesus drew near to Bethpage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olives, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat: untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" You shall say, "The Lord has need of it." So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them."

People: And as they were untying the colt its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

Peter: And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

N: And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

People: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (vs.1-3) ELW 344

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king. To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The company of angels are praising you on high; Creation and all mortals, in chorus make reply. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king. To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before thee went.
Our praise and prayers and anthems before you we present.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king.
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Pharisee: And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They're calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!"

N: He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones themselves would cry out."

People: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (vs.4-5) ELW 344

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring

To you before your Passion they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king. To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring

Their praises you accepted, accept the prayers we bring. Great author of all goodness, Oh good and gracious King. All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer king. To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

N: And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation.

# The Preparation and the Eating of the Last Supper

N: Now the feast of the Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

Judas: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad and engaged to give him money. So, he agreed and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

N: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So, Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

People: They said to him, "But where, Lord? Where will you have us prepare it, and what are we to do?"

N: He said to them, Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters and tell the householder, "The Teacher says to you, 'Where is the guest room where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished. There make ready." And they went and found it as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, he sat at the table and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.' And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And likewise, the cup after supper saying, 'This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me at the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

People: And they began to question, "Who, Lord? Who is to betray you? Is it I? Is it I?"

N: He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

Judas: Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"

N: Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

Peter: Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I!" he said. And he declared, "Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you."

N: "Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Peter: Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

People: And so said all of the disciples, over and over again

# The Agony in the Garden

People: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs.1) ELW 347

Go to Dark Gethsemane, all who feel the Tempter's power; Your Redeemer's conflicts see, watch with him one bitter hour; Turn not from his grief's away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray. N: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

People: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, deliver us!

N: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will but thine be done."

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done. Thy will be done.

N: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow and he said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

People: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, even the evil within ourselves.

Judas: While he was still speaking there came a crowd and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him.

N: But Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Judas: "Hail, Master"

People: When the disciples saw what would follow they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

Peter: And one of them stuck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

N: But Jesus said, "No more of this!" and he touched his ear and healed him.

People: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

N: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, "When I was with you day after day in the temple you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness." Then they seized him.

People: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs.2) ELW 347

Follow to the Judgment Hall, view the Lord of life arraigned; Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss, Learn from Him to bear the

cross.

N: Then they seized him and led him away bringing him to the High Priest's house.

Peter: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

People: Then a maid, seeing him sit in the light, said, "This man also was with him."

Peter: But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

People: And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

Peter: But Peter replied, "Man, I am not.'

People: An hour later another insisted saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean."

Peter: But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

N: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

Peter: And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today you will deny me three times." And he went out and he wept bitterly.

N: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; they blindfolded him and demanded:

People: "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"

N: And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him. When the day came the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together and led him to their council;

People: And they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us."

N: But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe. And if I ask you now, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

People: and they said, "Are you the Son of God, then?"

N: And he answered them, "You say that I am."

People: And they shouted, "Blasphemy! What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips. Blasphemy! Oh, Blasphemy!"

# Dawn Friday: Jesus Before Pilate

N: Then the whole company arose and brought him before Pontius Pilate.

People: And they began to curse him saying, "We found this man perverting our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar and saying that he himself is Christ the King!"

Pilate: And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

N: And he answered him, "You have said so."

Pilate: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and the multitudes, "I find no crime in this man."

People: But they were urgent saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout Galilee even to this place."

Pilate: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean of Herod's jurisdiction he sent him to Herod

N: Where he was vehemently accused and treated with contempt and mocked and arrayed in gorgeous purple and then sent back again.

Pilate: Pilate said to the rulers of the people, "you brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him, behold, I did not find him guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him."

People: But they all died out together, "Away with this man! Away! Away! Release to us Barabbas."

N: Barabbas! A man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder.

Pilate: Pilate addressed them once more desiring to release Jesus.

People: But they shouted out "Crucify him!"

Pilate: "Why? What evil has he done? I've found no crime in him deserving death. I'll chastise him, I'll release him."

People: But they were urgently demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified.

N: And their voices prevailed.

Pilate: So, Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder...but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

# **Friday Morning: Crucifixion**

People: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs.3) ELW 347

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at his feet, Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" Hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

N: Jesus he delivered over to their will.

All Men: And as they led him away, they seized one, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus.

All Women: And there followed him a great multitude of women who bewailed and lamented him.

N: But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never gave suck!" For if they do this when the wood is green what will happen when it dries?"

Solo: "Were You There?" ELW 353

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

N: And Jesus said, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do."

All Women: Forgive us our trespasses

All Men: And they cast lots to divide his garments

All Women: Forgive us our trespasses

All Men: And the people stood by watching. But the rulers scoffed at him saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God!"

All Women: Forgive us our trespasses

All Men: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar

All Women: There was an inscription over him: "This is the King of the Jews"

All Men: Forgive us our trespasses. Forgive us, O Lord, our trespasses

Judas: One of the criminals who were hanged with him railed at him saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

Peter: But the other rebuked him saying, "Do you not fear God since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

People: Forgive us our trespasses. Deliver us from evil. Thine is the kingdom.

N: And Jesus said to him

People: And the power

N: "Truly, truly, I say to you"

**People: And the glory** 

N: "Today you will be with me in paradise"

People: Forever and ever. Amen!

Solo: "Were You There?" ELW 353

Were you there when he cried out at the end?
Were you there when he cried out at the end?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble
Were you there when he cried out at the end?

N: It was now about the sixth hour—and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour while the sun's light failed...And the curtain of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom...Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice said, "Father into your hands i commend my spirit! And having said this, he breathed his last. And all the multitude who had assembled to see the sight.

People: When they saw what had taken place, they returned home beating their breasts.

And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things.

# Late Friday Afternoon: Burial

Solo: "Were You There?" ELW 353

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Pilate: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, a good man, a righteous man, one looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever yet been laid.

N: It was the day of preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

All Women: The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments

N: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

# Please stand

Hymn – "A New Commandment" WOV 664

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall people know you are my disciples, if you have love one for another; by this shall people know you are my disciples: if you have love one for another.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

# A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

### receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering especially Barb, Shirley, Louise, Stephen, Paul, Hadley, Nikki, Michael, Jeff, Monica (worshippers may add names silently or aloud). God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

# **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person,

scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

### **OFFERING PRESENTATION** Create in Me a Clean Heart

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.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And also 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.

#### **PREFACE**

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 paschal 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 108)

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.

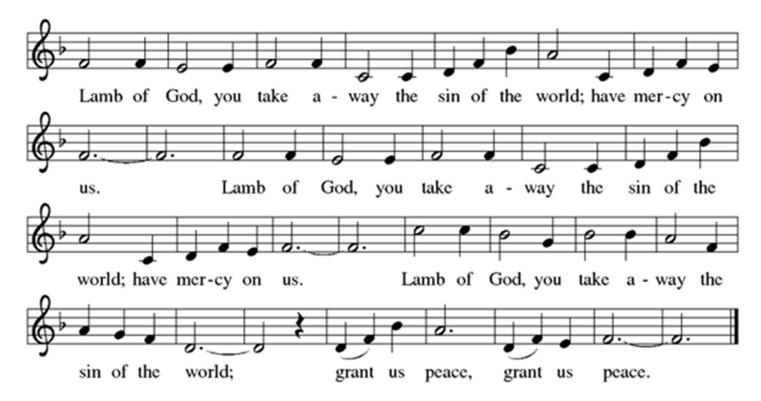
# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!

The feast of grace is spread.

Those communing from home, take and eat, the body of Christ given for you. Take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you.

## **COMMUNION SONG**



# Stand

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

#### Amen.

# **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# **BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

# Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Amen.

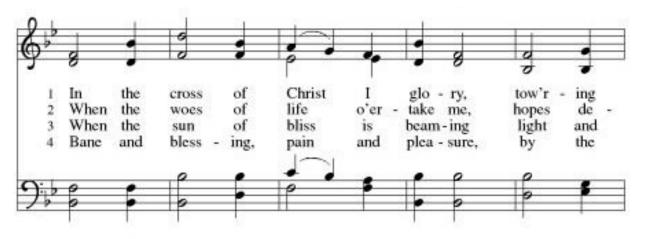
The God of all grace 

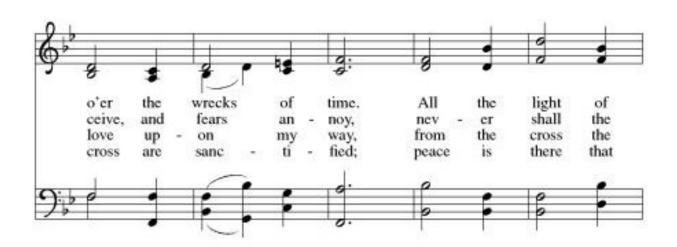
→ bless you now and forever.

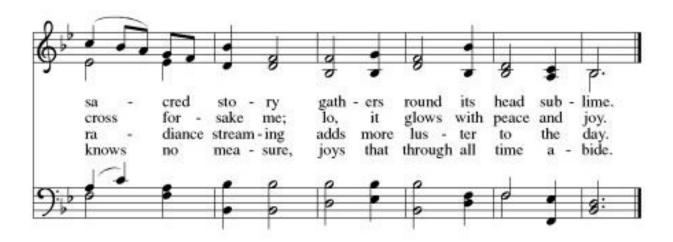
Amen.



# SENDING SONG "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" ELW 324







Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

# **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

