# Palm Sunday Sunday of the Passion April 2, 2023



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WE WELCOME YOU in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book by the outside entrance. May God bless your worship here today! Members and guests, please fill out an attendance card, pass it to the side aisles to be collected by the ushers during the Hymn of the Day.

### **Communion Note**

The Lord's Supper is a gift of Christ given to those who He has called as His own. It is a gift that He instructs His family to use with care. It is for all baptized Christians who confess their sins, see Christ's forgiveness in the true body and blood of Christ they receive with the bread and wine. If you share this oneness of faith, please commune with us. If you have any questions, please speak with our pastor. Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray for those people with special needs.

# PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION The Hour Is at Hand April 2, 2023

# **₩ WAVING OF THE PALMS №**

# **GREETING**

Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

# COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their

hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 12:12-19* (The triumphal entry)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was

coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion, behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.
Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,
People: in the name of the Lord.



# PROCESSIONAL HYMN 442 "ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR" All glo - ry, laud, and To You, Re-deem-er, To whom the lips of chil dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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People: Hosanna in the highest.

You, now

1 You are the King

3 The mul-ti-tude

### **₩** WORD **₩**

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:

Let us pray. Lord God, on this day Your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to fulfill Your will by His death on the cross. Help us to follow Him through this week and all our days that we may be drawn closer to You by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and

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the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 50:4-9a* (The servant's obedience)

Thus says the LORD: "Where is your mother's certificate of divorce, with which I sent her away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities you were sold, and for your transgressions your mother was sent away. Why, when I came, was there no man; why, when I called, was there no one to answer? Is my hand shortened, that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, by my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a desert; their fish stink for lack of water and die of thirst. I clothe the heavens with blackness and make sackcloth their covering." The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

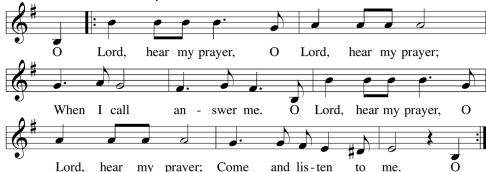
# EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11 (Christ's example of humility)

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

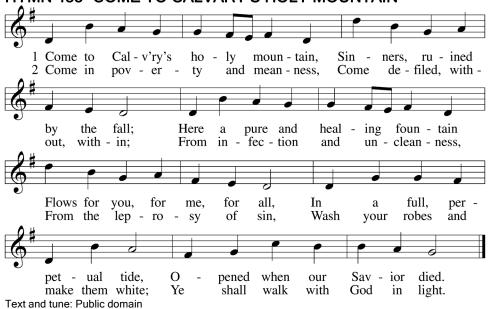
# HYMN 780 "O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER"



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### YOUNG PEOPLES MESSAGE

# **HYMN 435 "COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN"**



# PASSION OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:1---27:66 (Jesus suffers, dies, and is buried.)

Pastor: The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew, the 26th and 27th chapters.

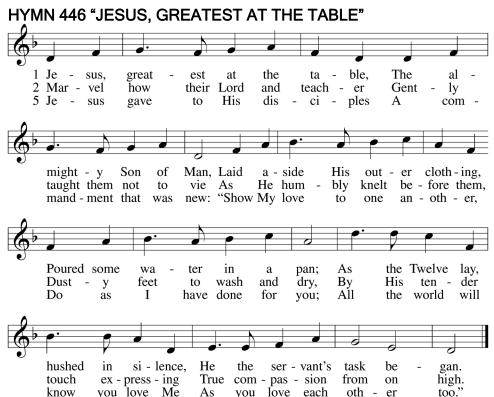
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

26 When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup> But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

<sup>6</sup> Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. <sup>8</sup> And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? <sup>9</sup> For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." <sup>10</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

<sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.



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<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup> He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup> He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."



<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup> Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

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<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this

cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

### **HYMN 436 "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"** 1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con flict see, Watch with Him one ter hour; bit -Turn not from His griefs Learn from Je sus Christ to pray. a - way; Public domain

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." <sup>49</sup> And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup> And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" <sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

<sup>57</sup> Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you

by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup> saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

# HYMN 444 "NO TRAMP OF SOLDIERS' MARCHING FEET"



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<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." <sup>71</sup> And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup> And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup> Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

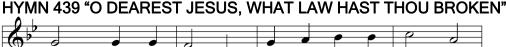
27 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. <sup>2</sup> And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

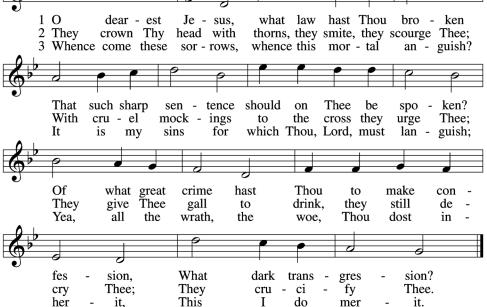
<sup>3</sup> Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, <sup>4</sup> saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." <sup>5</sup> And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup> But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." <sup>7</sup> So they took counsel

and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. <sup>8</sup> Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup> Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup> For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup> Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup> And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"





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<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

# HYMN 447 JESUS, IN YOUR DYING WOES"



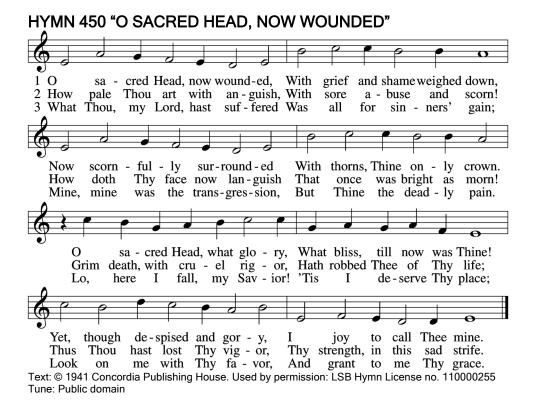
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45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his

resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"



<sup>55</sup> There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup> among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

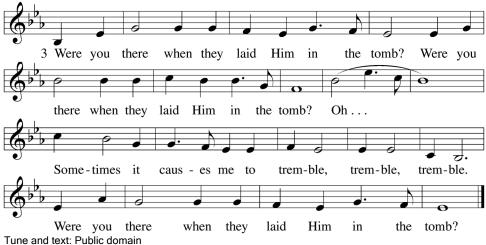
<sup>57</sup> When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup> He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup> And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup> and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup> The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' <sup>64</sup> Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup> So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Pastor: This is the Passion of Our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

# **HYMN 456 WERE YOU THERE"**



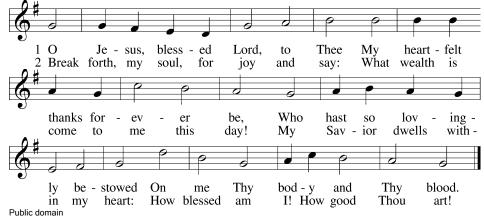
# **APOSTLES' CREED**

People I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# OFFERTORY 632 "O JESUS, BLESSED LORD, TO THEE"



# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness with which You bless Your whole creation. Above all, we give You thanks that You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our true King, Your Suffering Servant whose death delivers us and all believers from sin, death, and hell. Give us Your grace that we may be faithful in our walk and in our hope, love, and worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Inspire Your whole Church throughout the world, especially on this day, to rightly hear and follow Jesus, our eternal King and Lord, in humble faith, with thanksgiving.

Give wisdom and grace to all pastors, that they may give themselves to a living and lively proclamation of Your Law and Gospel through which You work true, saving repentance and faith in many. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give Your grace and forgiveness, wisdom, blessing, and guidance to all who bear

the offices of government in our nation and throughout the world. Lead them to the faithful exercise of their authority for the peace, justice, defense, and liberty of all

people, especially the most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give peace and patience, comfort and healing to all who suffer illness or adversity or

who are in sorrow or need, [especially . . .]. Deliver all who endure persecution for

faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added here.

Pastor: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your

Church on earth, who now rest from their labors [silence for remembrance]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly

kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;

through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

### **PREFACE**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

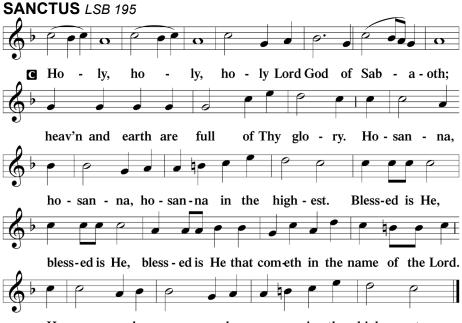
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened the gates of righteousness to all who come to You in faith. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Blessed are You, King of heaven and earth, for in opening to us the gates of righteousness You have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redeeming righteousness and perfect peace You have bestowed on us through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to us now that our hearts may be prepared to receive Your good gifts and remember our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PAX DOMINI Psalm 118:23

Pastor Because of our Savior's grace, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

People "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

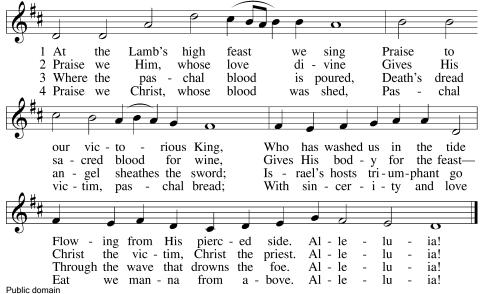
Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

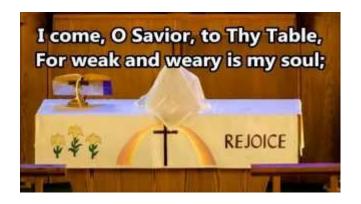
People Amen.



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Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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# POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor

Let us pray. O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's saving work that we may rejoice this day and every day because of the faithful love You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26; Psalm 118:23

Pastor Because of Jesus' blessing, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

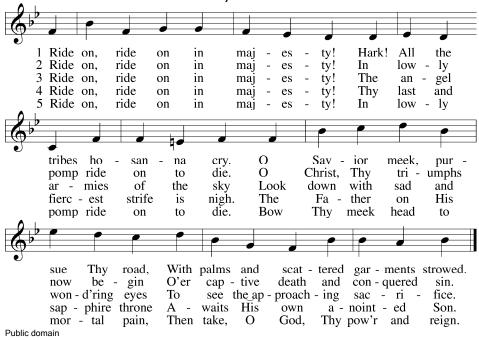
People "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

People Amen.

# SENDING HYMN 441 "RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY"



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# AS WE DEPART

Palm Sunday begins with unbridled joy as we recall how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, while being acclaimed by the crowds with loud shouts of "Hosanna" and boisterous waving of palm branches. So today we begin with songs of praise and waving of palm branches as we hail Jesus as the One worthy of all glory, laud, and honor. But then the solemnness of Holy Week also begins. With a time of silence, the service shifts our focus to Jesus' path to the cross. As foretold by prophets long ago, Jesus was stricken and afflicted, beaten and spit upon, crucified, and He died. He did this out of divine love for all of humanity, taking on Himself the sins of all people for our forgiveness. Today's worship reflects the pattern of our lives. At times we experience unbridled joy and celebration. And then, sometimes in the next moment, we experience heartbreaking suffering. Jesus is there with us—in the joyful celebrations, in the

heartbreak and suffering. He alone can transform it all into deeper love for God and neighbor. The hour of Jesus' death on the cross is the hour of our life and salvation.

# **PRAYERS**

Please remember these people in your personal prayers.

Members with health concerns:

Jeanette Bunting Millie Kroll Lloyd Wessels
Phyllis Dunger JP Dunger Bettye Johnson
Melodie Bradley Don Richter Dorothy Herrod
Kimberly Brinkerhoff Zac Dodge Siri Richter
Joann Wessels Rook Mike McKenzie Cherrie Bradley

Dean Jones, recovering from cancer surgery.

Laurel Stricklin, Cindy Jones Monteith's daughter, severe back issues

Pastor Chad Phillip, cancer

Amy Ingle, (a Pastor friend's wife) - breast cancer

James Marshall-Jernigan, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia

Desiree Kuhs, friend of Melodie Bradley, brain tumor and a rare disease called Wegners

Melodie Bradley's cousin, Lindsay, cancer

David Witt, cousin of Bill Witt, cancer

Kathryn Lincecum, daughter of Siri & Don Richter-heart & health concerns

Janell Burrer, stage 4 renal failure

Ginger Burrer Segner, cancer

Lisa Sayers, mother of missing daughter Sam, has breast cancer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time

Prayers for people needing silent prayer requests.

Sandra Boone, friend of Lura Campbell, cancer

Sharon Niswonger, Cancer

Prayers for the Sayers family get answers, on their missing daughter Sam

Vanessa Upton, friend of Lynne Russell's, metastatic breast cancer, spot on her lung, getting treatment.

Rev. Michael Harnack Pastor in Burbank Cal. Has been diagnosed with an autoimmune

disease called CIDP

Ruby Green, health concerns

Georgetta Gregory, health concerns

Princella Gardner, cancer

Linda Morris, Cancer

Linda Eubank, cancer

Dan & Betty Rice

Stephanie Owen, healing

Edie Allsopp, Donna's aunt, health concerns

Ken Jernigan family, healing

Bea Daily, adrenal cancer

Melodie Bradley, health concerns

Margaret Alexander, broken arm

Rev. Edward Maanum, Pastor of First Lutheran in Knoxville, TN

John Henry, cancer

Kasen Harris, grandbaby of Carole Michael's best friend

Prayers for those on our hearts

Care givers - For the family and friends who provide care and support for the ill and shut-ins. For our congregations, our members, our nation, all Military and their families, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders, Firemen, Police and for Pine Bluff, all those around the world in need of prayers

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# See our worship video:

Worship service on https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnkah2JgGwLDiudmTBDQaGQ

Elder's meeting today after worship

Pastor Preaches in Crossett tonight

Maundy Thursday worship service at 6:30

Good Friday worship service at 6:30

We now have available next to the bulletins 2 Large Print Hymnals for those who need to use them.

Easter Breakfast sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex.

Next Sunday Easter Breakfast at 9:30, Easter Egg hunt at 10:00 and Easter Celebration at 10:45

Jefferson County Home & Garden Show is April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 and Job the Comfort Dog will be here at our booth and in church Sunday. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex to sign up to help at the booth. We need more help for this please.

Donna has extra Rada catalogs on the table in the Narthex. You may submit your orders directly to her or online.

We need ushers and readers please, men or women. If you are able, please see Donna.

We are looking for a Property Chairman. Please pray about it and if so inclined to take on the position let Pastor or Bill Witt know. Anyone wanting a copy of the Property Chairman duties please let Donna know.

Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Thank You!



# In His Service This Week April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>

# Sunday, April, 2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday

9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

10:45 Worship w/Communion

12:00 Elder's Meeting

5:00 Pastor Preaches in Crossett

# Thursday, April 6th

No Bible Study

6:30 Maundy Thursday Service

# Friday, April 7th

6:30 Good Friday Service

# Sunday, April 9th, Easter Sunday

9:30 Easter Breakfast

10:00 Easter Egg Hunt

10:45 Easter Celebration w/ Communion

Text for next Sunday - Jer. 31:1-6

Col. 3:1-4

Matt 28:1-10

Attendance: SS/ABC: 16 Worship: in person 35 Online: 4

The Flowers that grace our altar this morning are Palms for Palm Sunday

