

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Colmar - Unterlinden Museum - Altarpiece Of The Dominicans, Childhood And Passion Of Christ
Martin Schongauer (Ca 1445-1491) & Atelier, Ca 1480 - Oil On Wood Panel
Palm Sunday, Jesus Entering Jerusalem On A Donkey*

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Congregational participation in bold font.

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

Invited by the minister, we rise in body and spirit as we are able.

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent, we have been preparing by prayer, almsgiving, fasting, and works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today, we unite to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church worldwide. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Savior, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

BLESSING OF PALMS

We hold up our palm branches while the prayer is said.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We pray: God our Savior, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms 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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

We 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.

**THE CRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION
WORSHIP FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

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THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM - THE PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

NARRATOR: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, 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.'"

NARRATOR: 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.

NARRATOR: 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:

HYMN

"ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR"

Refrain: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR
TO THEE REDEEMER KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN
MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.

THOU ART THE KING OF ISRAEL,
THOU DAVID'S ROYAL SON,
WHO IN THE LORD'S NAME COMEST,
THE KING AND BLESSED ONE. *Refrain.*

THE COMPANY OF ANGELS
ARE PRAISING THEE ON HIGH,
CREATION AND ALL MORTALS
IN CHORUS MAKE REPLY. *Refrain.*

THE MULTITUDE OF PILGRIMS
WITH PALMS BEFORE THEE WENT;
OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER AND ANTHEMS
BEFORE THEE WE PRESENT. *Refrain.*

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!”

NARRATOR: He answered, “I tell you if these were silent the very stones themselves would cry out.”

*The Congregation holds its palm branches high while singing these verses
and through the Narrator's next reading.*

**Refrain: ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR
TO THEE REDEEMER KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN
MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.**

**TO THEE BEFORE THY PASSION
THEY SANG THEIR HYMNS OF PRAISE;
TO THEE WE TOO REPEAT THEM
AND MELODIES WE RAISE. Refrain.**

**THOU DIDST ACCEPT THEIR PRAISES;
ACCEPT THE PRAYERS WE BRING,
WHO IN ALL GOOD DELIGHTEST,
THOU GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING. Refrain.**

NARRATOR: 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.”

We lay aside our palm branches.

THE PREPARATION AND THE EATING OF THE LAST SUPPER

NARRATOR: Now, the feast of 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.

NARRATOR: 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?”

NARRATOR: 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.

NARRATOR: And when the hour came, he sat at 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 on 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?”

NARRATOR: 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?”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: “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

HYMN

"GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

VERSE 1

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 GRIEFS AWAY,
LEARN OF JESUS CHRIST TO PRAY.

NARRATOR: 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.

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

PEOPLE: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE—

NARRATOR: 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.

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

JUDAS: Judas said, "Hail, Master."

PEOPLE: WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW, THEY SAID, "LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?"

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

NARRATOR: 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.

NARRATOR: 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 –

THE JUDGMENT

HYMN

"GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

VERSE 2

**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 SUFFERING, SHAME OR LOSS;
LEARN FROM HIM TO BEAR THE CROSS.**

NARRATOR: 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: THEN A MAN, SEEING HIM SIT IN THE LIGHT, SAID, “YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM.”

PETER: But Peter said, “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!”

NARRATOR: 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.

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

PEOPLE: “PROPHECY! WHO IS IT THAT STRUCK YOU?”

NARRATOR: 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.”

NARRATOR: 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?”

NARRATOR: And he said to them, “You say that I am.”

PEOPLE: AND THEY SAID, “BLASPHEMY! WHAT FURTHER TESTIMONY DO WE NEED? WE HAVE HEARD IT OURSELVES FROM HIS OWN LIPS. BLASPHEMY! OH, BLASPHEMY!”

DAWN FRIDAY: JESUS BEFORE PILATE

NARRATOR: Then the whole company of them 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?”

NARRATOR: 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,

NARRATOR: 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 CRIED OUT TOGETHER, “AWAY WITH THIS MAN! AWAY! AWAY! RELEASE TO US BARABBAS –”

NARRATOR: 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! 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 URGENT, DEMANDING WITH LOUD CRIES THAT HE SHOULD BE CRUCIFIED.

NARRATOR: 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

HYMN

"GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

VERSE 3

**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.**

NARRATOR: But Jesus he delivered over to their will.

ALL MEN: AND AS THEY LED HIM AWAY, THEY SEIZED ONE SIMON OF CYRENE, WHO WAS COMING IN 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 –

NARRATOR: 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!”

Sung: 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?

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

Sung: WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY NAILED HIM TO THE TREE?
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY NAILED HIM TO THE TREE?
OH, SOMETIMES IT CAUSES ME TO TREMBLE, TREMBLE, TREMBLE.
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY NAILED HIM TO THE TREE?

NARRATOR: 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 –

NARRATOR: And Jesus said to him –

PEOPLE: AND THE POWER –

NARRATOR: “Truly, truly, I say to you -”

PEOPLE: AND THE GLORY –

NARRATOR: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

PEOPLE: FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN!

**Sung: WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY PIERCED HIM IN THE SIDE?
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY PIERCED HIM IN THE SIDE?
OH, SOMETIMES IT CAUSES ME TO TREMBLE, TREMBLE, TREMBLE.
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY PIERCED HIM IN THE SIDE?**

NARRATOR: 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 thy hands I commend my spirit!” And having said this, he breathed his last. And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sight,

PEOPLE: WHEN THEY SAW WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE, THEY RETURNED HOME BEATING THEIR BREASTS.

ALL WOMEN: 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

Sung: WERE YOU THERE WHEN THE SUN REFUSED TO SHINE?
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THE SUN REFUSED TO SHINE?
OH, SOMETIMES IT CAUSES ME TO TREMBLE, TREMBLE, TREMBLE.
WERE YOU THERE WHEN THE SUN REFUSED TO SHINE?

Sung: 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 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.

NARRATOR: 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 –

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

The congregation is seated. All remain silent for meditation.

REFLECTION SONG

'JESUS, REMEMBER ME'

ELW 616

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The treble staff ends with a half note G4, and the bass staff ends with a half note G3.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes with the following:
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE AND OFFERING

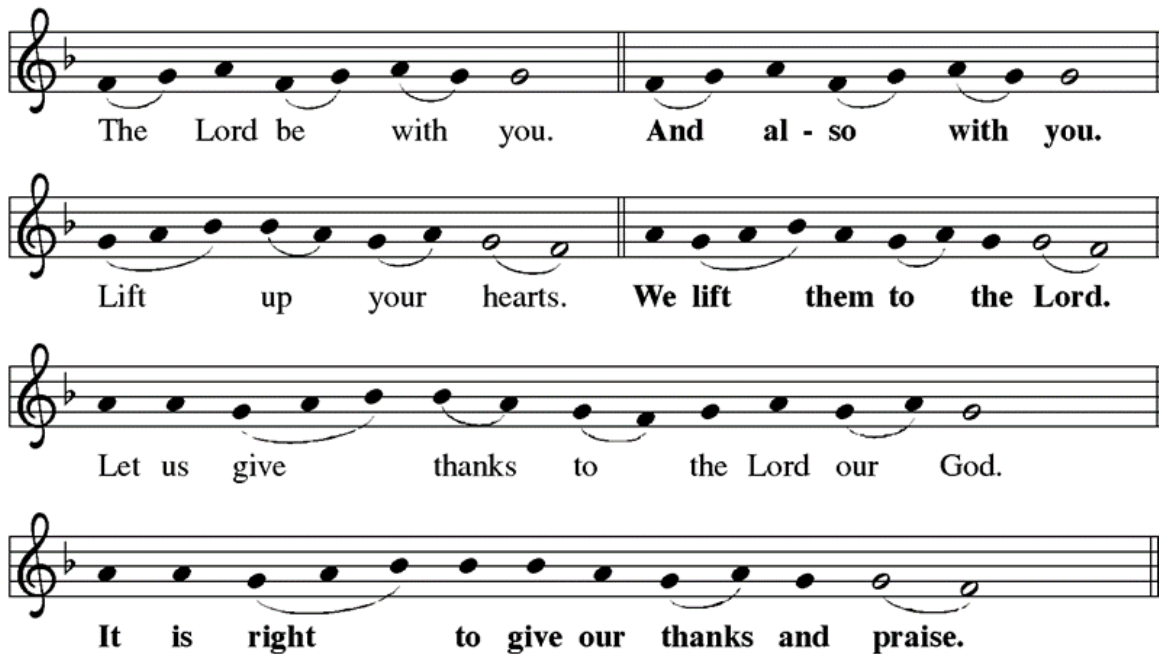
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

As you greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," we thank you for joining us in sharing God's love. You can share your gift either by scanning the QR code provided, giving online at zionhickory.org, or placing your offering in the offering plate as you leave worship.



We pray: Gracious God, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God, for in wondrous love you cast stars into space, and in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails. With loving-kindness you called your people in Abraham, and in covenant with Moses you bound up your life in theirs. Through exile you stayed close to them, and in Jesus you came among them bearing the fullness of grace and truth. Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death, yet in resurrection you exalted him, and in sending your Spirit you shed glory on all people. And so, we thank you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and your church on earth as we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Humble God, ...

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover
 from death to life as we boldly proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

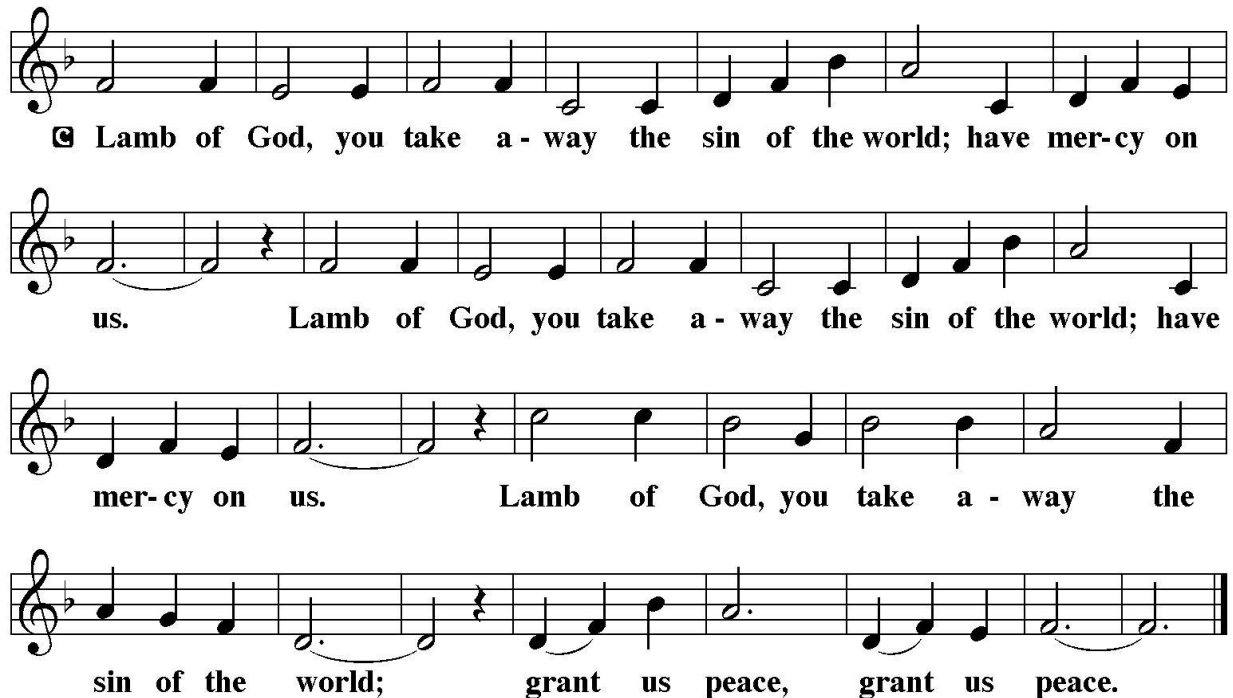
...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 ever one God, in all ages and forevermore. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND LAMB OF GOD

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. **Thanks be to God!**



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

Be seated. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at Christ's table.

Today, we receive by intinction, dipping bread into wine. For the sake of good order, musicians will commune first.

After communing, you may kneel at the rail or return to your seat for private prayer.

COMMUNION SONG

'Ah, Holy Jesus'

by Craig Coutney

Sanctuary Choir

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?*

*By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.*

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.

*'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.*

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,

*I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.*

We rise in body and spirit as we are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

May the precious and true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

We pray: Generous God, **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.**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

We bow or sit as we are able.

Beloved, we bow down before the Lord our God. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
We will! Thanks be to God!

The congregation leaves the church in silence.

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