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On receiving the Lord's Supper: Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations that pledge themselves to believe, teach, and confess the same faith. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We practice closed communion to exhibit unity in faith (Acts 2:42), to guard the uninstructed against a reception of the sacrament that will be harmful to them (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and to keep the pastor from having to make “divine” decisions by determining who is a believer and who is not (2 Timothy 2:19). Therefore, we ask that only LCMS members, or members of churches in fellowship with us, commune at the altar of this church. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that we practice closed communion for their spiritual welfare. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.

Before the Divine Service, the congregation gathers in the parish hall.

Please bring a bulletin. No hymnal is needed. We will process together with palms into the sanctuary.

THE PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

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

Amen.

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Let us pray. O God, whom to love and cherish is true righteousness: multiply in our hearts the gifts of Thy holy grace;

and as Thou hast, in the death of Thine only Son, made us to hope for those things which we believe, make us by His resurrection happily to arrive whither we take our journey; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

THE EPISTLE

ZECHARIAH 2:10–11A; 8:3B, 5, 7–8; 9:9, 10B;
11:12, 13B; 12:10B; 13:6B–7A; 14:6–8A, 9A

Thus says the LORD God: “Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst. Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the LORD of hosts, the Holy Mountain. The city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; I will bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people and I will be their God, in truth and righteousness. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth,’ ” says the LORD. Then I said to them, “If it is agreeable to you, give Me My wages; and if not, refrain.” So they weighed out for My wages thirty pieces of silver—that princely price they set on Me. Then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. And one will say to Him, “What are these wounds between Your arms?” Then He will answer, “Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends.” “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion,” says the LORD of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.” It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish.

It shall be one day which is known to the LORD—neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light. And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, and the LORD shall be King over all the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE TRACT

ST. JOHN 11:47-49A, 50B, 53



Then gathered / the chief priests
And the Pharisees a / council, and said,—

**What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we
let him thus alone, all men / will believe on him:
And the Romans shall come
and take away both / our place and nation.**

And one of / them, named Caiaphas,
Being the high priest that same year, / said unto them,—

**It is expedient for us,
that one man should die/ for the people,
And that the / whole nation perish not.**

Then from that day forth they took couns- / el together
- / For to put him to death.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 19:29–40

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The ✠ Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time:* When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, He sent two of His disciples, saying, “Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find

a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you loosing it?’ thus you shall say to him, ‘Because the Lord has need of it.’ ” So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of him.” Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: “ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Let us pray. O God, whose Son, for the salvation of mankind, came down from heaven to earth and, when the hour of His Passion drew nigh, willed to come to Jerusalem sitting on a donkey and to be hailed as King and praised by the multitude: Be pleased to ✠bless and ✠sanctify these branches: and grant that all who follow after Thy beloved Son may be so filled with the gift of Thy blessing that they may overcome the ancient foe even in this world, and with the palm of victory and the fruit of good works appear before Thee in the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Let us pray. O God, who for our salvation didst send Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to humble Himself to us and to call us back to Thee; before whom, as He came to Jerusalem to fulfill the Scriptures, the multitude of believers devoutly strewed His way with their garments and with palms: Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may prepare before Him the way of faith, and removing every stone of stumbling and rock of offense, may flourish before Thee with the fruitful branches of righteous works, that we may follow in His steps; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

Once the Palms have been distributed, the following Collect is prayed.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who restorest us by the blessed Passion of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, preserve in us the works of Thy mercy, that in the celebration of this mystery we may live in perpetual devotion; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.


Let us go forth in peace.

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

THE PROCESSION

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem-er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD.
Hosanna to the Son of David.

*A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between
Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.*

THE PREPARATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess
our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able

Our ✠ help is in the Name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...

O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please STAND

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INTROIT

PSALM 22:19, 21; 22:1A



|But be| not Thou / far from me, O LORD:

O my Strength, / haste Thee to help me.

Save me / from the lion's mouth:

For Thou hast heard me

from the / horns of the unicorns.

My / God, my Gôd,

Why / hast Thou forsaken me?

The **Gloria Patri is omitted during Passiontide.**

|But be| not Thou / far from me, O LORD:

O my Strength, / haste Thee to help me.

Save me / from the lion's mouth:

For Thou hast heard me

from the / horns of the unicorns.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who hast sent Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE PROPHECY

ZECHARIAH 9:9–12

Thus says the LORD God: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem; the battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.’ As for you also, because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you,” says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 73:23B-24, 1-3



Thou hast holden me / by my right hand,
Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel,
and afterward re- / ceive me to glory.

**Truly God is / good to Israel,
Even to such as are / of a clean heart.—**

But as for me, my / feet were almost gone;
- / My steps had well nigh slipped.

**For I was envious / at the foolish,
When I saw the prosperi- / ty of the wicked.**

THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Brethren: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND



My God, my God, why hast / Thou forsaken me?

Why art Thou so far from helping me,
and from the / words of my roaring?

**O My God, I cry in the
daytime, / but Thou hearest not;**

And in the night season, / and am not silent.

But / Thou art holy,

O Thou that inhabitest the / praises of Israel.

Our fathers trust- / ed in Thee:

They trusted, and / Thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto Thee, and / were delivered:

They trusted in Thee, and / were not confounded.

But I am a worm, / and no man;

A reproach of men, and de- / spised of the people.

All they that see Me laugh / Me to scorn:

They shoot out the lip, they / shake the head, saying,

He trusted on the LORD that He / would deliver Him:

Let Him deliver Him, seeing He de- / lighted in Him.—

They look and stare upon Me.

They part My gar- / ments among them:

And cast lots / upon My vesture.

Save Me / from the lion's mouth:

For Thou hast heard Me

from the / horns of the unicorns.

Ye that fear / the LORD, praise Him;

All ye the seed of Jacob, / glorify Him.—

They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness

unto a peo- / ple that shall be born,

- / That He hath done this.

Please BE SEATED

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

ST. MATTHEW 26:1—27:66

*The congregation remains seated and joins in the reading of the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew by reading the **boldface** portions.*

The usual responses are omitted.

✠ *At that time:* Jesus said to His disciples, “You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. But they said, **“Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”** And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, **“Why this waste? For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.”** But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.” Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, **“What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?”** And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, **“Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?”** And 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.”’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover. When

evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, **“Lord, is it I?”** He answered and said, “He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, **“Rabbi, is it I?”** He said to him, “You have said it.” And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.” And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble 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 have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter answered and said to Him, **“Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.”** Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” Peter said to Him, **“Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!”** And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” Then He came to the disciples and found

them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.” And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, **“Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.”** Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, **“Greetings, Rabbi!”** and kissed Him. But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?” In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end. Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. Even

though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward and said, **“This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”** And the high priest arose and said to Him, **“Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?”** But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, **“I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!”** Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, **“He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! What do you think?”** They answered and said, **“He is deserving of death.”** Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, saying, **“Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?”** Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, **“You also were with Jesus of Galilee.”** But he denied it before them all, saying, **“I do not know what you are saying.”** And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, **“This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”** But again he denied with an oath, **“I do not know the Man!”** And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, **“Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you.”** Then he began to curse and swear, saying, **“I do not know the Man!”** Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, **“I have sinned by betraying innocent**

blood.” And they said, **“What is that to us? You see to it!”** Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, **“It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood.”** And they consulted together and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, **“AND THEY TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER, THE VALUE OF HIM WHO WAS PRICED, whom they of the children of Israel priced, AND GAVE THEM FOR THE POTTER’S FIELD, AS THE LORD DIRECTED ME.”** Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, **“Are You the King of the Jews?”** Jesus said to him, “It is as you say.” And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Then Pilate said to Him, **“Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?”** But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, **“Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”** For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, **“Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”** But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said to them, **“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?”** They said, **“Barabbas!”** Pilate said to them, **“What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”** They all said to him, **“Let Him be crucified!”** Then the governor said, **“Why, what evil has He done?”** But they cried out all the more, saying, **“Let Him be crucified!”** When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at

all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, **“I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.”** And all the people answered and said, **“His blood be on us and on our children.”** Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, **“Hail, King of the Jews!”** Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink. Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: **“THEY DIVIDED MY GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS.”** Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.** Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, **“You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”** Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, **“He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”** Even the robbers who were crucified with Him

reviled Him with the same thing. Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?” Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, **“This Man is calling for Elijah!”** Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. The rest said, **“Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”** And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able

Pause for silence and meditation.

The bell is tolled 33 times for the years of Our Lord's humiliation.

Please STAND

Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, **“Truly this was the Son of God!”** And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the

tomb. On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, saying, “**Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.**” Pilate said to them, “**You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how.**” So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.

Please BE SEATED

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 142 *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

THE SERMON

Please STAND

THE OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir- it with- in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho- ly Spir- it
from me. Re- store un- to me the joy of Thy sal- va -
tion, and up- hold me with Thy free spir-it. A- men.

THE OFFERTORY VERSE

PSALM 69:20-21



Reproach hath broken My heart; and I am / full of heaviness:
And I looked for some to take pity, but there was none;
and for comfort- / ers, but I found none.
**They gave Me also gall / for My mêt;
And in My thirst they gave Me vin- / egar to drink.—**

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THE OFFERING

Please STAND

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- please read the announcements and prayer list details on bulletin insert

Please remain *STANDING* or *KNEEL* if you desire and are able

THE LITANY (*see insert*; it is THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH for Lent)

Please *STAND*

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

THE PAX DOMINI

The ☩ peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.



THE COMMUNION VERSE

ST. MATTHEW 26:42B



O My Father, if this cup may not / pass away from Me,
Except I drink it, / Thy will be done.—

Please BE SEATED

Communion Distribution: Our congregation practices closed communion for the spiritual welfare of our members and guests. Please refer to page 1 of this bulletin for further explanation or speak to our pastor.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

455 *The Royal Banners Forward Go*

TLH 171 (second tune; right page) *Upon the Cross Extended*

Please STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el.

THE THANKSGIVING

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.

And His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray. By the working of this mystery, O Lord, may both our vices be purged away, and just desires brought to fulfilment; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

Bless we the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able

THE BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Please STAND

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.

Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ☩ peace.

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