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the charge against him, which read,

“**This is Jesus,  
the King of the Jews.**”  
MATTHEW 27:37

## **PALM SUNDAY**

April 2, 2023 | 8.00am and 10.30am

## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Thornville, Ohio

### **VISITORS**

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We welcome you in the name of Christ and hope his word of forgiveness and freedom finds you while you are with us this morning. If you are visiting or are new to our church, we ask that you complete a yellow Connection Card and pass it to the center isle for collection during the Entrance Hymn. We would like to be in touch with you and to let you know more about Grace Lutheran. We are glad you are with us.

### **OUR WORSHIP**

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Lutherans believe that the Gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners by his death and resurrection, but also the power by which God creates and strengthens faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the Gospel as the central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In preaching and Holy Communion, in specially selected Bible readings and songs, prayers and confessions, the liturgy points us to Jesus as our gracious Savior.

### **PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN**

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. If you have to leave worship with your children, feel free to do so, but even more so, feel free to come back in!

### **PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION**

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*We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.  
Amen*

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP - LBW Setting 1

*Watchword: And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*  
- John 3:14-15 ESV

### PRELUDE | WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER

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*Grace Notes Handbell Choir (10:30 only): "O Sing to the Lord"*



## Gathering

### THE PROCESSION

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*The people please stand.*

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

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

A: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you,

you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee." (Mt. 21:1-11)

*The people raise their palm branches.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless those who bear these branches, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

A: Let us go forth in peace,  
C: in the name of the Lord.

*The choir, acolytes, and ministers process. The people may raise and wave palm branches during the processional hymn.*

**HYMN:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Green Book 108

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### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

*Choir Anthem (10:30 only) "Hosanna, Sing a Loud Hosanna" w/ Dave Fazakas*



## The Liturgy of the Word

### THE FIRST LESSON

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*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

L: A reading from Isaiah.

*These words of Isaiah from before the time of Christ are a part of what we often call the "suffering servant" speeches. In them, we get a glimpse of the suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we remember this week.*

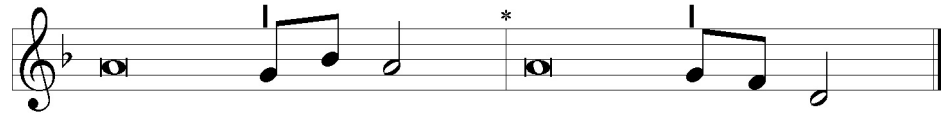
<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



The psalm is chanted alternately by the cantor and the congregation



<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat | and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing; my strength  
fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my  
acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind; I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around; they put their  
heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord. I have said, “You | are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from  
those who | persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love.”**



L: A reading from Philippians.

What was the mind of Jesus like? He takes the form of a servant. He is both emptied and exalted.

<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 emptied himself, by 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.      C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE VERSE

The people stand.



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<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!”

<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.

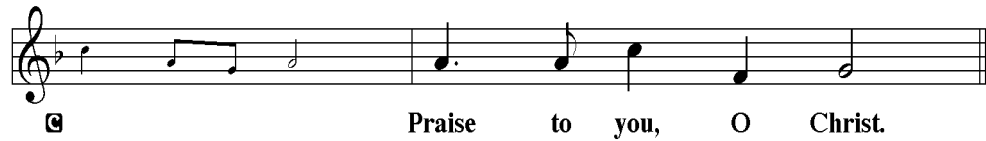
<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed 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.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <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>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!"

P: The Gospel of our Lord.



**SERMON** Pastor Tom Jacobson

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Green Book 117

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*The people stand.*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**


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

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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*After each petition:*  
A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

 *The Liturgy of Holy Communion*

**THE PEACE**

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P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C: And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.*

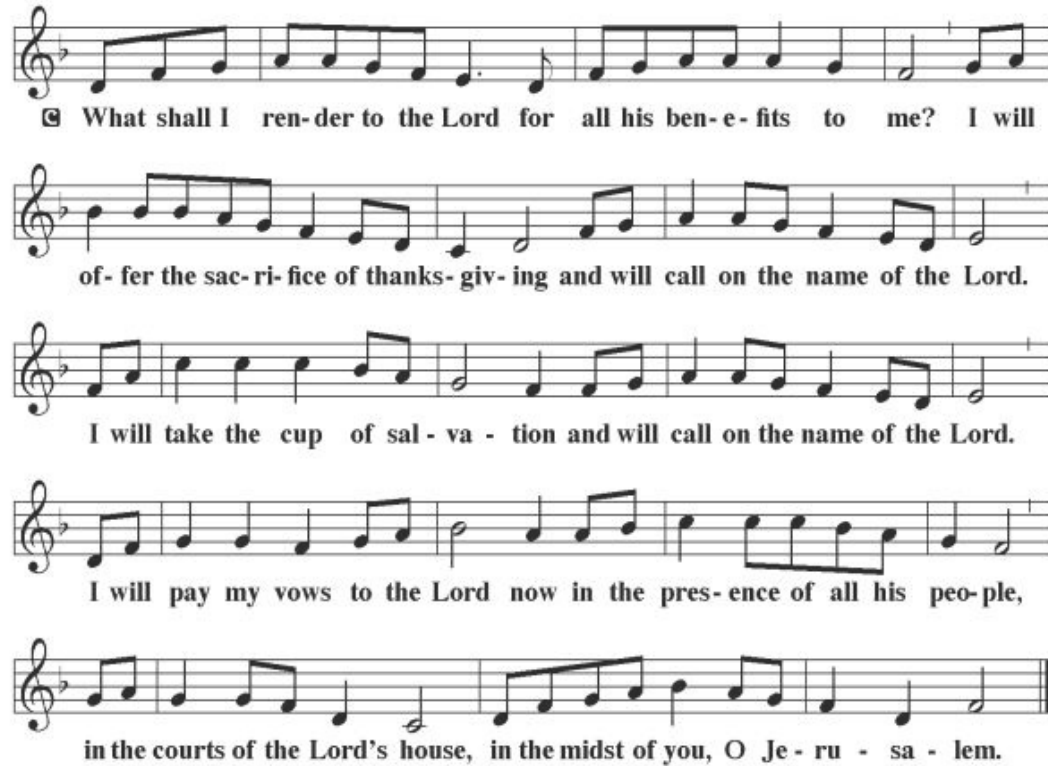
**OFFERING**

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*Stationary plates have been placed in the sanctuary for giving offerings before or after service. Online giving through the church's website is also highly encouraged. Quiet music will play to provide a time for prayer and reflection.*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*The people stand.*



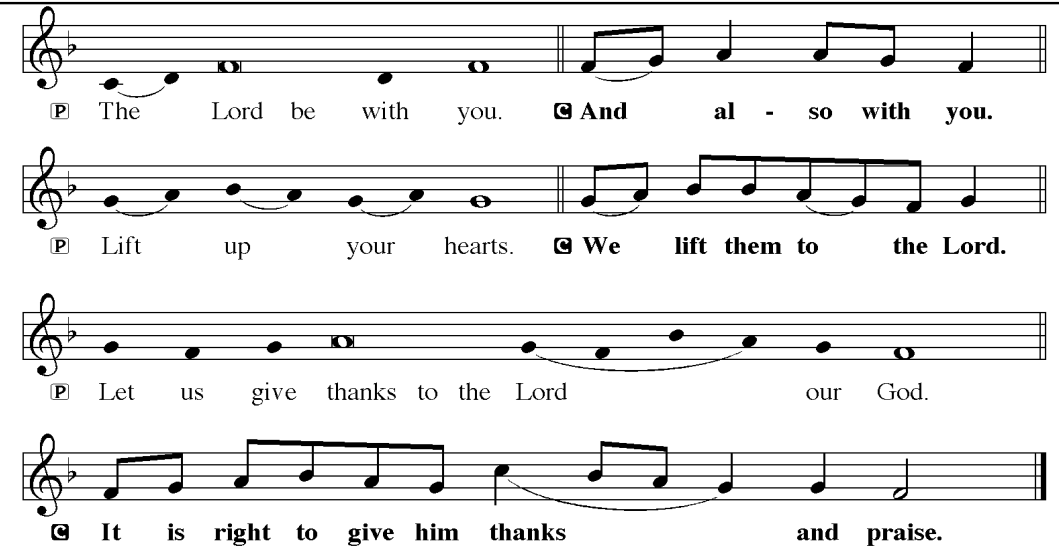
**☩** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will  
of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

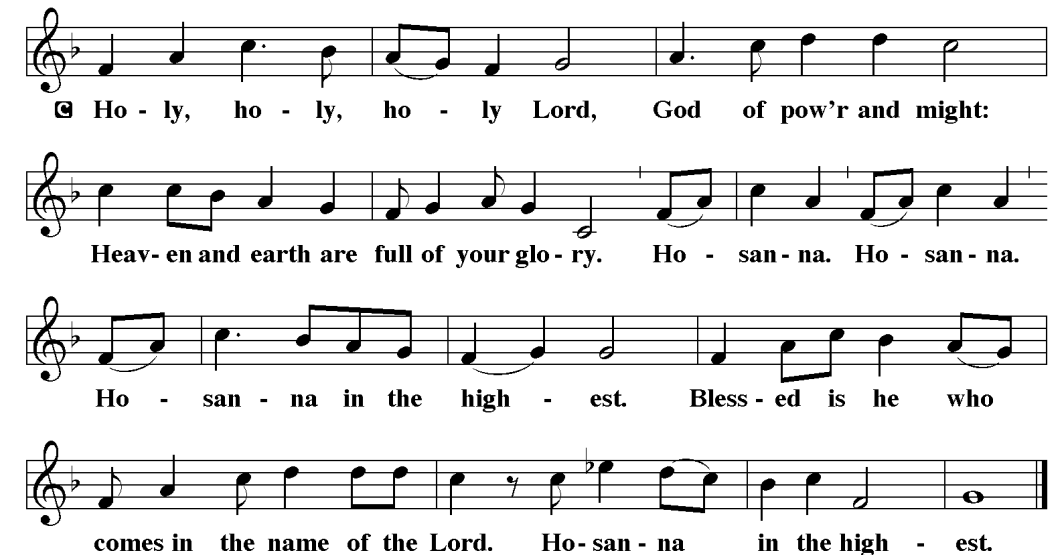


**☩** The Lord be with you. **☩** And al - so with you.  
**☩** Lift up your hearts. **☩** We lift them to the Lord.  
**☩** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**☩** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right .... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS



**☩** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
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.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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P: Almighty God, merciful Father: You are indeed holy, enthroned on the praises of your people. With Israel we bring our praises before you, as we behold the wonder of your goodness and your redemptive love for us. In that love you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was acclaimed King and Lord as he entered Jerusalem in triumph. By that same love, he was handed over by an act of betrayal and consigned to death, thereby taking every human struggle and the suffering of every age to the cross. By his holy wounds we have been healed.

We rejoice, Almighty Father, in our Lord's life and holy passion, his resurrection and his ascent into glory; and we trust in his promises to come again, when we, with all your people, shall sing our hosannas to him at our joyful resurrection

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

## THE FRACTION

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P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**C: Happy are those who take refuge in him!**

*The people may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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☞ 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

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*Lutherans teach that Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) was instituted by Jesus Christ himself for us to eat and drink. As his words declare, with bread and wine, he imparts to us his body and blood, and with it the grace of God. This sacrament is God's way of giving us the good news of Jesus in a concrete, physical way as we continue our pilgrimage on earth. We are rightly prepared to receive this great gift when we come before God with humility and faith. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.*



Ushers will dismiss rows to form two lines down the center aisle. Receive bread from the pastor and proceed to the wine station nearest you. After you have received the bread, an usher will provide each person with an individual cup that will then be filled with wine by the assisting minister. Only individual cups with grape juice will be filled before hand. Coming forward to receive only the bread is perfectly acceptable. Those choosing not to receive communion can come forward for a blessing signaled by having your arms crossed over your chest. When you have communed, you may return to your seat by way of the side aisle.

*Hymns during distribution: Green Book 104, 98, 107*

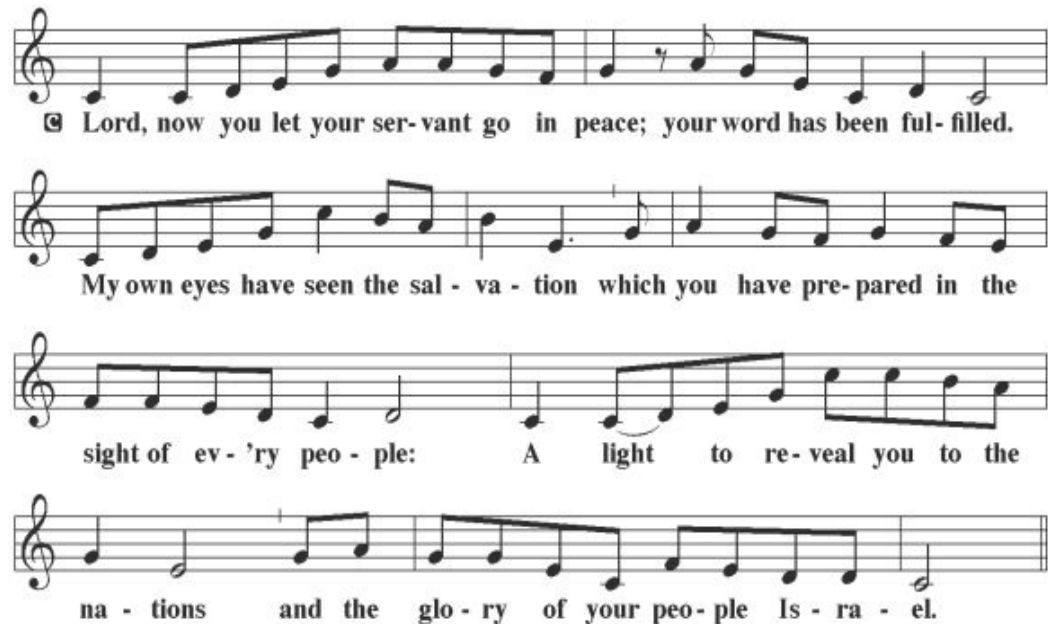
## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*The people please stand.*

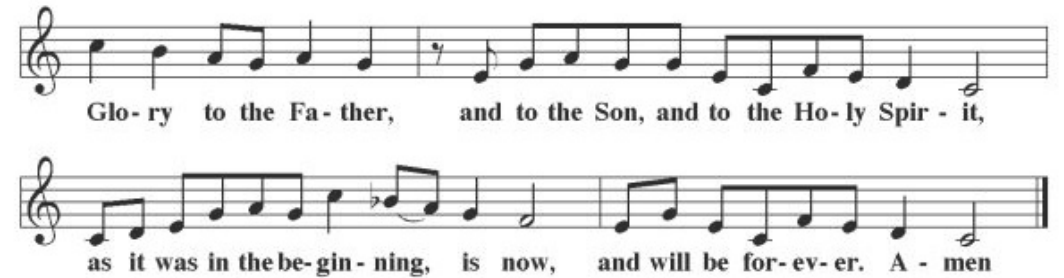
**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.  
 My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the  
 sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the  
 na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

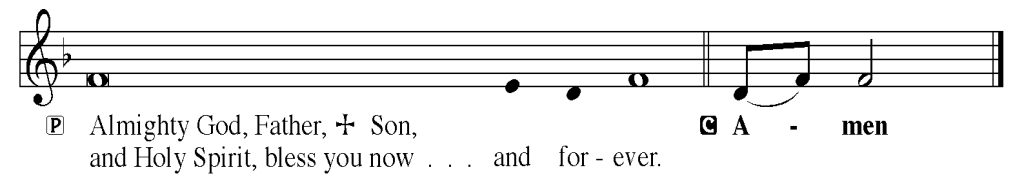
**A:** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



## *Sending*

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL



Almighty God, Father, † Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. **A - men**

**A:** Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## SENDING HYMN

*Glory Be to Jesus*

Green Book 95

## THE POSTLUDE

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*We are sent into the world to proclaim God's grace in word and deed.*

## PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

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*Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen*



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## COMMEMORATIONS:

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As Christians in the twenty-first century, we are called to remember that God's people of the past form a great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). In that spirit, we commemorate memorable Christians of the past, usually on the day of their death. Though imperfect, their witness inspires us today as we run the race of faith. This week, the Church commemorates:

April 6 Albrecht Dürer, painter, 1528; Michelangelo Buonarroti, artist, 1564

April 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, teacher, 1945

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 9)

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Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Matthew 28:1-10

### **Holy Week Schedule:**

April 6 – Maundy Thursday - Worship at 7:00pm

April 7 - Good Friday - 12:00pm Worship at Thornville Methodist;  
7:00pm Worship here, at Grace

April 8 - Easter Vigil - Worship at 7:00 pm

April 9 - Easter Sunday - Worship at 8:00 & 10:30am; Breakfast 8-10am