

# Hosanna

*to the Son of David*



*Blessed  
is he  
who comes  
in the name  
of the Lord!*

*Hosanna  
in the  
highest!*

*Matthew 21:7-9*

## PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024 | 8.00am and 10.30am

### 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're glad you are here.

### OUR WORSHIP

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Lutherans think of worship not in terms of something we do for God, but rather what God does for us. We often call our worship a "service," and that means that God serves us in our need. At the end of his life in 1546, Martin Luther famously said, "We are beggars" before God. In our liturgy (order of worship), which includes hymns and songs, specially selected Bible readings, preaching, and Holy Communion, God serves us by delivering to us sinful human beings the good news of Jesus Christ as Savior, which we grasp by faith. In turn, we respond with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, which carries over into our everyday lives.

### 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: Jesus said, "You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'" – Mark 14:62 NRSV*

### PRELUDE | WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER

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## Gathering

### THE PROCESSION

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*The people stand and turn to the back of the sanctuary.*

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, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back

here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!" And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. (Mk. 11:1-11)

*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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## *Confession and Absolution*

### **INVOCATION**

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P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

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P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION**

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P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*The people kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

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*The pastor stands and addresses the assembly.*

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit..

**C: Amen.**

### **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.*



## The Liturgy of the Word

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

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L: A reading from Isaiah.

*This passage is a part of the "suffering servant" speeches in Isaiah. Christians have looked to them as a reference to the suffering of Jesus Christ.*

<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?

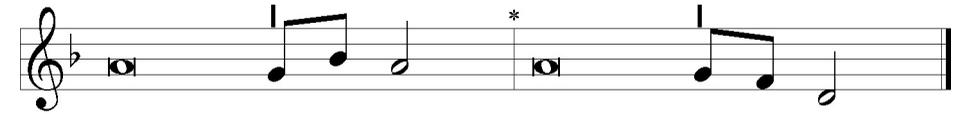
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALMODY

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*Psalm 31:9-16*



*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.

*This is a brief account of the life of Jesus, our victory. This is how Jesus gained our victory.*

<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.*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him.

<sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

P: The Gospel of our Lord.



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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*The people may be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Tom Jacobson

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

Green Book 117

*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.*

*Choir Anthem (10:30 only) "Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout"*

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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*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

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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

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☞ 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.**

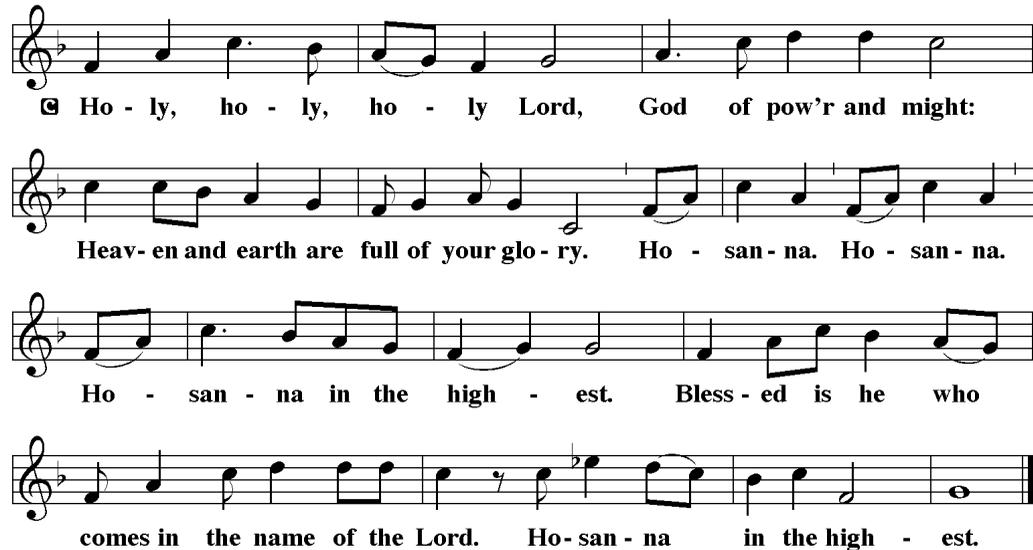
## THE PREFACE

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

## THE SANCTUS

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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 promise 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: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**C: Happy are those who are called to his supper.**

*The people may be seated.*



## LAMB OF 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.

## DISTRIBUTION

*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.*

To receive Holy Communion, come forward in two lines (10:30) or one line (8:00) as the ushers direct you. With open hands, you will receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister. For those not able to receive regular bread, some gluten free wafers are available. Then proceed to receive the wine from an assistant on your side of the sanctuary. Take an empty cup, which will be filled using a pouring chalice. For those not able to receive wine, there are some pre-filled cups of grape juice available. After receiving the Lord's Supper, the communicant may say "Amen" and return to your pew for prayer. Those choosing not to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a brief prayer and blessing. You may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

*Hymns during distribution: Green Book 222, 224, 221*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*The people 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

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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

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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**      *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*      Green Book 121

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## THE POSTLUDE

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*Grace Notes Handbell Choir (10:30 only): "Meditation"*

*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:

- Mar. 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD
- Mar. 29 Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the Church, 1824
- Mar. 31 John Donne, priest, 1631

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 31)

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Isaiah 25:6-9

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Mark 16:1-8

### **Holy Week Schedule:**

March 28 – Maundy Thursday - Worship at 7:00pm

March 29 - Good Friday - 12:00pm Worship here (Community Service)  
7:00pm Worship here

March 30 - Easter Vigil - Worship at 7:00 pm

March 31 - Easter Sunday - Worship at 8:00 & 10:30am; Breakfast 8-10am

