

Palmarum

All glory laud and honor
To Thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.



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Hymns

*All Glory, Laud and
Honor*

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28 March 2021 A ✠ D 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The Divine Service

In Nomine ✠ Jesu

The Distribution of Palms

Before the Divine Service, the congregation is invited to gather in the narthex

Stand 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. Most merciful God, as the crowd at the gate of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son as He came into His holy city, grant that we may ever hail Him as the Son of David who comes in the Name of the Lord and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life, that, when He comes again, we may go forth to greet Him with faithful and steadfast hearts; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 21:1–9

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time*, when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “TELL THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, ‘BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, LOWLY, AND SITTING ON A DONKEY, A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.’” So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

THE PROCESSION

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Opening Refrain (children)



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



Children: 1 Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
All: 2 **The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing Thee on high,**
All: 3 **The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;**
All: 4 **To Thee be - fore Thy Pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;**
All: 5 **Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,**
Children: 1 Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,



Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and Bless - ed One.
And mor - tal men and all things Cre - at - ed make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and Bless - ed One.

Refrain after each stanza (all)



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

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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

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

But I am a / worm, and no man;

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

But be not thou / far from me, O LORD:

O my strength, / haste thee to help me.

I will declare thy name un- / to my brethren:

in the midst of the congrega- / tion will I praise thee.

They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a peo- / ple that shall be born,
- / that he hath done this.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. 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.

✠ Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He 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.

Kneel *Pause for silence and meditation. The large bell is tolled 33 times for the years of Our Lord’s humiliation.*

Sit 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.

Stand **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.

Sit **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** *The Royal Banners Forward Go* (*refer to page 15*)

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

Stand **THE OFFERTORY**

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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 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up un-to the Lord.

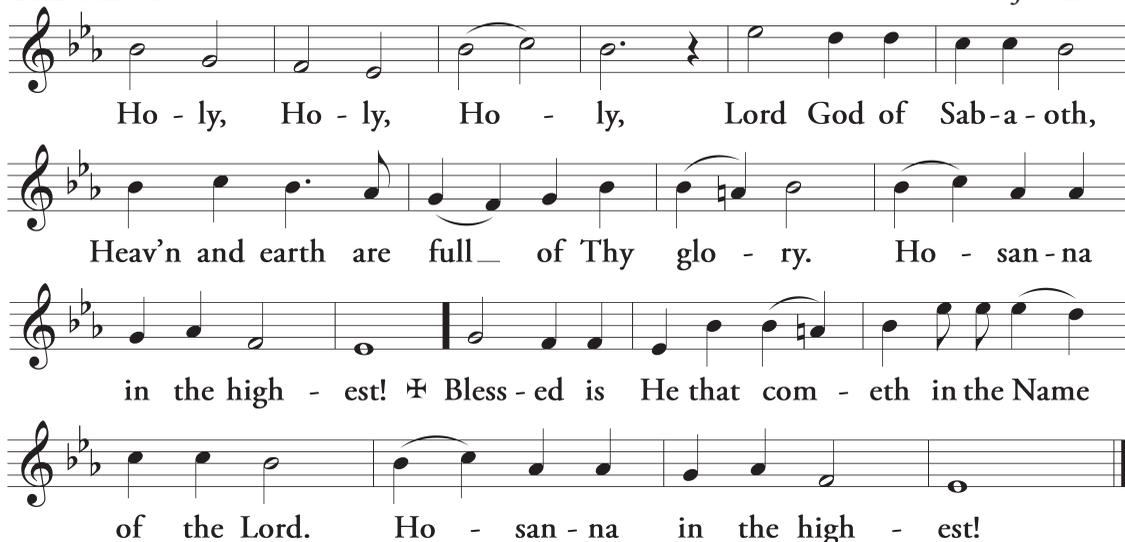
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, who on the Tree of the Cross did give salvation unto mankind that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame likewise by a Tree might be overcome, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

J.S. Bach



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
in the high - est! ✠ Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the Name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, ✠ THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; ✠ THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

THE PAX DOMINI

The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you always.

Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

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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.

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastors Petersen or Frese are kindly asked to speak with either of them, or one of the ushers, before approaching the altar for the first time.

The Blood of Christ is offered on the pulpit side from either the chalice or individual cups, but on the lectern side, only the chalice is offered. If you prefer to receive the Blood from an individual cup and you did not sit on the pulpit side, you may cross the aisle.

Communicants are encouraged to take the bottom of the Chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths. Children and adults who are not eligible for the Holy Communion may cross their arms, placing both hands on their shoulders, to indicate they would like a blessing at the rail.

Sit THE COMMUNION HYMNS

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Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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 - tiles and the
 glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:

And His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray. Almighty God, who has given Your only begotten Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS, AND BENEDICTION

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Communicants are invited to pray the following prayers:

Before receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

During the distribution of the Sacrament

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

After receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me.

What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of Your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessing. Amen.

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Associate Pastor - The Reverend Michael N. Frese

Kantor - The Reverend Dr. Daniel Reuning

Vicar - Aaron Schultz

Seminarian Field Worker - Nicholas Belcher, Peter Preus

Deaconess Field Worker - Meghan Holst

Altar Care - Janet & Nadia Frese

Elders - Jonathan Busarow, Patrick Casey, Keith Frank, Rev. Benjamin Pollock, Mike Ritzman, Alex Schultz

Dean of Acolytes - Oscar Matter

Instrumentalists - Hildie Felton, *flute*; Oscar Matter, *recorders*, *saxophones*; Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes, *trombone*

The Royal Banners Forward Go

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1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go; The cross shows
 2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed, Life's tor - rent
 3 Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told In sure pro -
 4 On whose hard arms, so wide - ly flung, The weight of

forth re - demp - tion's flow Where he, by whom
 rush - ing from his side, To wash us in
 phet - ic song of old, That God the na -
 this world's ran - som hung, The price of hu -

our flesh was made, Our ran - som in his flesh has paid:
 the pre - cious flood Where flowed the wa - ter and the blood.
 tions' king should be And reign in tri - umph from the tree,
 man - kind to pay And spoil the spoil - er of his prey.

5. To you, eter - - -nal Three in One,
 Let homage meet by all be done,
 By all you ran - - -somed and restore;
 Oh, guide and gladden evermore.

Passiontide

The final stage in our symbolic journey toward Easter is Passiontide. Passiontide begins with Judica, the 5th Sunday in Lent. The crosses are now covered, triptychs are closed, and even the *Gloria Patri* disappears for a while.

A common question is, “Why do we drape and cover the crosses as we get closer to Good Friday, as our attention upon the last hours and the sufferings of Our Lord increases?”

We do this because we do not deserve to look upon them. We are not worthy of the sacrifice. The cross is our greatest and most cherished symbol. So it is partially taken away from us for a short time, that we might better appreciate it when it returns.

The crosses are not taken away completely. They are not removed. They are only covered. We can see outlines of the crosses, but their beauty and details are fuzzy. This symbolizes the reality that our grief prevents us from seeing clearly until the Good Friday liturgy and, of course, Easter. Faith always views the cross in the light of the empty tomb.

The veiling also reminds us of Our Lord’s actions in response to the violence of the people in the Judica Gospel. There we are told that “Jesus hid Himself.” That is why the crosses and statues in the sanctuary are veiled during the service, after the reading of the Gospel, and not before.

The idea of removing the *Gloria Patri* is much the same. The Triune name given at the Ascension is the fullest revelation of God’s name given to men. To take away the *Gloria Patri* for two weeks is a bit jarring. It is particularly awkward to not sing it at the end of the *Nunc Dimittis*. But, again, its short-term removal serves to draw attention to it and highlight our privilege for the other fifty weeks of the year.

All of this is that we would learn to mortify the flesh and to depend more and more upon the grace of God in Christ. For never, even in our most somber of ceremonies, is the Church in doubt about the end. Jesus died, but He is not dead. Jesus lives. Easter is coming. Our Hallelujahs, *Gloria Patris*, crosses, fatty foods, and the like shall all return. But even better than that, we shall have them forever in heaven when our own resurrections occur.

Passiontide extends through Holy Week and the Triduum (“three holy days”—which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). At the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service the altar will be stripped, the sanctuary decorations, such as the candelabra, will be removed. Even the main crucifix will be carried out, only to be carried back in during the reproaches on Good Friday. All that will be left in the sanctuary are the immovable pieces of furniture, laid bare. On Good Friday, and also at the Easter Vigil, while all is bare, the normal responses and introductions are removed from the readings.

The intensity builds from now until Holy Saturday when we finally arrive at the empty tomb but not at an empty altar.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

We welcome you all to Redeemer Church. Members and visitors are invited to meet at the coffee hour, which follows each service.

Team D, captain Laci Adkins, will be cleaning this week.

There are forms for donating funds for **Easter flowers and music** in the bulletin. Any amount is welcome! Donations need to be received by this Wednesday, March 31.

Lots of **Lost and Found** items are on the table in the hallway. Please take a look. After today they will be donated.

Easter hats! The hat library is available in the meeting room. If you haven't been at Redeemer for Easter before, a large number of the women and girls in the congregation wear hats, and we get a picture taken after church. If you aren't used to wearing hats and would like to join us, just ask. We'll help you find one that works for you!

For an evening of musical fun in the season of Easter joy, you are invited to come to the **JAZZ IMPROV SESSION**, Saturday, April 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m. or later, in the undercroft. If you would like to play or sing on stage and you haven't done so before, please contact Dr. Mayes (brmayes@gmail.com). This will be a dessert and drinks kind of evening. Please bring something to share.

Project wish list: There are several projects that the trustees have pending. Each of these needs funding outside of the budget. This list is also posted on the bulletin board. If you are able to help with one of these projects, contact Effie Sheron. (260)414-5652.

Items: Stairwell & landing--sand & varnish--\$1,175. Downstairs bathrooms--paint--\$500, plus paint (approx. \$150 each.) Bach Room--patch holes in walls and ceiling, paint (multiple coats)--\$1512 plus paint (approx \$700.) Bach Room Carpet--24X24 Mohawk carpet tile, five transitions, trim edging--\$8,840.

Mark Your Calendars:

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| - April 4 | Easter |
| - April 10 | Jazz Improv Evening |
| - April 18 | Voters Meeting |

Special Prayer Requests: Ed & Peggy Bohrer; William Wolf; Karen Koons; Nicole Schultert; Terry Stephens; Madeleine & David Herman; Maureen DeLassus; Marilyn Conrad; Bob Heider; Gail Ludvigson; Norma Jean Uffleman; Angie Crouch; Amanda Willets; Juanita Hahn; Ed Snyder; Mark Crouch; Dale Steinke; John & Ele Sullivan; Jim Steinke; Moreah Stuckwisch; Kelly Oliver, Bethany Kranz; Amanda Shemwell; Claire Burgdorf; Brittney Petersen; Alice Lagemann; Rachel Lent

Contact the pastors or church office

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THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

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| Sunday, 28 March | THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT—PALMARUM |
| 8:00 a.m. | Divine Service with Palm Procession |
| 9:15 a.m. | Bible Class |
| 10:30 a.m. | Divine Service with Palm Procession |

There are Holy Communion services at 8:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

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| Wednesday, 31 March | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |

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| Thursday, 1 April | MAUNDY THURSDAY |
| 7:00 p.m. | Divine Service |

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| Friday, 2 April | GOOD FRIDAY |
| 12:00 p.m. | Tre Ore |
| 12:00 p.m. | Liturgy of the Catechumens |
| 1:15 p.m. | Liturgy of the Holy Communion |
| 2:15 p.m. | Vespers |

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| Saturday, 3 April | HOLY SATURDAY |
| 10:30 a.m. | Matins |
| 8:30 p.m. | Easter Vigil |

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| Sunday, 4 April | THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD |
| 8:00 a.m. | Divine Service |
| 9:15 a.m. | Easter Egg Hunt |
| 10:30 a.m. | Divine Service |