

POSTLUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

5:00 PM

MARCH 28,
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&

8:45 AM

MARCH 29,
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Palm

&

Passion

Sunday

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today we stand at the meeting of triumph and sorrow. With palms in our hands we join the crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem, crying Hosanna! to the humble King who comes in peace. Yet even as we sing, the road turns toward the cross. The cheers fade, the story deepens, and the one we praise will be betrayed and lifted up in love for the world. We do not watch this story from a distance; we walk it with Jesus, bringing our joy, our grief, our faith, and our need for mercy. So let us enter this holy day with open hearts, following Christ through the shadow of the cross, trusting that his love will lead us into life.

PRELUDE

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!
Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!
Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!
Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

BLESSING OF PALMS

The people raise their palm branches.

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 these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW #351

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

ELW #337

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

O Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:
Save us, and help us, we humbly pray, O Lord.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you set your Passion, Cross and death between your judgement and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give the living mercy and grace, the dead pardon and rest, and your holy Church peace and unity, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end.

Amen.

May the glorious Passion of our lord Jesus Christ bring us to the joys of Paradise.

Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

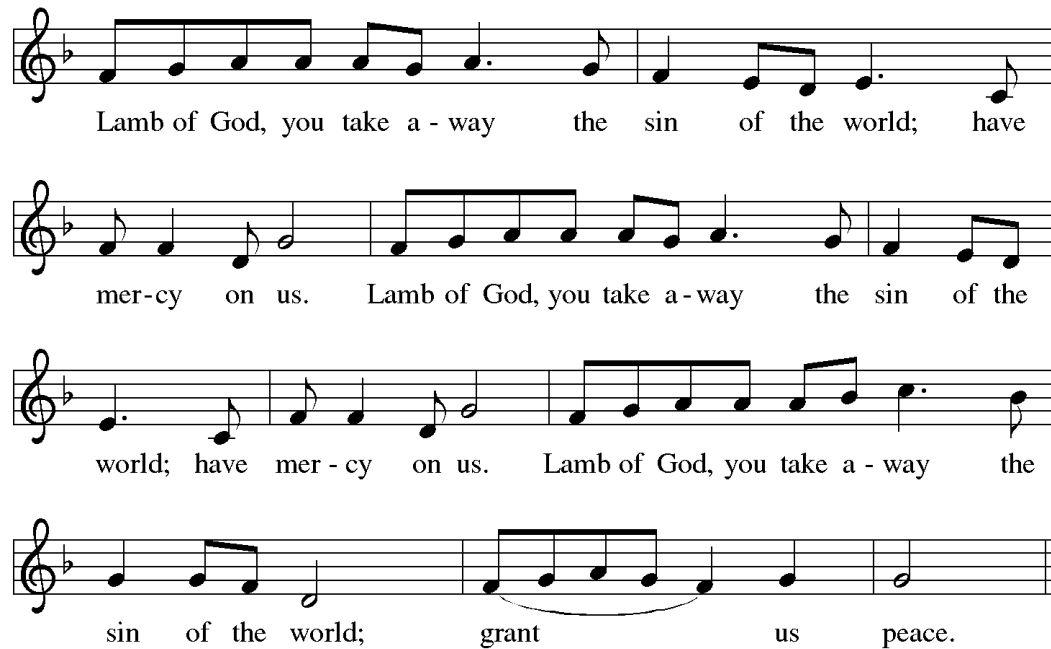
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,
In the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ELW #344 (vs. 1, 3-5)

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,
- 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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain
now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
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.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Pastor:

The palms will wither. The shouts will fade. But the love of Christ will not.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

A SERVICE OF PASSION READINGS AND MUSIC

OPENING DEVOTIONS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, Lamb of God, Lord of Lords, call us, who are called to be saints, along the way of your cross: draw us, who would draw nearer to our King, to the foot of your cross: cleanse us, who are not worthy to approach, with the pardon of your cross: instruct us, the ignorant and blind, in the school of your cross: arm us, for the battles of holiness, by the might of your cross: bring us, in the fellowship of your sufferings to the victory of your cross: and seal us in the kingdom of your glory among the servants of your cross, O crucified Lord; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God almighty, eternal, world without end.

Amen.

MEDITATION I

¹³ See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up
and shall be very high.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were astonished at him

—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

¹⁵ so he shall startle many nations;

Christ did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped;
But emptied himself, being born in the likeness of mortals.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the most High God, who emptied yourself and gives your whole life to us, even unto death, the death of the cross; grant us to receive so immeasurable a gift with penitence, with gratefulness, and with joy, so that we hold nothing of ourselves from others and from you, who lives and reigns in the glory of the eternal Trinity, God forever and ever.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*We do not come to this table as spectators of the cross,
but as those for whom it was carried.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Savior Jesus
(5:00)

Patrick M. Liebergen
True Spirit Singers

My Song Is Love Unknown
(8:45)

arr. David Schack
Chancel Choir



Let us pray.

O Christ, Redeemer and Lord, who by death bequeathed to us so great a legacy as to inherit life: So charge our mortality with your immortal Spirit, that led by grace in the way we lose not glory in the end; where with the Father and the same Spirit you live and reign, God forever and ever.

Amen.

MEDITATION VII

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

Silence is kept

kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

¹ Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant

and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,

and as one from whom others hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases,

yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

(Isaiah 52:13-53:6)

HYMN

ELW # 666 (vs.1)

What Wondrous Love Is This

Surely he has borne our griefs:

And carried our sorrows.



Let us pray:

O Lord God, who has brought all the great promises of the Gospel to us through the sorrows and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ: Grant us, when you ask it, to suffer in so good a manner and for so good a cause as may be worthy of union with his most holy sufferings; that we may tread with the King the way to the kingdom; where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

MEDITATION II

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹ They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with affliction.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

cross, and has taught us to forgive one another as we have been forgiven; take from us all bitterness and resentment towards our fellows, and give us the spirit of mutual forgiveness and brotherly love; that in perfect charity we may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom; for your mercy's sake.

Amen.

MEDITATION VI

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

(Luke 23:33-43)

HYMN

ELW #335 (vs. 1, 4)

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

For as in Adam all die:

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him.”³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, **“Not this man but Barabbas!”** Now Barabbas was a rebel.

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³ They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”⁵ So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”⁶ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, **“Crucify him! Crucify him!”** Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.”⁷ The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

⁸ Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?”¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

(John 18:33-19:11)

HYMN

ELW #349 (vs. 1, 4-5)

Ah, Holy Jesus

Be imitators of God, and walk in love:

As Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who in your forgiving love prayed for those who nailed you to the

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out himself to death
and was numbered with the transgressors,
yet he bore the sin of many
and made intercession for the transgressors.

(Isaiah 53:7-12)

ANTHEM

Fall, Slow Tears

Ruth Elaine Schram

Chancel Choir

The Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all:
For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Let us pray.

O Christ, the King of kings, whose sinless and venerable head we crowned with thorns: Grant us with you to seek no diadem than that which crowns victory over sin; who lives and reigns in the glory of the eternal Trinity, God, world without end. **Amen.**

MEDITATION III

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ (Jesus) said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. ³⁴ The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”³⁵ Jesus said to them, “The light is in you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going.”³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

(John 12:31-36a)



HYMN

ELW #658 (vs. 1, 4)

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

And I, if I be lifted up:

Will draw all things unto myself.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

MEDITATION IV

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

(Matthew 21:1-9)

ANTHEM

Hosanna in the Highest

David N. Davenport

Chancel Choir

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

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEDITATION V

Congregation: When the crowd speaks, we speak.

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”