

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Belleville, PA**



**Palm Sunday/The Passion of Our Lord  
March 28, 2021**

**PLEASE NOTE ~ at their March meeting, Council agreed to begin using hymnals once again. For the time being, they will be used for the hymns only.**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSION with PALMS ~ Hail Thee Festival Day**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

Blessed is the coming kingdom. Hosanna in the highest! We welcome all here on this 6th Sunday of Lent leading into Holy Week. We encourage you to attend all the services this coming week. Maundy Thursday 7PM here, Good Friday 7PM at West Kish. Lisa Griffith will be offering special music at both services.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***HYMN ~ All Glory, Laud and Honor**                      Verses 1, 3 and 5                      LBW #108

**\*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen**

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**

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.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**Although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you.**

**We are stricken by the suffering we as individuals and the human race cause — to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love. For the sake of our Savior, 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**

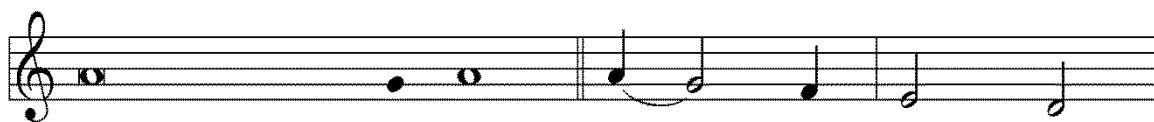
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. By the mercy of Christ let us stand together forgiven and free.

C **Amen**

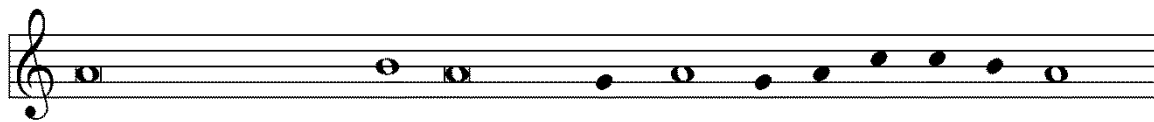
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



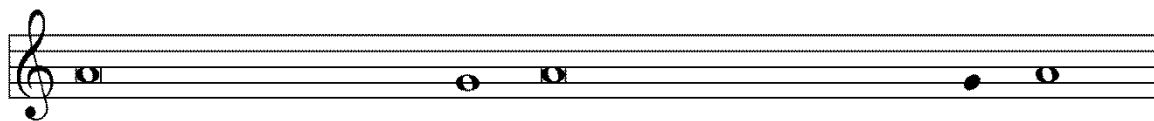
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



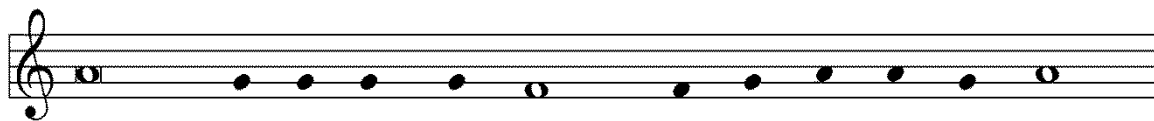
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**B** Lord, have mer - cy.



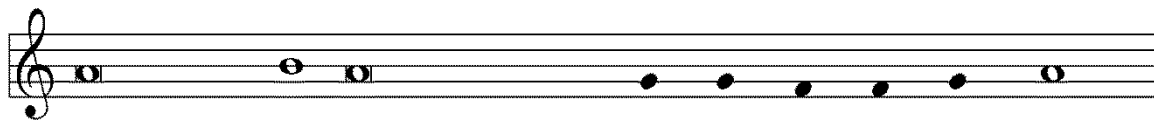
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



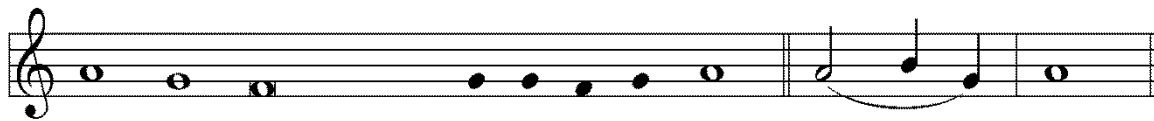
**B** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **B** A - men

**\*THE PEACE**

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of our Sanctuary.

**P** The Peace of Christ be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

*(You may greet others with a sign of peace - a wave and the words "Peace of Christ or Peace be with you!")*

**\*HYMN of PRAISE**

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
*Spoken in Unison*

**C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**  
**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**  
**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**\*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison) found in Celebrate**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9  
*after the reading*

**R** The word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16 ~ *with response*

*The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Philippians 2:5-11  
*after the reading*

**R** The word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

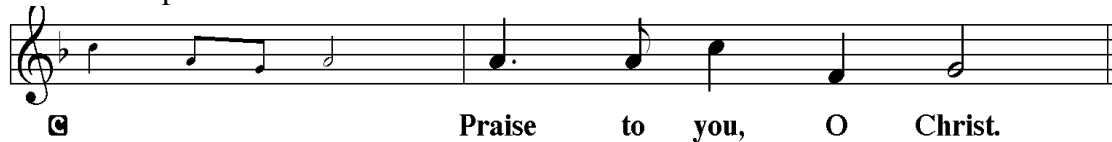
**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

\*Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> chapters.



*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord



**MESSAGE** ~ Lenten Journey #6: *Palms and Passion*

\***HYMN** ~ *Prepare the Royal Highway*

LBW #26

\***NICENE CREED**

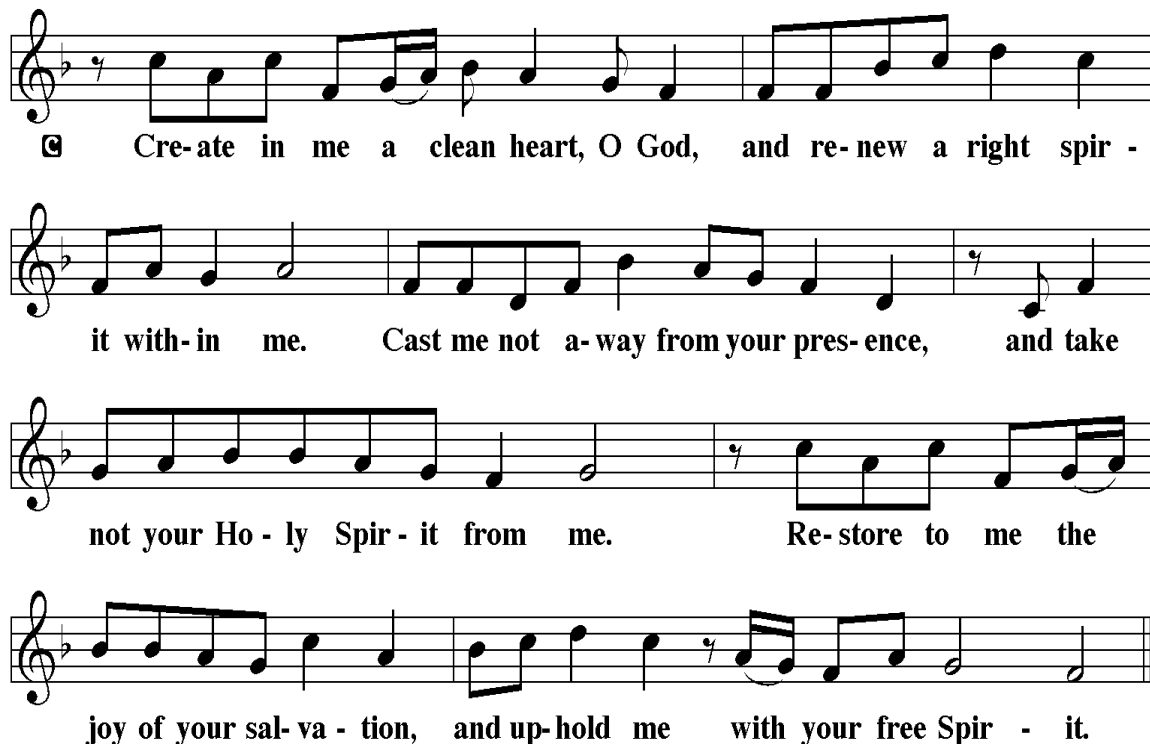
**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; and He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING** ~ (please leave your gifts in one of the offering plates **at the end of the front and back pews** (both sides) on your way out, or if you are worshipping from the back parking lot you may leave them in the box by the outside basement steps.

**\*OFFERTORY**



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

**\*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ See Celebrate**

P Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

*A brief silence*

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 LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

**\*BLESSING**

P May the blessing of God, who surmounts evil, bears our pain, and lives in us  
forever fill you with a zeal for service and a passion for peace, this day and always.

**C Amen**

**\*HYMN ~ Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

WOV # 734

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ. Go forth in peace to love and serve the world.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

**Organist:** Seulki Susie Yoo

**Congregational Song Leaders:** Reba Harmon and Ed Bilich

**Church Office:** 935-2032 **Email us at** [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org)

**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.*

***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

**Today**

**Greeter:** Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

**Next Sunday, April 4 ~ Easter**

**Greeter:** Jami Zook and Chelsea Reed; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

Please remember in prayer ~ Miriam Williamson, Zachary Fultz, Ron Fultz, Vivian Plank, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz) and Carol Yoder (VVH).

**Announcements**

***St. John's Lutheran Church Members,***

***Thank you so much for your kindness and prayers during our family's time of need.  
Zach, Jenny and Vance Fultz***

The April newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those persons who do not receive it by email. Included in the newsletter is a form to place Easter flowers. Extras can be found in the narthex. **Please be sure to turn it in TODAY.**

In the narthex are Committee and Sunday morning duty sign-up sheets (May and June). Volunteers are needed to help lay read, greet and delivers altar flowers. We are also looking for someone to help lead the congregational singing during worship.

Please prayerfully consider serving, if you are able. Jesus came to serve and we serve God by following His example.

The daycare is selling *raffle calendars* as a fundraiser. Cost is \$10. You have a chance to a nice selection of cash, gift cards and prizes, **beginning this Thursday, April 1 through the 30<sup>th</sup>**. A description/ pictures of the donated items are included on each calendar. All the prizes were donated by local businesses and members of our community.

The daily drawings are being posted on the daycare Facebook page, and winners will be contacted by phone.

If you would like to purchase one, please see a member of the Daycare Committee (Joy Byler, Deb French, Carol Fultz or Michele Harshbarger) following the service this morning. They can also be picked up at the church office through the week.

January 1 thru March 24, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 25      Offering ~ \$ 1,130.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 41,663.04\*      Expense \$ 32,203.09

Net Income \$ 9,459.95

\*St. John's received \$5,000.00 as a gift from the Diddy Cleck Estate

Daycare ~ Income \$ 49,675.45      Expense \$ 60,886.98

Net Income \$ -11,211.53