

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Palm Sunday/The Passion of Our Lord
April 2, 2023**



Painting: [Entry into Jerusalem](#).
Lorenzetti, Pietro, active 1320-1348

PRELUDE

Congregants who are able will meet in the Narthex, line up on both stairways, and hear the '*Liturgy of the Palms*' from the back of the sanctuary. Then when organ procession music starts we will process down the center aisle waving palms in wide broad arcs to proclaim Christ's entry into Jerusalem and into our sanctuary today. You will then circle back to your seat. Congregants who are not in the procession may move to the center aisle of their row and wave their palms.

READING: *Liturgy of Palms* Matthew 21:1-110 (read from back of sanctuary)

PROCESSION with PALMS ~ Page 1 of celebrate

WELCOME

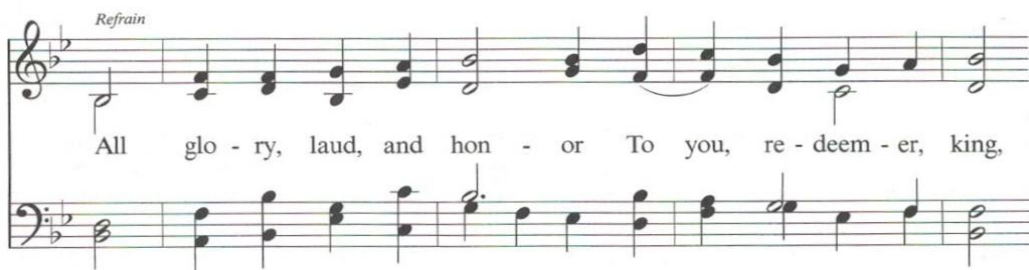
Blessed is the coming kingdom. Hosanna in the highest! We welcome all here on Palm Sunday this 6th Sunday of Lent leading into Holy Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN ~ All Glory, Laud and Honor** verses 1, 3 and 4 LBW # 108

108 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

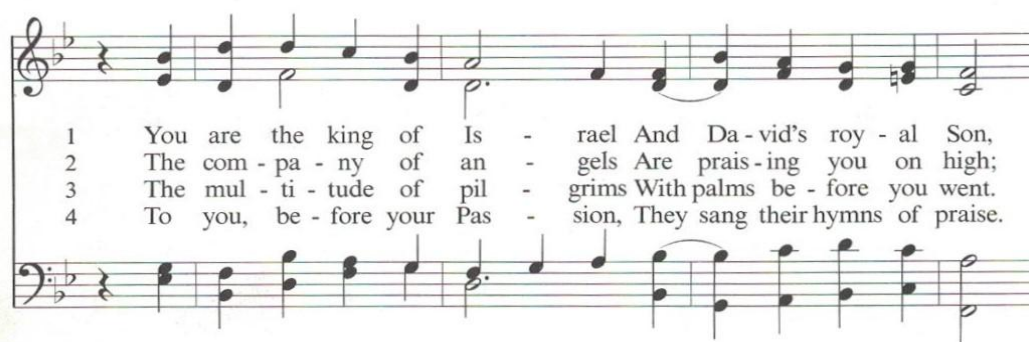
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All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, re - deem - er, king,



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,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing you on high;
 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.

Refrain



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
 Cre - a - tion and all mor - tals In cho - rus make re - ply.
 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.

REFLECTION on Festival of the Palms, Passion Sunday and Holy Week

***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. 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**

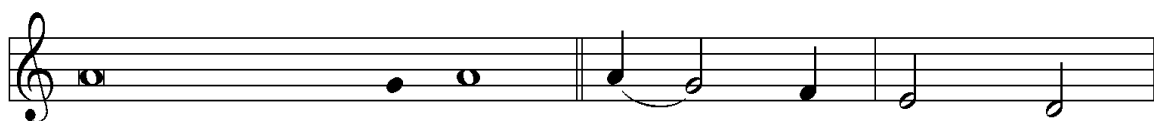
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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



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



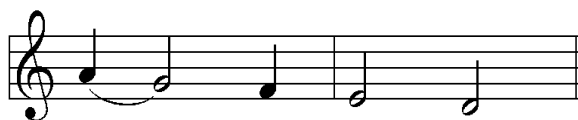
C Lord, have mer - cy.



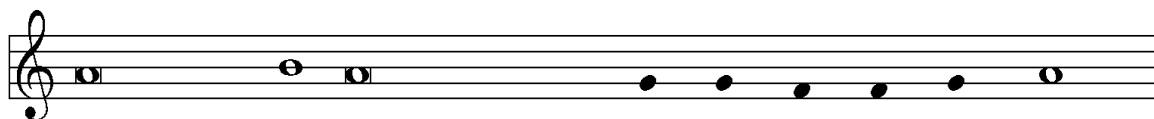
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



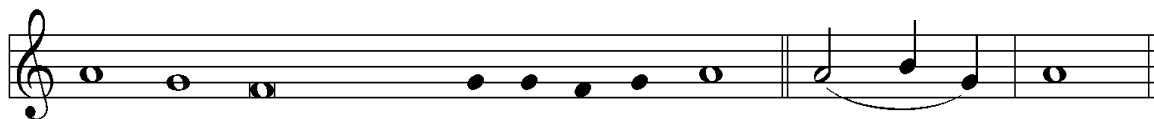
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

***HYMN of PRAISE**

A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

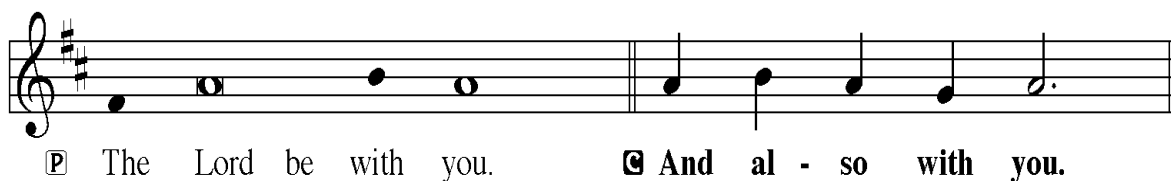


you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**



P Let us pray...

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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*

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

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.


P: *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*
(taken from Matthew 26 and 27)

HOMILY

*HYMN ~ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LBW # 315

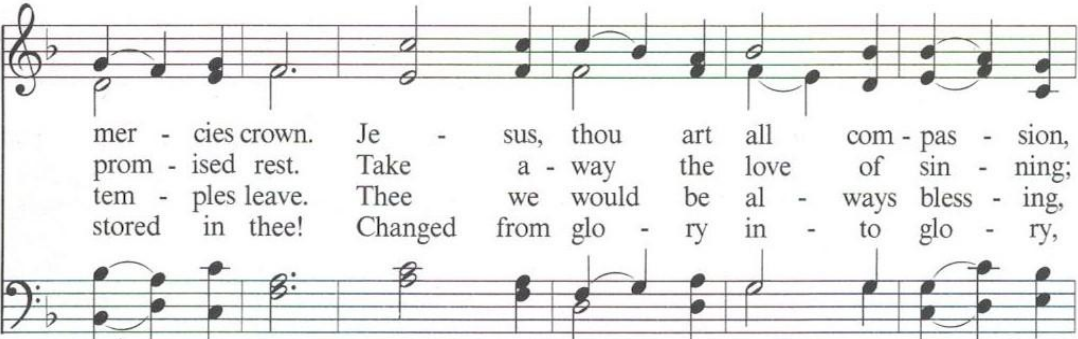
315 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling




1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us



down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful
breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy
ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy
be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -



mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee
Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

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

P Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,
 and all of creation.

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 PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The peace is shared

OFFERING ~ You may place your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end
 of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**

C 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.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*** PREFACE for PASSION SUNDAY**

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

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

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

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion:

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

P The Bread of Life. The body of Christ, given for you;

C Amen.

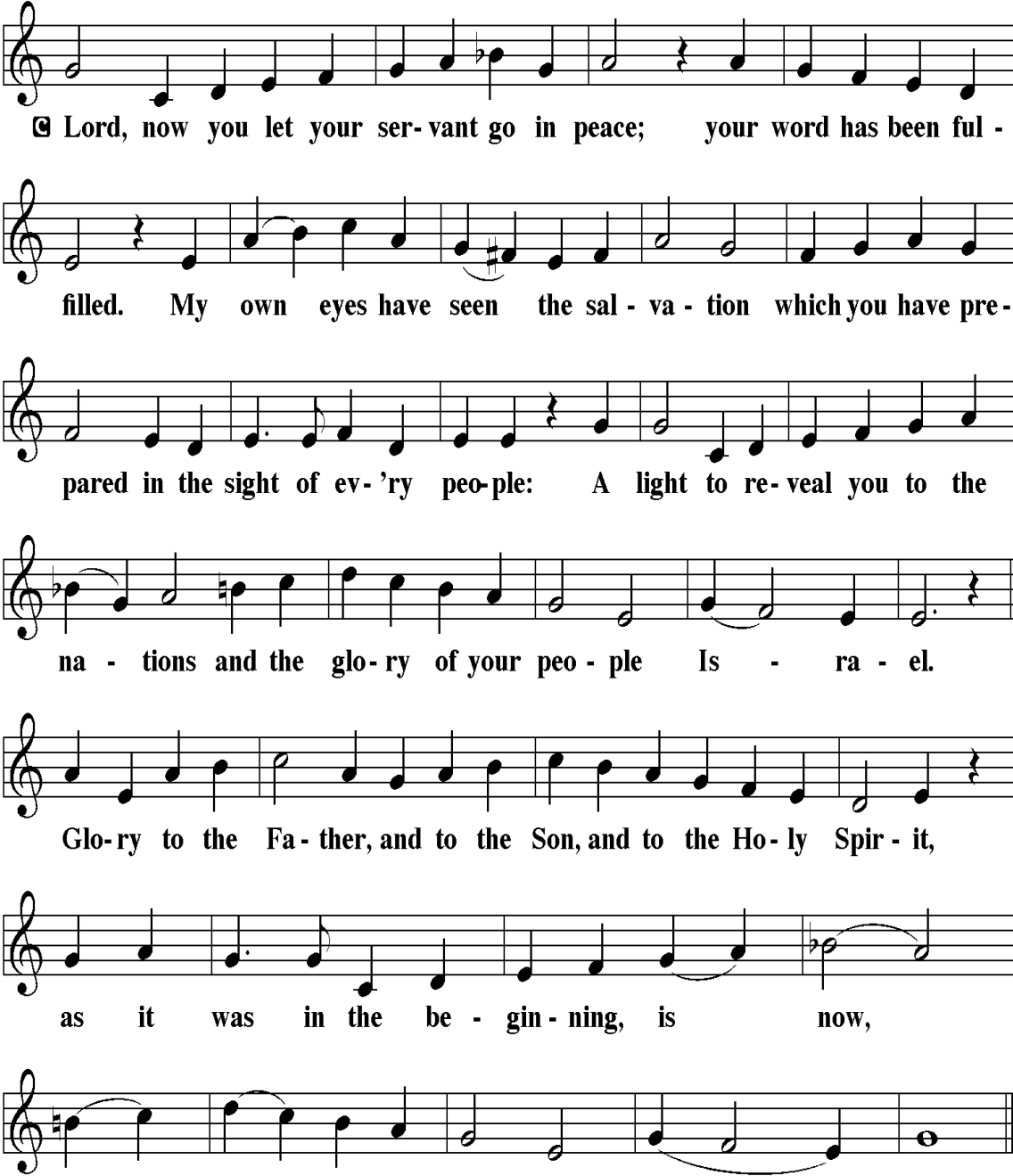
P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

(After all are seated)

P May 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**

P Let us pray.

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

***HYMN ~ Ride On, Ride On in Majesty Verses 1-3**

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Broadly, with dignity FIRST TUNE

1. Ride on, ride on in ma-jes-ty! Hark! all the tribes Ho-san-na cry;
 2. Ride on, ride on in ma-jes-ty! In low-ly pomp ride on to die!
 3. Ride on, ride on in ma-jes-ty! The wing-ed squad-rons of the sky

O Sav-iour meek, pur-sue thy road With palms and scat-tered gar-ments strowed.
 O Christ, thy tri-umphs now be-gin O'er cap-tive death and con-quer-ed sin.
 Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the ap-proach-ing sac-ri-fice.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

Today

Altar Care: Joy Byler; **Greeters:** Erica Hargenrader and Nancy Penepacker

Lay Reader: Erica Hargenrader; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, April 9 ~ Easter

Altar Care: Joy Byler; **Greeters:** John and Denise Chester

Lay Reader: John Chester; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

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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.*

Please remember in prayer ~ Miriam Williamson, Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we move from the joyous entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to the events which take us to the foot of the cross. Join us for Maundy Thursday worship, 7pm here at St. John's and Good Friday Tenebrae, 7pm at West Kish, as we finish our Lenten journey and look to the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The April newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those persons who do not receive it by email.

Thank you very much for your expressions of sympathy, for prayers, cards, phone calls and all acts of kindness since the death of my brother, Don F. Smith.

Edna S. Chester

TODAY is the last day to place Easter flowers. Forms were included in the newsletter and extras can be found in the narthex. Thank you!!

The offering for this week's Maundy Thursday service will be directed to St. John's Discretionary Fund.

April 15 is the early registration deadline for Camp Mt. Luther. A \$30 discount is given for all early registrants. The St. Johns council has determined they will help any camper who would like to attend, relatives and neighbors of congregants, and day care families.

Encourage children you know! We all know what a difference being out in Nature with God and learning and living the Gospel stories can make to a child's life! =

January 1 thru March 29, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 25 Offering ~ \$1,430.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 44,135.57 Expense \$ 45,926.75

Net Income \$ -1,791.18

Daycare ~ Income \$ 96,420.49 Expense \$ 94,842.31

Net Income \$ 1,578.18