



Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 2, 2023 – 9:00am



OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven.

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills Place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

Sunday—9:00am Worship Service

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Readers: Sondra Nelson, Al Skellenger, Willie Skellenger, Bruce Adams

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Acolytes:

Liturgical Choir:

Communion Servers:

Altar Guild for April: Margaret Okland, Linda Helgeson

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INTRODUCTION

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Hosanna!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Faith Formation

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Blessed is the One who comes with healing and compassion.

Blessed is the One who comes with forgiveness and mercy.

Blessed is the One who brings peace.

Blessed is the One who brings peace to the nations and peace to all peoples.

Lord, rest your hand of healing on our hearts today.

Gracious Jesus, let us walk with you today.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL SONG*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

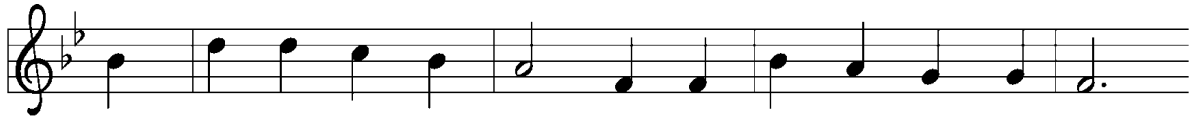
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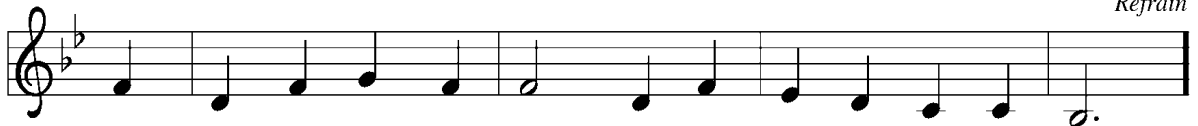
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



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.
- 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.
 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.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

SPECIAL MUSIC*Hosanna Rocks*

Faith Formation

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.


¹¹I 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.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as broken pot.**

Refrain:



In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

¹³For 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.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**


¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Refrain:



In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

I. THE BETRAYAL

- 1: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
- 2: What will you give me if I betray him to you?
- 3: They paid him thirty pieces of silver.
- 4: And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

II. THE LAST SUPPER

- 1: On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
- 2: Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?
- 1: He said,
- 3: Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, “The Teacher says, my time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.”
- 4: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.
- 1: When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
- 3: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.
- 4: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- 2: Surely not I, Lord?
- 3: The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.
- 1: Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- 2: Surely not I, Rabbi?
- 3: You have said so.
- 4: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,
- 3: Take, eat; this is my body.
- 1: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,
- 3: Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.

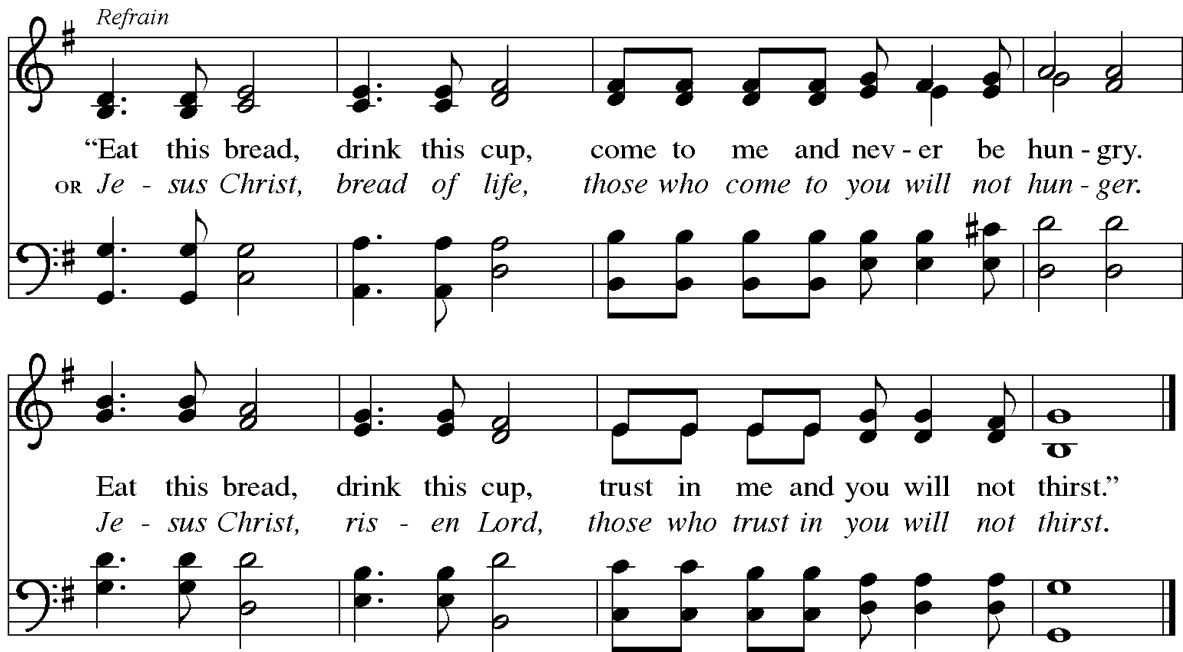
HYMN

Eat This Bread

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A cantor or choir will sing through once, all may join in singing the second time through.

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

III. THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

1: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

2: You will all become deserters 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 am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

1: Peter said to him,

3: Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

2: Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

3: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

4: And so said all the disciples.

IV. GETHSEMANE

1: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

2: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

3: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

2: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

1: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

2: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

3: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

2: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

HYMN

Stay with Me

ELW #348

A cantor or choir will sing through once, all may join in singing the second time through.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray." The score includes a first ending for the word "pray." and a second ending for the word "pray." The first ending is marked with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The second ending is marked with a repeat sign and a second ending bracket. The score ends with a double bar line.

1: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

2: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

3: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

2: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

1: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

4: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

3: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

4: Greetings, Rabbi!

3: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

2: Friend, do what you are here to do.

3: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

1: Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

2: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen this way?

3: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

2: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

1: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW #347

Together we will sing verses 1 & 2.



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

V. TRIAL BEFORE CAIAPHAS

1: Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

2: This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

1: The high priest stood up and said,

3: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

1: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

3: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

4: You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

1: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

3: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

2: He deserves death!

1: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

2: Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

VI. PETER'S DENIAL; JUDAS'S DEATH

1: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came and said to him,

2: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

1: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

3: I do not know what you are talking about.

4: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

2: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

4: Again he denied it with an oath,

3: I do not know the man!

1: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

2: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

1: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

3: I do not know the man!

1: At that moment the cock crowed.

4: Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

1: When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death.

4: They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

1: When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

3: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

2: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

1: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

4: But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

2: It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.

4: After conferring together, they used the money to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners.

1: For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

VII. JESUS BEFORE PILATE

1: Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

2: Are you the King of the Jews?

3: You say so.

4: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

Then Pilate said to him,

2: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

1: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

4: Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

2: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

1: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him saying, “Have nothing to do with this innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”

4: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

2: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

1, 3, 4: Barabbas!

2: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

1, 3, 4: Let him be crucified!

2: Why, what evil has he done?

1, 3, 4: Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified!

1: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

2: I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.

1, 3, 4: His blood be on us and on our children.

4: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

1: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took a reed and struck him on the head. And after mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

VIII. GOLGOTHA

1: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

2: And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

1: Over his head they put the charge against him which read,

1, 2: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

1: Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

3: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

2: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

4: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

2: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

JESUS' DEATH IX.

1: From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

2: And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

3: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

2: that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

1: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

4: This man is calling for Elijah.

2: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

4: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

1: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

We will pause for a minute for reflection.

1: At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

2: Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

4: Truly this man was God's Son!

2: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

HYMN***Were You There***

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Verse 1 & 2 will be sung by a soloist. Verses 3, 4 & 5 will be sung by all at the conclusion of the reading of the passion.

X. BURIAL

1: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and rapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

2: The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

3: Sir, we remember what that imposter said while he was still alive, “After three days I will rise again.” Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, “He has been raised from the dead” and the last deception would be worse than the first.

1: Pilate said to them,

4: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

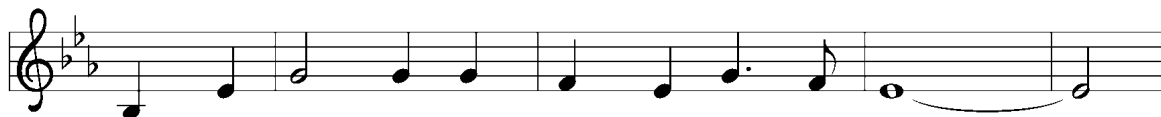
2: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

All readers: The gospel of the Lord.

HYMN***Were You There***

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Together we will sing verses 3, 4 & 5.



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

SERMON

The Rev. Bishop Kevin T. Jones

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The pastor concludes the prayers

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

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

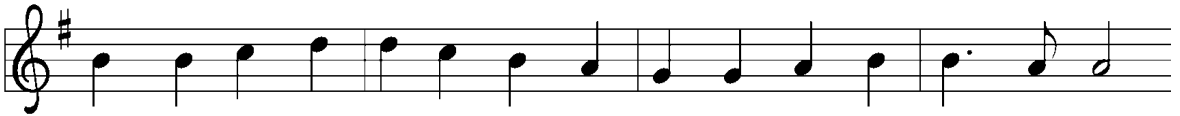
SENDING

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✚ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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