

# THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY



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We acknowledge....

... that the Suquamish and S'Klilam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

Dear Ones,

Today, we begin the most solemn, liturgically charged week of the year. When we recite the creed, we bow at the memory of the Incarnation, and this week reminds us that the ultimate effect of the incarnation of Christ is that human nature participates in God.

While that can be said simply, the church's prayer this week leads us to realize that it happens through a long and difficult process of watching Jesus be stripped of human power so that we can learn something about what divine power is.

Luke, like Matthew and Mark, tells the story of the last week of Jesus' earthly life as if it were the opening of a theater production with a well-prepared script. We could say that Jesus' procession into Jerusalem had been in process since the moment described in [Luke 9:51](#) when, shortly after the Transfiguration and the conversation with Moses and Elijah about his "exodus," Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem." Now, with carefully chosen vocabulary, Luke tells us that Jesus was "ascending" to Jerusalem.

Before arriving, Jesus sent disciples to a nearby village to bring him a colt whose owner simply accepted the mysterious explanation that "the master" had need of it. The disciples set Jesus on a borrowed beast as if on a pauper's throne, and Jesus entered the holy city to the chanting of people acclaiming him as the king coming in the name of God. Their singing echoes that of the angels at his birth ([Luke 2:14](#)).

Luke's narrative draws us into a liturgical drama. Preplanned and carried through with obvious references to ancient prophecies, Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem signaled the beginning of the final act of his earthly ministry, the baptism he said he had to undergo ([Luke 12:50](#)).

His meal with the disciples, prepared with the same mysterious precision, announced the imminent arrival of the reign of God, the realm where he would eat and drink with them after going through his own Passover.

Luke's depiction of Jesus' Passover supper adds to those of Matthew and Mark and even reflects John's. In Luke, Jesus tells the disciples, "Do this in memory of me," a phrase only he and Paul put on Jesus' lips ([1 Corinthians 11:23-25](#)). By emphasizing that phrase, Luke teaches that all who share the "supper of the Lord" are called to do what Jesus did: consecrate their lives for one another and for the salvation of the world.

To remind us how challenging it is to share this communion of life with Jesus, Luke tells us that at the very table of the Last Supper the disciples got into an argument about who was the greatest. In response, Luke quotes Jesus as teaching in words what John portrays in gesture when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples: "I am among you as one who serves."

That becomes the key to interpreting everything we hear in today's Gospels, from Jesus' humble and peaceable entry into Jerusalem through his last prayer for others, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

This week invites us to embark on a retreat with the whole church. Today, we process into Jerusalem and preview the Passion story. Monday, we remember how Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus as messiah before he suffered. Tuesday, we witness Jesus' anguish about being betrayed and abandoned by his disciples. On Wednesday, we watch as Judas conspires with those who reject Jesus words and deeds. On Thursday, we begin the three-day liturgy that begins with the invitation to communion, passes through despair and ends with the mystery of living in God's invincible love.

When we begin this annual liturgical retreat, we do not know which element of the mystery will captivate us. We cannot plan to do more than pay attention and be willing to find ourselves in the position of various ones of the actors in the drama.

This week, we remember that the implication of the Incarnation is that God assumed the apparent powerlessness of suffering so that we might participate in divine life and the power of undying love.

With prayers and blessings,

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## The Liturgy of the Palms

*Presider* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Reading from Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the 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 proclaimed King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Presider:* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

### The Procession

*Presider:* Let us go forth in peace.

*People:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn "Ride on! ride on in Majesty!" Hymnal 156**

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on! ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on! ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.
5. Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
how thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Gods thy power, and reign.

**Salutation**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures forever.**

*Presider*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Kyrie**

**S-96**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

*Silence*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 31:9-16**

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in/ trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my/ belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with/ sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are con/sumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my ac/quaintance; \*

when they see me in the street they a/void me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of/ mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken/ pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all a/round; \*  
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.

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

16 Make your face to shine upon your/ servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness/ save me."

### **The Second Reading - Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Silence*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn      "What wondrous love is this;"      Hymnal 439**

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme I will sing.
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

**The Gospel Reading – Luke 22:14-23:56**

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO LUKE**

*The people may sit for the first part of the Gospel. The Congregation may read aloud the parts of the Soldiers and the Assembly, which is a conflation of the priests and scribes, the leaders and the people, who often speak with one voice. The Congregational parts are all of the lines in italics.*

NARRATOR: Hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

NARRATOR: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, JESUS: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 2 "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in

my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "No, not a thing."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

NARRATOR: He replied, JESUS: "It is enough."

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "No more of this!"

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT 1: "This man also was with him."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

ACCUSER 1: "You also are one of them."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I am not!"

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

ACCUSER 2: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIERS: "*Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?*"

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

**ASSEMBLY: *"If you are the Messiah, tell us."***

NARRATOR: He replied, JESUS: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

**ASSEMBLY: *"Are you, then, the Son of God?"***

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

**ASSEMBLY: *"What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"***

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**ASSEMBLY: *"We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."***

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

**ASSEMBLY: *"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."***

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back

to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. 6 Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

**ASSEMBLY: *"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"***

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**ASSEMBLY: *"Crucify, crucify him!"***

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

*ALL STAND AS ABLE*

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, JESUS: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able, for the conclusion of the Gospel.

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**ASSEMBLY: *"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"***

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: *"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"*

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

### **Sermon – The Rev. Bill Thaete**

*On Palm Sunday, it is customary to omit the Nicene Creed and the Confession of Sin.*

## Prayers of the People

Leader I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

**People** O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Ben Newcomb*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People** from “Intercessions for the Christian People”

*The Deacon or other person appointed says*

Christ Jesus was obedient unto death on a cross, and exalted by God he continues to plead for all humankind. Let us join him in prayer for all our brothers and sisters, saying: Father, we place our lives in your hands: Lord, hear our prayer.

Establish peace and friendship among all earth’s peoples, let violence and enmity give way to concord. Father, we place our lives in your hands:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Renew your church’s longing for your reign of justice; may Christians work together to establish what is right in your eyes. Father, we place our lives in your hands:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a share in Christ’s exaltation to all who share his degradation, especially to those whose poverty and helplessness are exploited by the powerful. Father, we place our lives in your hands:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Heal the wounds which crime has inflicted on our cities, and help our judges and lawmakers to fashion a society based on trust and respect. Father, we place our lives in your hands:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes to the sins we have committed; may our repentance lead us to seek forgiveness, and restore us to the Paradise of your presence. Father, we place our lives in your hands:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Presider concludes*

Father, the prayer of Christ brought forgiveness to those who crucified him, and the prayer of the thief brought him a place with Christ at your side. Hear the prayers we now make to you, and sustain your people in their need. We make our prayer through Christ, our crucified Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining a respectful distance.*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Birthday Prayer - Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Presider may begin the Offertory with a sentence of scripture.. The offering plates are placed on the altar as a sign of our self-offering to God and our promise to give faithfully to the church.*

## Musical Offering

*Joann Richardson*

## The Doxology is sung

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures, here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## The Great Thanksgiving

### **Eucharistic Prayer 2**      From *Enriching our Worship*

*Please stand as you are able*

*Presider*    The Lord be with you.

***People*      And also with you.**

*Presider*    Lift up your hearts.

***People*      We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

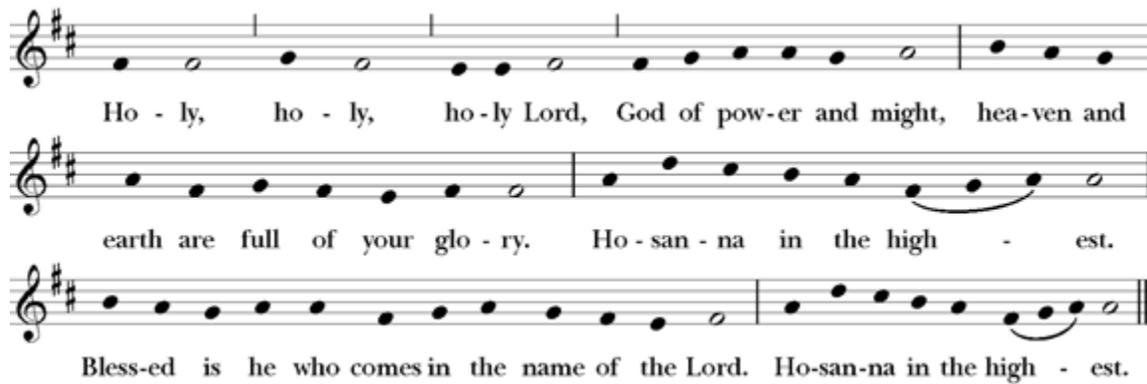
***People*      It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

*The people stand or kneel as able. Then the Presider continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and give of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Antony and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor and glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Fraction Rite**

*Presider* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

*People* **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

**Fraction Rite (sung) "Lamb of God"**

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***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.***

*We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God's gift to all. If needed, we do have gluten free communion wafers available, just ask as you approach the priest or Eucharistic Minister. We currently are not sharing the cup out of health concerns. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, do not hesitate to come to the altar with the others and cross your arms over your chest.*

*Please observe social distance when coming to the altar for Communion. The people come forward and the priest will place the bread in your hand. PLEASE USE HAND SANITIZER.*

*Those who are participating by livestream may say the following prayer.*

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*From A Prayer Book for the Armed Forces*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## **Communion Music**

***Joann Richardson***

## **The Postcommunion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

1. O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom de-flower?  
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!
2. Thy beauty, long desired, hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of your face.
3. In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.
4. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine for ever! and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for thee.
5. My days are few, O fail not, with thine immortal power.  
to hold me that I quail not in death's most fearful hour;  
that I may fight befriended, and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended upon the cross of life.

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

***Happy Birthday!***

12th Jan Peterson

16th Olivia Stalter

***Happy Anniversary!***

13th Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell in recognition of their anniversary.