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PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

2 April 2023, 10:15 am



AS WE GATHER

Palm Sunday begins with unbridled joy as we recall how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey, while being acclaimed by the crowds with loud shouts of "Hosanna" and boisterous waving of palm branches. But then the solemnness of Holy Week begins as the service shifts our focus to Jesus' path to the cross and His suffering. As foretold by prophets long ago, Jesus was stricken and afflicted, beaten and spit upon, crucified, and He died. He did this out of divine love for all of humanity, taking on Himself the sins of all people for our forgiveness.

PROCESSION OF PALMS

If the congregation is already seated in the nave, it now stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord **T** Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna to the Son of David.

COLLECT FOR THE PROCESSION

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.
- P The Triumphal Entry:

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

15"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

PROCESSIONAL PSALM

- P When the crowd was greeting Jesus, the people were quoting verses from Psalm 118. "Save us, we pray, O LORD!" (v.25). "Save, LORD" is the meaning of the word "Hosanna." Let us join our voices to the crowd's using that psalm followed by the procession of the cross and the singing of, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," hymn 442 vs. 1, 2 & 4.
- P Hosanna!
- C Hosanna! Save us, we pray, O LORD!O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
- **C** We bless you from the house of the Lord.

[The procession begins when the congregation begins to sing.]

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442 vv. 1, 2 & 4

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

- You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels
 Is praising You on high,
 And we with all creation
 In chorus make reply. Refrain
- 4 To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise; To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

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The cross is placed in its stand and the procession concludes with the following:

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna in the highest.

Silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

POST-PROCESSIONAL PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, our heavenly Father, Your love for us is seen most clearly in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Transform us by Your self-giving love to follow the servant way of Jesus, and by Your Word, may Your Spirit lead us both into conviction and comfort, until that day when He comes again in glory, through the same Jesus Christ, Hosanna in the highest! we pray.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Dear friends, we cannot come closer to God as we are. It is only through the gracious forgiveness Christ won for us on the cross that we are considered righteous under God's Law. Therefore, we confess our sins, pleading, "Save us, O Lord."

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Almighty God, give ear to Your people's confession and plea for mercy.
- Father in heaven, David thanked You for answering his prayer and becoming his salvation. Your Son humbled Himself and came in the flesh to die in our place. He was obedient to death and took our sins with Him to the cross. You have exalted Him, that every knee should bow. Hosanna! Save us, O Lord! Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,* that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

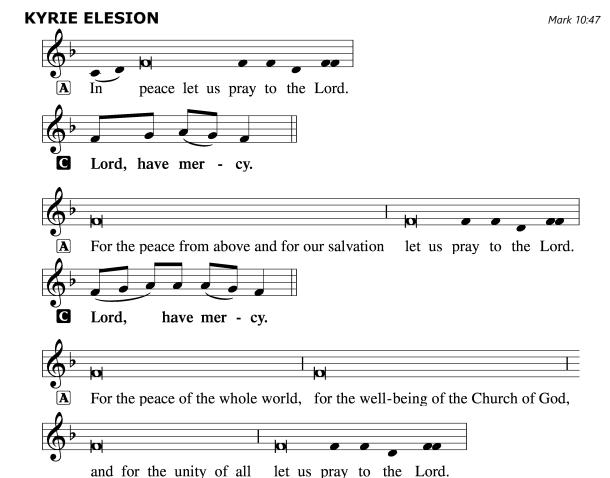
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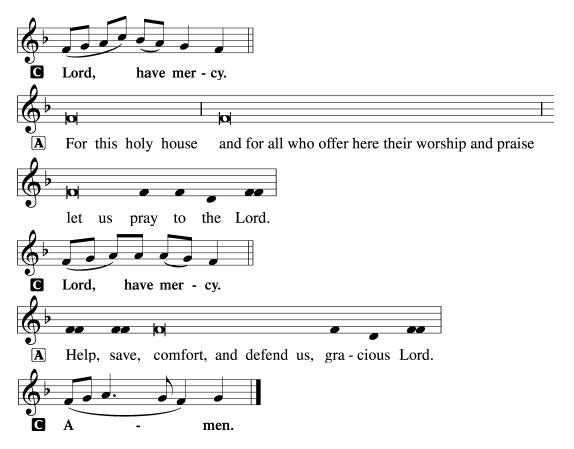
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The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

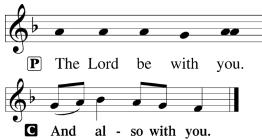
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.





SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



- P Let us pray. . . Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Obedient Servant

The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of those who are taught,

that I may know how to sustain with a word

him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;

he awakens my ear

to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious:

I turned not backward.

I gave my back to those who strike,

and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face

from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

After the reading:

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

- P Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His blood,
- C thus securing an eternal redemption.

- P Therefore, He is the mediator of a new covenant so that,
- those who are called may receive the promised inheritance.
- P He sent redemption to His people.
- C He has commanded His covenant forever.

EPISTLE: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ the Humble Servant

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

After the reading:

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440 vv. 1-2

- Jesus, I will ponder now
 On Your holy passion;
 With Your Spirit me endow
 For such meditation.
 Grant that I in love and faith
 May the image cherish
 Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
 That I may not perish.
- Make me see Your great distress, Anguish, and affliction, Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion; Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You, How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW 27:11-66

Jesus Before Pilate

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they [all] said, "BARABBAS." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "CRUCIFY HIM!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!"

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "HIS BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Jesus Is Mocked

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God." ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour^[a] there was darkness over all the land^[b] until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Jesus Is Buried

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then

Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The Guard at the Tomb

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard^[g] of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

After the reading:

- P Here ends the reading of THE PASSION OF OUR LORD.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444

- 1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet With banners and with drums, No sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!" To greet what pomp of kingly pride No bells in triumph ring, No city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"
- 2 And yet He comes. The children cheer; With palms His path is strown. With ev'ry step the cross draws near: The King of glory's throne. Astride a colt He passes by As loud hosannas ring, Or else the very stones would cry "Behold, behold your King!"

- 3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn; The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but only thorn The King of glory's crown. The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, The streets with tumult ring, As Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"
- 4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake The cross and all its pains And chose a servant's form to take, The King of glory reigns. Hosanna to the Savior's name Till heaven's rafters ring, And all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

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SERMON

"The Passion of the King"

Pastor Marty Tyler

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED: The Second Article

- P Let us affirm our faith in our Lord and Savior, our Redeemer:
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P What does this mean?
- I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own

and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

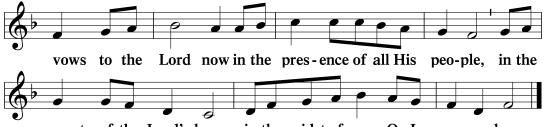
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries.

Our ability to continue to serve you, the church, and our community is greatly dependent upon our members willingness to give of their time, talents and treasures. Please remember to support the LORD's church by regularly sending in your tithes and offerings. As the Apostle Paul writes, "Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). If you brought your tithe or offering with you today, you may place them in the special grey box sitting on the table next to the usher's station at the entrance to the sanctuary.

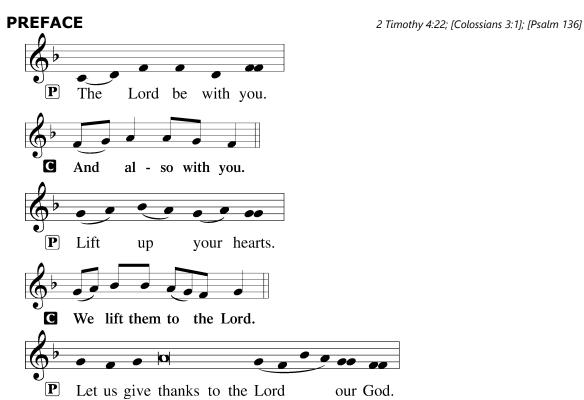




courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

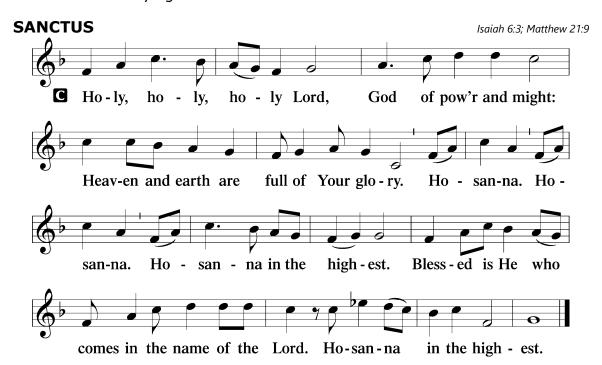
Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.





PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a

substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

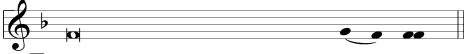
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Matthew 6:9-13

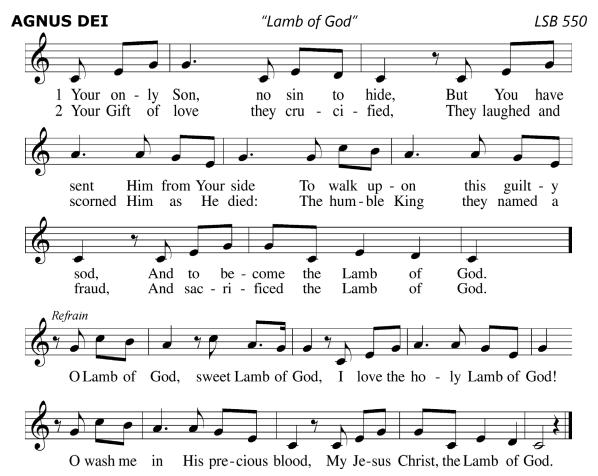
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John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.





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Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

What Is This Bread LSB 629

1 What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.

- 3 So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod? My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here?
 Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
 In mouth and soul
 He makes us whole—
 Christ, truly present in this meal.
 O taste and see—the Lord is real.
- Is this for me?
 I am forgiven and set free!
 I do believe
 That I receive
 His very body and His blood.
 O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Robert Lowry

Chorus

O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing, this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

Nothing can for sin atone,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Naught of good that I have done,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

Only By the Blood of the Lamb

Jeff Nelson, Rosemary Foster

Only by the blood of the Lamb,
Only by the blood of the Lamb,
We've overcome, in His grace we now stand,
Only by the blood of the Lamb. (Repeat)

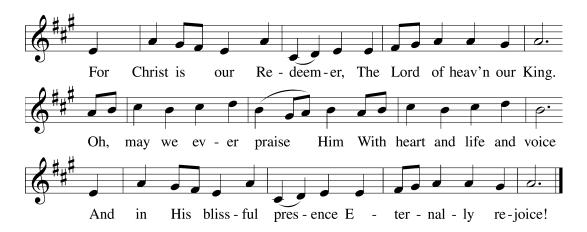
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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



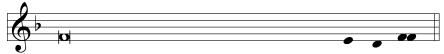


POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Let us pray. . . Gracious Father, Your Son, our Lord Jesus, made Himself nothing, taking on the form of a servant, dying for us on the cross. We are filled with the forgiveness of sins flowing from this bread and cup of His body and blood. Form us to be obedient servants of the One who came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many; this we ask in the name of Jesus and for Your glory.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



HYMN TO DEPART

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

- O Savior meek, pursue Thy 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 wond'ring 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
 Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Grace Fellowship Hall.

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