



# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod*

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**Sunday School &  
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9:30am

**Sunday Worship**  
8:00am, 10:45am

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# THE HOUR HAS COME *for the Son of Man* TO BE GLORIFIED

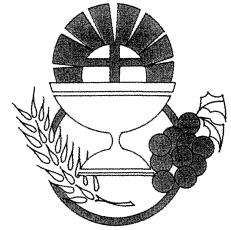
JOHN 12:23



**FOR OUR VISITORS....**

**Welcome! We encourage you to follow along** with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

**We love children in our church!** But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have a **nursery** at the end of the long hall toward the fellowship hall (last door on the right), for mothers who need more privacy with nursing infants. We also have **"Quiet Bags"** available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.



**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.

We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our **"Virtual Guestbook"** and tell us about yourself and your visit with us today. We also have a physical guestbook in the narthex.

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**This morning's liturgy, hymns and bulletin are available in larger print. Please see an usher for a copy.**

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## Divine Service—Setting Four—LSB 203

**Hymns:**

444, 441

**During Distribution:**

421, 438, 443,

**Sermon Title:**

*"Christ's Humility"*

**Scripture:**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*PLEASE FOLLOW THE ATTACHED SERVICE INCLUDED  
IN TODAY'S BULLETIN.*



### **PALM SUNDAY | SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

As we gather today for Palm Sunday, we join our "Hosannas" to the crowd that welcomed Jesus, the Son of David, to His holy city, Jerusalem. But the King of the Jews who comes in the name of the Lord does not fight a worldly battle with the Romans. He comes to die for the sins of the world. It is also the Sunday of the Passion, in which we consider our Lord's trial, suffering, and death. We see the humility of Jesus as he becomes obedient unto death, even death on a cross. The temple curtain, the centurion, and even creation itself testify to this great event, the death of the Son of God for the sins of the world. All glory, laud and honor be to Jesus! Blessings to you this Holy Week.

### **Serving in God's House Today**

<b>Organist:</b> Miguel Ruiz		<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joan Burk Linnea Johnstone Laurie Ward	<b>Head Elder:</b>	Steven Latham	Luis Munoz
	<b>Head Usher:</b>	Chris Nietenhoefer	Marty Hobson
	<b>Acolytes:</b>	Baron Brandt	Evan Munoz
<b>Counters:</b> Veronica Hobson	<b>Crucifer/ Altar Assistant</b>	Davis Richmond	Nathan Munoz

**Introit:** *Psalm 24:1-2, 7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*



Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!  
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We bless you from the house | of the LORD.  
**The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,\***

**the world and those who | dwell therein,**  
for he has founded it up- | on the seas\*  
and established it upon the | rivers.  
**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!  
**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\* that the King of glory | may come in.**

Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!  
**Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\***  
**We bless you from the house | of the LORD.**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gradual:** *Hebrew 12:2*

*(Sung by the Kantor)*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**CATECHESIS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24**

***What is the Ninth Commandment?***

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

***What does this mean?***

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

***What is the Tenth Commandment?***

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

***What does this mean?***

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

***Scripture: Galatians 3:15***

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 03/24 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE  
 - 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE  
 - - CONFIRMATION 1 CLASS  
 - 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 03/25 - 8:15AM - MLCA CHAPEL [MONDAY—THURS ~ ALL ARE WELCOME]  
 - 9:30AM - OPEN BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING BRAILLE ROOM

TUESDAY 03/26 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL  
 - 6:00PM - BELLS PRACTICE—SANCTUARY  
 - 6:30PM - BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP—CHURCH LIBRARY  
 - 7:00PM - CHOIR PRACTICE—SANCTUARY  
 - 7:00PM - CONFIRMATION 2 & 3—RECEPTION ROOM & FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 03/27 - 3:30PM - MLCA CHESS CLUB—FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY 03/28 - 7:00PM - MAUNDY THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICE

FRIDAY 03/29 - - No MLCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY [GOOD FRIDAY]  
 - 7:30PM - GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE—VESPERS

SATURDAY 03/30 - 8:00AM - HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL—8:00AM-7:00PM  
 - 7:30PM - HOLY SATURDAY—CORPORATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

### HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday, March 30th

**8:00am-7:00pm**

*The sign-up sheet is posted on the "Sign Up Door" to the copy room. The vigil concludes at 7:00pm with a service of Corporate Confession and Absolution starting at 7:30pm. All are invited to participate.*

### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES AND BREAKFAST

\*Easter Sunrise Divine Service - **7:00am**

\*Easter Breakfast - **8:30am**

\*Sunday School Egg Hunt - **9:30am**

\*Easter Sunday Divine Service - **10:45am**



### DAILY BIBLE READINGS: March 24—April 6

24: Ex. 8:1-32  
*Psalm 118*  
 Heb. 1:1-14  
 25: Ex. 9:1-28; *Lam. 1:1-22*; Heb. 2:1-18  
 26: Ex. 9:29-10:20; *Lam. 2:1-22*; Heb. 3:1-19  
 27: Ex. 10:21-11:20; *Lam. 3:1-66*; Heb. 4:1-16

28: Ex. 12:1-28; *Lam. 4:1-22*; Heb. 5:1-14;  
*Psalm 31*  
 29: Ex. 12:29-32; 13:1-16  
*Lam. 5:1-22*; Heb. 6:1-20; *Psalm 22*  
 30: Ex. 13:17-14:9  
 Heb. 7:1-22

31: Ex. 14:10-31  
 Heb. 7:23-8:13  
 01: Ex. 15:1-18  
 Heb. 9:1-28  
 02: Ex. 16:13-35  
 Heb. 10:19-39  
 03: Ex. 16:13-35  
 Heb. 10:19-39

04: Ex. 17:1-6  
 Heb. 11:1-29  
 05: Ex. 18:5-27  
 Heb. 12:1-24  
 06: Ex. 19:1-25  
 Heb. 13:1-21

# Please keep in your prayers...

**Ron Zuar** has entered hospice. **Judy Klingbeil** is recovering after receiving a pacemaker. **Bruce Lage** is recovering from back surgery.

**We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer:** Claire Slaven, Melinda Cagle, Cheyenne Clemens, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Les Kaspar, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Harold Karner, Janie Peter.

**...also those with other illnesses and trials:** Ron Zuar, Delores Knutson, Jerry Newman, Peggy Wahlstedt, Travis Thowe, Isola Erskin, Brooke Lage, Charlotte Carey, David Loeffler Sr., Bob Towers, Tera Brinkley, Pat Deardoff, Karen Kitzmann, Luis Sr. and Ramona Munoz, Susan Copen, David Gruben, Priscilla Lindwedel, Annette Turbyfill, Richard Rigdon, Abby O'Neil, Dusty Ford, Sharon Loeffler, Mildred McLaughlin, Carmen Brannon, Jacob Brewer, Ron and Barbara Busse, Harold Karner, Martha Kitzmann, Bruce Lage, Bob Lemmon, Paul Maier Sr., Anne Meirt, Joe O'Neil, Paul Sawall, Wendell Wahlstedt.

**...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly:** Ron Klingbeil, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazlehurst, Roger Isringhaus.

**.....all of our college students in and out of state:** Katie Bolton, Olivia Bolton, Jared Brewer, James Buhler, Colby Carter, Helena Chryst, Seminarian David Christensen, Duran Crutchfield, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Aidan Richmond, David Preston, Seminarian Tanner Sawall, Madeline Stephens, Max Tonniges, Emily Torkelson.

**We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military:** Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Matthew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Chaplain Paul Weber, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

## We also pray for...

- Our educational ministry, especially our Academy, Sunday School, and Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, and Pastor Chryst.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah church and school as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Solomon Yadessa and his work with the Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas.
- Mr. Phillip Magness and his work in Africa, and Rev. Charles Ferry in Asia, through the LCMS.
- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach blind or visually impaired people around the world, and for more volunteers to make it possible.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen, Tanner Sawall and Patrick and Grace Randolph as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.



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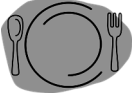




**THANK YOU** to all who helped with the Annual Church Clean-Up! We were able to pull weeds, plant new flowers, clean the church and school and tackle several projects on the trustees to-do list! We appreciate you all!



**EASTER SUNDAY MORNING:** Please join us on Easter Sunday morning, March 31st at 9:30am for an Easter egg hunt. All children are welcome to join!



**EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST:** Please join us in celebrating Easter with an early morning breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30am after the early Worship service at 7am.



**The MLCA Spring Auction** is right around the corner on April 19th at the Victorian Tower House in Old Town Keller. Tickets include heavy hors d'oeuvres, 2 free drinks, swag bag, a live auction, photo ops, and fun/fellowship. All adult MLCA supporters are welcome—parents, grandparents, church members, and community leaders! Scan the QR code to purchase tickets. For questions or to help volunteer, email April Littman at [april@neighborinteriors.com](mailto:april@neighborinteriors.com).

**Open Braille Workshop** meets weekly on Mondays at 9:30am in April in the MAC Braille room off of 377. For questions, contact Linda Brown at [Lindasbrown64@yahoo.com](mailto:Lindasbrown64@yahoo.com).

**Community Storehouse of Keller** is collecting canned and boxed food to make easy lunches, snacks, and breakfasts for the upcoming summer months. Items such as peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, apple sauce cups and other misc. fruit cups, crackers, and chef-Boyardee are needed. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex. Thank you!



**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR for March 24 – Palm Sunday/ Passion of Our Lord:** Sinful nature prizes popularity, property, and power. It despises dependence and discards aging or gestating neighbors because of it. But Jesus proves that God has designed humankind to rely on Him and each other. His salvation comes about by humbly and happily entrusting oneself to an Almighty Father (Philippians 2:6-8). We need not take life and death into our own hands when we can rest upon His.



**STEWARDS UNDER THE CROSS March 24 – Palm Sunday;** Zechariah 9:9 – “Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is. He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.



**PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...** You're invited to attend the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: 12-Time All-American Swimmer Riley Gaines, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Pastor Chris Rosebrough of "Fighting for the Faith," Aaron Renn of The American Conservative, Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller of "Has American Christianity Failed?," and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The early bird registration fee is \$140 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday:** 8:00am: 72 10:45am: 84 ( 210 Total)  
Sunday School: 87 **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 10,114.97** (Including online giving to Gen. Fund)

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$17,443**  
**MLC FINANCIAL STANDING AS OF MOST RECENT MONTH END:** (Month End: FEBRUARY)

**Offerings:** \$509,952.86 **Other Revenues:** \$28,933.41 **Expenditures:** \$606,014.16 **Deficit:** -\$69,127.89

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.

# Procession of Palms

*If the procession begins outside the nave, the congregation gathers around the processional cross. If the congregation is already seated in the nave, it now stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.*

## Prelude

*Stand*

## Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ 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

- 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.

## Holy Gospel

*John 12:12–19*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.
- P** <sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So 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!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,
- <sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”
- <sup>16</sup>His 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. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So 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.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of the Lord.

## Opening Hymn: 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.  
Text and tune: Public domain

*When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:*

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.

*A time of silence may be observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.*

# 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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 24:1–2, 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.

**The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,\***

**the world and those who | dwell therein,**

for he has founded it up- | on the seas\*

and established it upon the | rivers.

**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!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\***

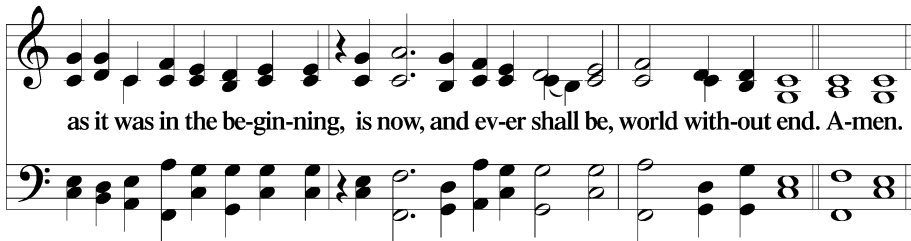
**that the King of glory | may come in.**

Who is this King of | glory?\*

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

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

- P** 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** A - men.

**Anthem:**

[8:00 AM] “No Tramp of Soldier’s Marching Feet,” arr. Jason Krug

[10:45 AM] “Hosanna! Blessed Is He!” by Charlotte Judge and Katie Houts

**Old Testament Reading**

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual:** *sung by the choir/kantor*

*Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,  
thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

**Epistle**

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Verse of the Day:** *sung by the Choir/Kantor**Philippians 2:8b*

He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Holy Gospel***Mark 15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him.



. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!” <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

<sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

# Hymn of the Day: 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
 on - ly thorn a The King of glo - ry's crown.  
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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## Sermon

Stand

## Offertory

LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

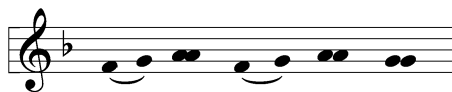
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

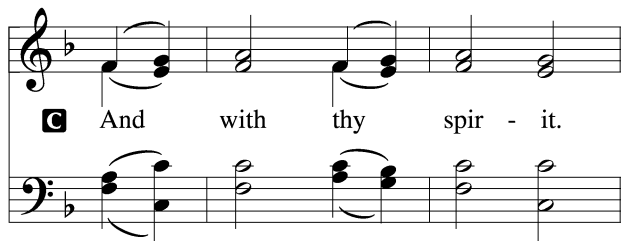
# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary 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:

## Sanctus

LSB 195

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.





**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



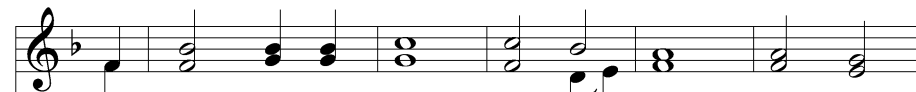
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



# The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197



**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\nabla$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My  $\nabla$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



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



**C** A - - - men.

**■** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit***Distribution**

[8:00 AM] Anthem: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," arr. Jason W. Krug

## 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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# 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

## 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
 The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



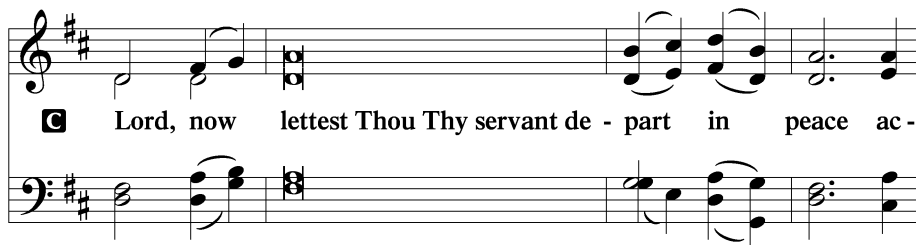
The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



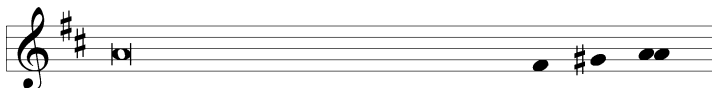
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy

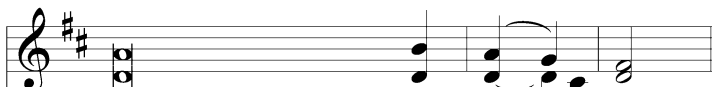
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

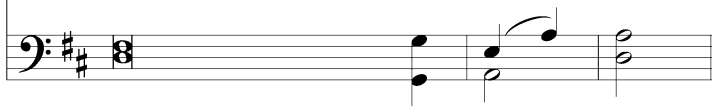
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.



**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.

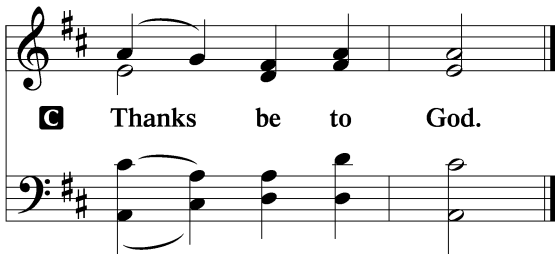


**C** And with thy spir - it.



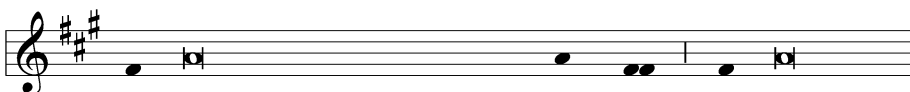


**A** Bless we the Lord.

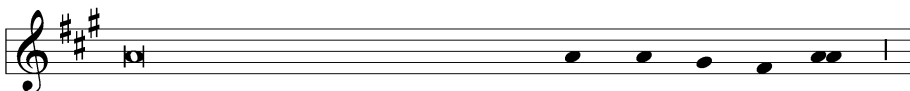


**C** Thanks be to God.

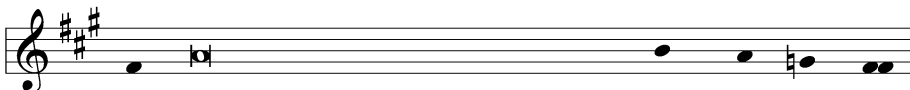
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.



## Closing Hymn: 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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## Postlude

## Service Music:

**Prelude:** “Pasticcio,” by Jean Langlais KINGSFOLD (“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”) – settings by Charles Ore AN WASSERFLUESSEN BABYLON (“A Lamb Goes Un complaining Forth”) – Johann Pachelbel VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”) – Jan Bender

**Postlude:** “Festival Voluntary,” by Flor Peeters

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## EASTER LILIES 2024

After the Lenten season we all await Easter Sunday morning and the beauty of Easter lilies that appear on our chancel area. The Altar Guild is requesting donations of lily plants. Each plant may be purchased for \$12.00.

These plants are yours to take home after the 10:45am service Easter morning. Please make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church earmarked "Lilies" in the memo section and put in the (Barry & Nikki) O'Dell mailbox along with this form. If paying by cash, please be certain to include this form with the cash in a sealed envelope with "lilies" and your name marked on the outside. There are no online payments available. Deadline: **March 31st.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Check/Cash amount: \_\_\_\_\_

# PALM SUNDAY | SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

## Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

## Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Holy Gospel: Mark 15

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<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>28</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>29</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>30</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>31</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>32</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>33</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>34</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>35</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>36</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>37</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>38</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

<sup>39</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>40</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>41</sup>And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>42</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>43</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>44</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>45</sup>And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>46</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.