

Palm Sunday



Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
even the King of Israel!



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One – Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

PRELUDE

Pastorale - J.S. Bach

Stand

PROCESSION OF PALMS

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

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.**

GOSPEL READING

John 12:12–19

P The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 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 Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GREETING

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

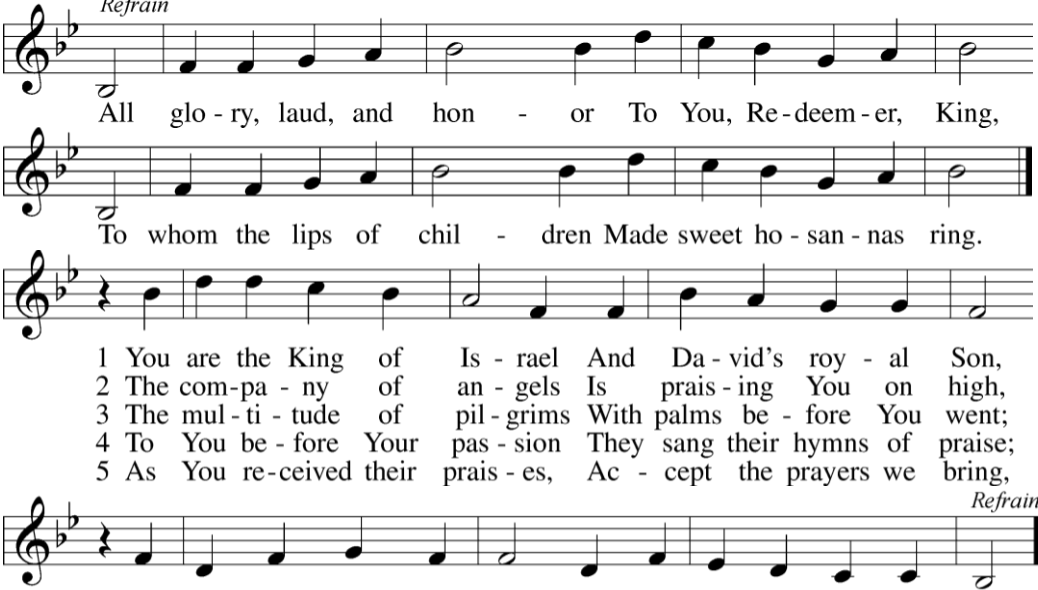
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, And Honor

LSB 442

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,
 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels 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,

Refrain

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.

Sit

THE PASSION OF CHRIST - I. BETHANY

Matthew 26:1-16

- L When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, *“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”*
- Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said,
- C **“Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”**
- L Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying,
- C **“Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.”**
- L But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, *“Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”*

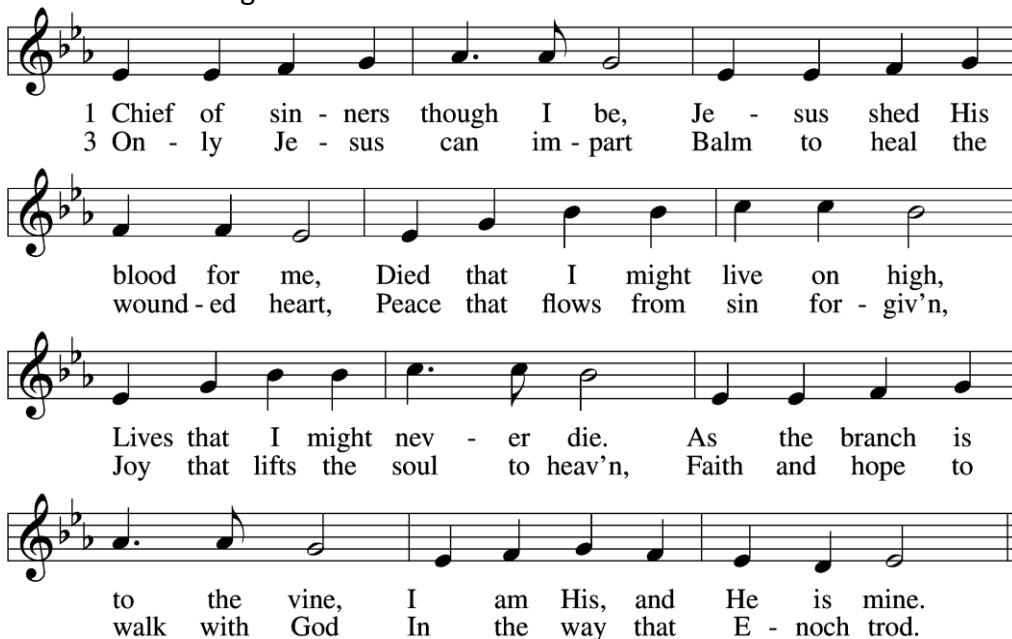
- L Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
 C **“What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?”**
 L And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.
- L This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

HYMN

Chief Of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611



1 Chief of sinners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST - II. UPPER ROOM

Matthew 26:17–35

- L Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
 C **“Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?”**
 L He said, *“Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”* And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.
- When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, *“Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”* And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another,
 C **“Is it I, Lord?”**

L He answered, *“He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”* Judas, who would betray him, answered,

C **“Is it I, Rabbi?”**

L He said to him, *“You have said so.”*

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, *“Take, eat; this is my body.”* And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, *“Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”*

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, *“You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”* Peter answered him,

C **“Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”**

L Jesus said to him, *“Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”* Peter said to him,

C **“Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!”**

L And all the disciples said the same.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Now, My Tongue, The Mystery Telling

LSB 630

1 Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious
3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the Twelve, His
bod - y sing, And the blood, all price ex - cel - ling,
cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
Which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -
Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious
mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
food sup - ply - ing, Gives Him - self with His own hand.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST - III. GETHSEMANE

Matthew 26:36–56

- L Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, *“Sit here, while I go over there and pray.”* And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, *“My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.”* And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, *“My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”* And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, *“So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, *“My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”* And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, *“Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”*

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

- C **“The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.”**

- L And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

- C **“Greetings, Rabbi!”**

- L And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, *“Friend, do what you came to do.”* Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, *“Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”* At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, *“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”* Then all the disciples left him and fled.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.

- C **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

HYMN

Go To Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST - IV. TRIAL BEFORE CAIAPHAS

Matthew 26:57—27:2

- L Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,
- C **“This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”**
- L And the high priest stood up and said,
- C **“Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”**
- L But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him,
- C **“I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”**
- L Jesus said to him, *“You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”* Then the high priest tore his robes and said,
- C **“He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?”**
- L They answered,
- C **“He deserves death.”**
- L Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying,
- C **“Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”**

- L Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said,
C **“You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”**
L But he denied it before them all, saying,
C **“I do not know what you mean.”**
L And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,
C **“This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”**
L And again he denied it with an oath:
C **“I do not know the man.”**
L After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
C **“Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”**
L Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,
C **“I do not know the man.”**
L And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, *“Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”* And he went out and wept bitterly.
- When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.
- L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

LSB 439

1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
her - it, This I do mer - it.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST - V. THE TEMPLE

Matthew 27:3-10

- L Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying,
C **“I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”**
L They said,
C **“What is that to us? See to it yourself.”**
L And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,
C **“It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.”**
L So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”

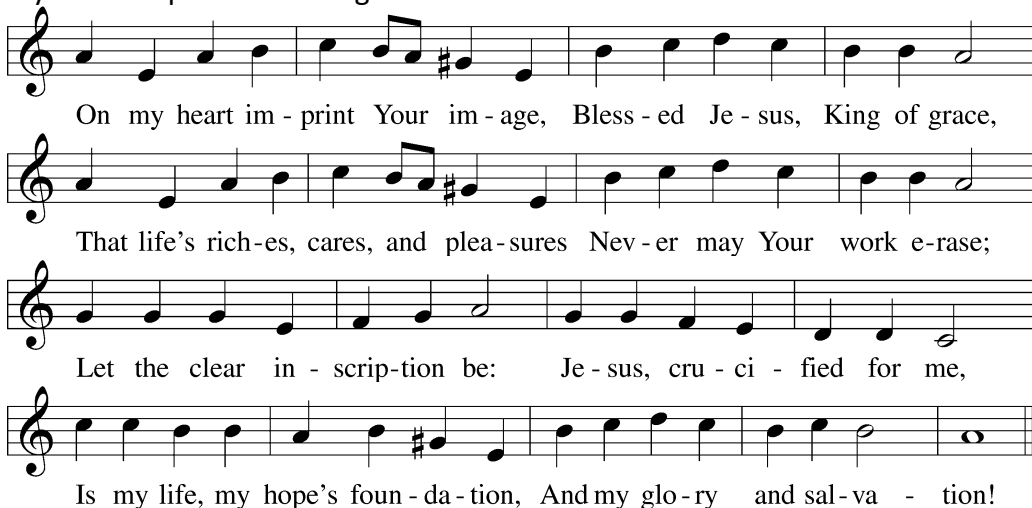
L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

THE PASSION OF CHRIST – VI. TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

Matthew 27:11-31

- L Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,
C **“Are you the King of the Jews?”**

- L Jesus said, *"You have said so."* But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him,
C **"Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"**
L But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

- C **"Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"**
L For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,
C **"Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."**
L Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,
C **"Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"**
L And they said,
C **"Barabbas."**
L Pilate said to them,
C **"Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"**
L They all said,
C **"Crucify him!"**
L And he said,
C **"Why, what evil has he done?"**
L But they shouted all the more,
C **"Crucify him!"**
L So 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,
C **"I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."**
L And all the people answered,
C **"His blood be on us and on our children!"**
L Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and 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,

- C **"Hail, King of the Jews!"**
L And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

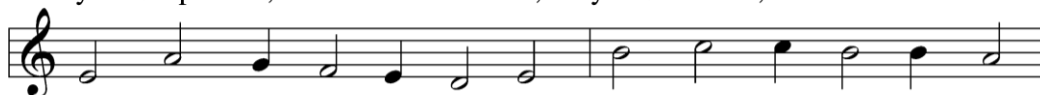
HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

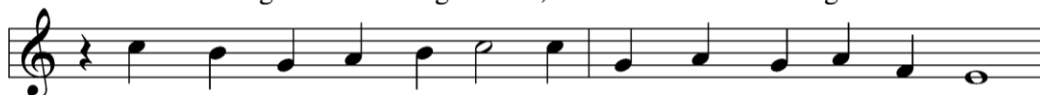
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1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weigh'd down,
2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fer'd Was all for sin - ners' gain;
4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

5 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

6 My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!

When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

7 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

Stand

THE PASSION OF CHRIST - VII. GOLGOTHA

Matthew 27:32–54

- L As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,
- C **“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.”**
- L So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,
- C **“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. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”**
- L And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 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?*” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,
- C **“This man is calling Elijah.”**
- L 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. But the others said,
- C **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**
- L And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 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,

- C **“Truly this was the Son of God!”**

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

MEDITATION

HYMN

We Sing The Praise Of Him Who Died

LSB 429



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who
 2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing
 3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the
 4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let
 let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -
 faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the
 fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
 on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
 gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.
 from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

- 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
 The measure and the pledge of love,
 The sinner's refuge here below,
 The angels' theme in heav'n above.
- 6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,
 Be praise from all the ransomed race
 Forever and forevermore.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8–9*

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *Isaiah 62:11b; Luke 2:11; Titus 3:4-7*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition of the prayer;

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

After the prayer has ended the pastor will say:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

Help Me Glorify God – J.S. Bach

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OFFERTORY

Psalms 116:12–13, 17–19

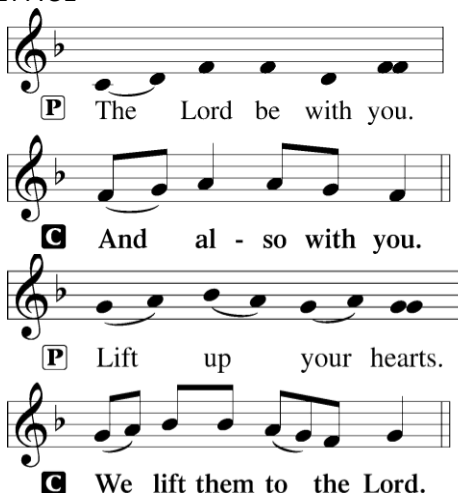


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

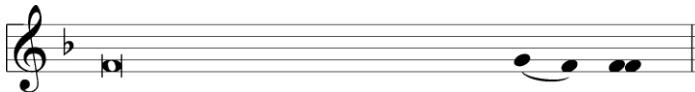
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19



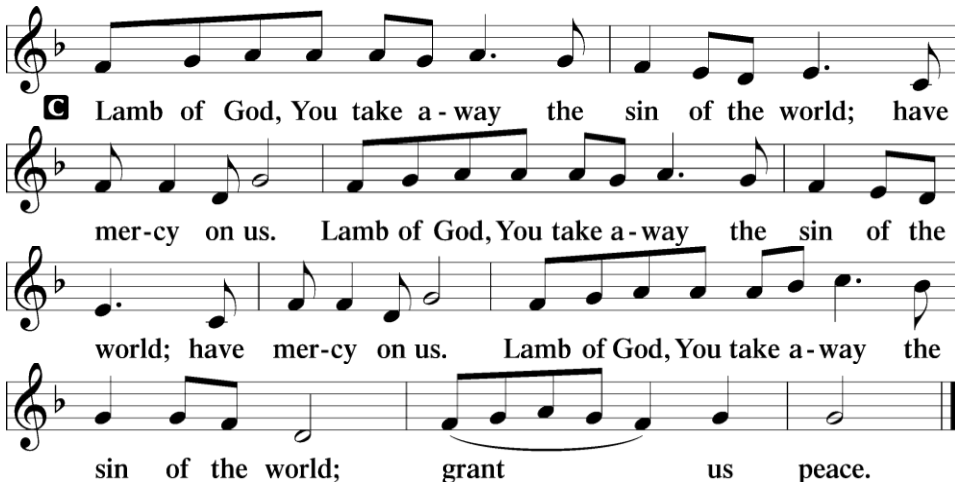
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Please review our communion practices at the end of the bulletin prior to distribution.



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...
 there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
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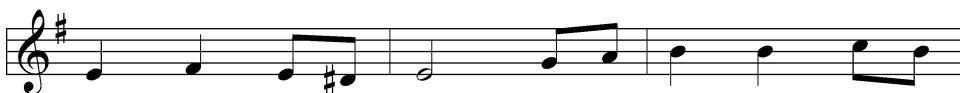
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 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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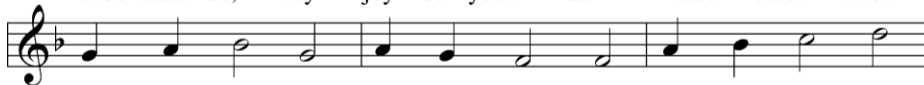
1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



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



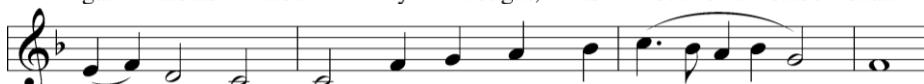
pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



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.

When I Behold Jesus Christ

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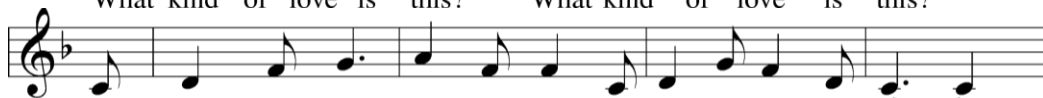
1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



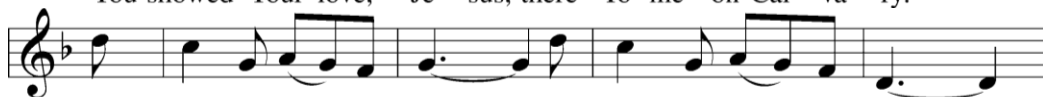
I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



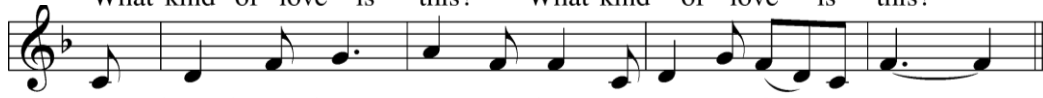
Refrain
 What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

Stand

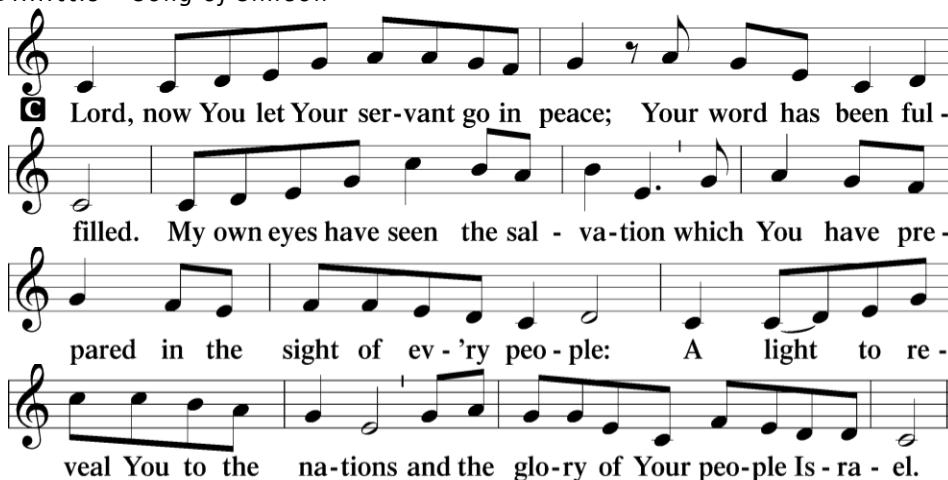
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

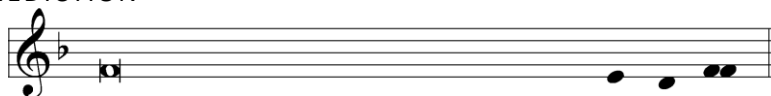
P Let us pray ... the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

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.



A - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

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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 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!"

A PRAYER FOR AFTER WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in the faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY - Easter is just a week away and Messiah's youth are again hosting breakfast in the fellowship hall immediately following service. Please join us for pancakes, sausage and quiche as well as good fellowship as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The traditional breakfast will be provided but if you have a special dish that you want to donate to the festivities, please e-mail Neil Strege at neilstrege@gmail.com so we can plan accordingly.

LADIES & MEN'S NIGHT OUT - Ladies Night Out will NOT meet during March because the 4th Monday is during Holy Week. Instead, we will meet twice during April. There are 5 Mondays in April so we will meet Monday, April 1st and Monday April 29th. Since the first Monday of the month is traditionally Men's Night Out, the Ladies will combine with the men at Diamond Knot Brewpub in Mountlake Terrace at 6:00 pm. This is not just for couples, it's a fun night to socialize and have dinner together! Diamond Knot Brewpub is located at 5602 232nd St SW, Mountlake Terrace (not Mukilteo location). On April 29th, at 6:00 pm, Ladies Night Out will go to Demetris Woodstone Taverna, 101 Main St, Edmonds. Ladies, please RSVP to Bev Edmon by email (bevedmon@gmail.com), in person, or by text using the phone number in the Messiah directory. Men, RSVP to Brian Danforth as usual.

GREETING CARDS - Easter cards are now available in the Narthex, all for just \$1.00 each! Money collected goes to our missions.

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE KELLER FAMILY – Brian and Michelle Keller will be welcoming their first child right after Easter! To support them as new parents, we have set up a Meal Train so that our members can bless them with meals after baby is born. Please speak with Valerie Elliott, Jill Petro, Rochelle Pemberton, or Rachel Ferguson to get the link to the Meal Train.

ISSUES ETC. - 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 or call (618) 223-8385.

CONCORDIA CORNER

What's Happening: Elementary and Middle-School students hosted their own mini-LEST at Concordia! Students participated in events like dance/cheer, spelling bee, basketball, Lego building, STEM, knowledge bowl, reader's theater, and art! Middle-School students helped mentor and judge events and did a fantastic job assessing and giving feedback. Concordia students are celebrating Women's History Month. They are learning about a variety of influential women in history both past and present. To kick-off this theme, Concordia invited Ty-Lene R. Cook. She is a Filipino American, raised in Southeast Asia, with a career in the creative field. She has a background in performing arts and media, and has produced videos for prominent entities like Bloomberg TV, Fox Sports, Channel E!, Nestle, and more. Ty-Lene spoke about the profound significance of honoring the unique gifts within us and staying true to oneself. She emphasized the power of authenticity, and how being genuine can open doors to opportunities aligned with one's true purpose, ultimately paving the way to a life that surpasses conventional expectations.

Auction Thank You: Thank you to all our auction participants for Under the Sea! It was a wonderfully fun event and so far has raised over \$110,000! We are still accepting donations towards our Hoffman Scholarship Fund, Repainting the Exterior of the Building, and Technology Upgrade. We would love to reach a total of \$125,000.

Hiring Preschool Director: After many faithful years of service, Pam Curry is retiring. We are in search of a Full Time Preschool Director. We prefer a Called worker but it is not a requirement. If you know anyone near or far that may be interested, please have them contact Christine Malone or send their cover letter and resume to her at cmalone@concordiaseattle.com.

Ways to Help: Prayers: Pray for our teachers, students, and families as we build community, grow student confidence, and help them achieve academic standards all in a Christ-centered, grace filled environment. Thank you for all your support and prayers this year- we appreciate your partnership! **Share the News:** We have openings! Guide friends, neighbors, and those you meet to our website to find out about our unique personalized learning and project based learning experiences for Kindergarten-8th Grade.

Job Opportunities: We are hiring a part-time afternoon preschool teacher (1pm - 5:30pm). Contact Pam at preschool@concordiaseattle.com. We are also hiring a Music Teacher and full-time preschool director. Contact Principal Malone at cmalone@concordiaseattle.com.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today - PALM SUNDAY

9:00 am Divine Service

10:30 am Education Hour

Tuesday

10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday

7:00 pm Ensemble

8:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Next Sunday - EASTER

9:00 am Divine Service

10:30 am Easter Breakfast

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday: 148

Education Hour: 41

Sunday School: 35

Tuesday Bible Study: 14

Wednesday Service: 61

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Officiant

Pastor Elliott

Acolyte

Porter Grant

Altar Guild

Donna & Jack Holdridge

Reader

David Miller

Elders

David Miller, Justin Bourn

Organist

Noel Channon

Ushers

Lee Cohrs, Bob Guthrie, Jim Kohring,
Destiny Aguayo, Justin & Larry Bourn,
Tyler & Rebecca Rath

PRAYERS FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

You may like to pray one of these prayers silently before or after the holy Sacrament.

Before Communion

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

1 Corinthians 11:28-29

The Lord's Supper is joyfully celebrated here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood to us. His gifts of body and blood—given in, with, and under the bread and wine—bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other, in this life and in the next.

Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor, an elder, or an usher.

When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, as Jesus instructed, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy.

Those wanting to come to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest. We also invite your children up for a blessing in remembrance of their baptism. Gluten-free host are available upon request.