

## **Redeemer Lutheran Church**

*"We who are many in Christ, form one body."* - Romans 12:5

### **The Palm Sunday**

**March 24, 2024**

**10:15AM**

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. This story is central to our faith. John's version of the Passion is used for the service on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection.

**Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and Resurrection** are all parts of a whole. The spiritual drama is real, we are part of the events as they are experienced by us and for us. The more of these experiences you participate in, the more complete will be your participation in the life, death and resurrection and ascension of Christ. Bring a friend or two.

***Let us go into the house of the Lord.***

We are thankful that you have come to worship the Lord with us today. We pray you will return soon. It is our privilege and pleasure to serve the Lord and you.

## Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

*All gather in the Narthex or outside (weather permitting) with Palms in hands.*

*If you are unable to gather outside you are welcome to come in and sit in the pew.*

**Prelude**

*Terrapin Brass Quintet*

**Welcome**

**Tone of the Day**

**Invocation**

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

**C Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C God of our salvation, as we contemplate and participate in the mighty acts whereby You have given us eternal life, we ask You to bless us and our worship. May the great acts of love by which You redeemed us call forth from us a response of celebration and proclamation of Your Lordship in word and deed. Bless the palm branches and those who bear them. May we ever hail You as Lord and King through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**A Processional Psalm**

*Psalms 31:9–16*

<sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief;  
my soul and my body also.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
and my bones waste away.**

<sup>11</sup>Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,  
especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup>**I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**

<sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror on every side!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, “You are my God.”**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my  
persecutors!

<sup>16</sup>**Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!**

**A** Let us go forth in peace.

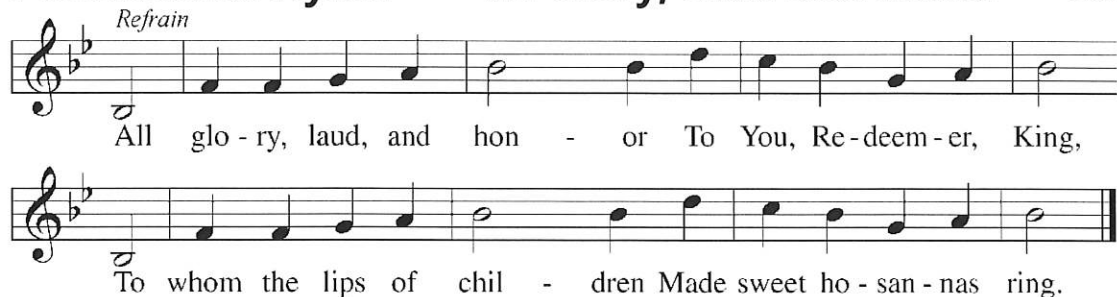
**C** In the name of the Lord.



*The congregation, led by the cross, waves palms during the processional.*

**Processional 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.

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*Sit*

**A 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.

## **Anthem: Hosanna**

*Redeemer Choir*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 15:1–47*

**A** 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 Joseph saw where he was laid.

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



*Sit*

## Let the Children Come

### Hymn of the Day

### Lord, What a Parade!

*by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

(sung to the tune "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" LSB 804)

Lord, what a parade! The crowd quickly grew;  
What noise they all made in welcoming you.  
"Hosanna!" they shouted. "It's David's own son!  
Hosanna! Come save us! God's reign has begun!"

They welcomed you in, a conquering king,  
Yet what kind of reign would you really bring?  
It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day;  
A creature of peace carried you on your way.

Did those in that crowd expect something more  
Than one who reached out in love to the poor?  
Did they think a savior with armies was best,  
Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed?

Lord Jesus, it's true — we give you glad praise,  
Yet living for you will challenge our ways.  
So may we be open and welcome your reign.  
Hosanna! Come save us! Renew us again!

Tune: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784; until recently attributed to Johann Michael Haydn ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!") [\(MIDI\)](#)  
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## **Meditation**

*Stand*

**Hymn**                                      **I Believe**                                      *by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*  
(sung to the tune "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" LSB 648)

I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above,  
Maker of the earth and heaven which were formed in God's great love.  
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new.  
This, the creed of generations, is the faith for our church, too.

Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived,  
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed.  
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a cross was crucified.  
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied him; he hung there until he died.

So it was, our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb he lay.  
To the dead he then descended, where was joy on earth that day?  
There is more to God's great story: In three days he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.

I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as he has said.  
He will judge the nations' peoples, both the living and the dead.  
I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the church one family.  
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord  
believe.

I believe that God forgives us for the times we turn away,  
And that God will raise our bodies on that resurrection day.  
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name.  
This, the creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.

Tune: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797 ("Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken") ([MIDI](#))  
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## Prayer of the Church

**A** Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation and a world in need.

### *A brief Silence*

**A** God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**A** God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**P** For...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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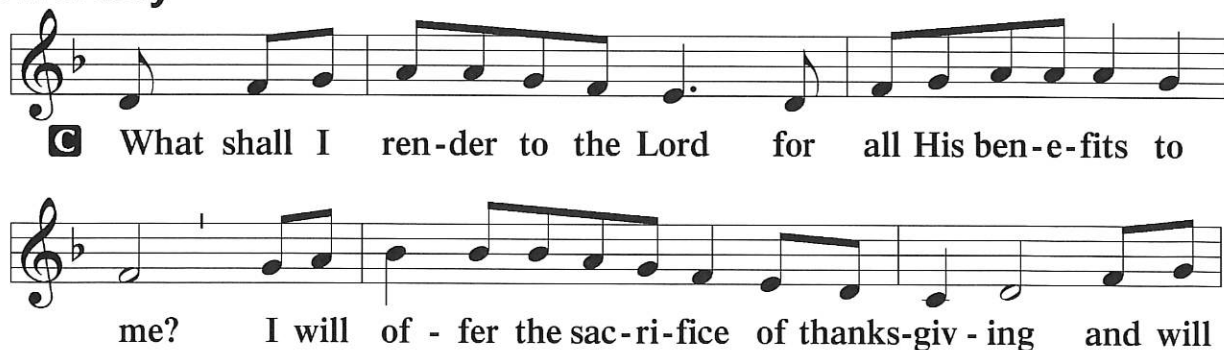
**P** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen**

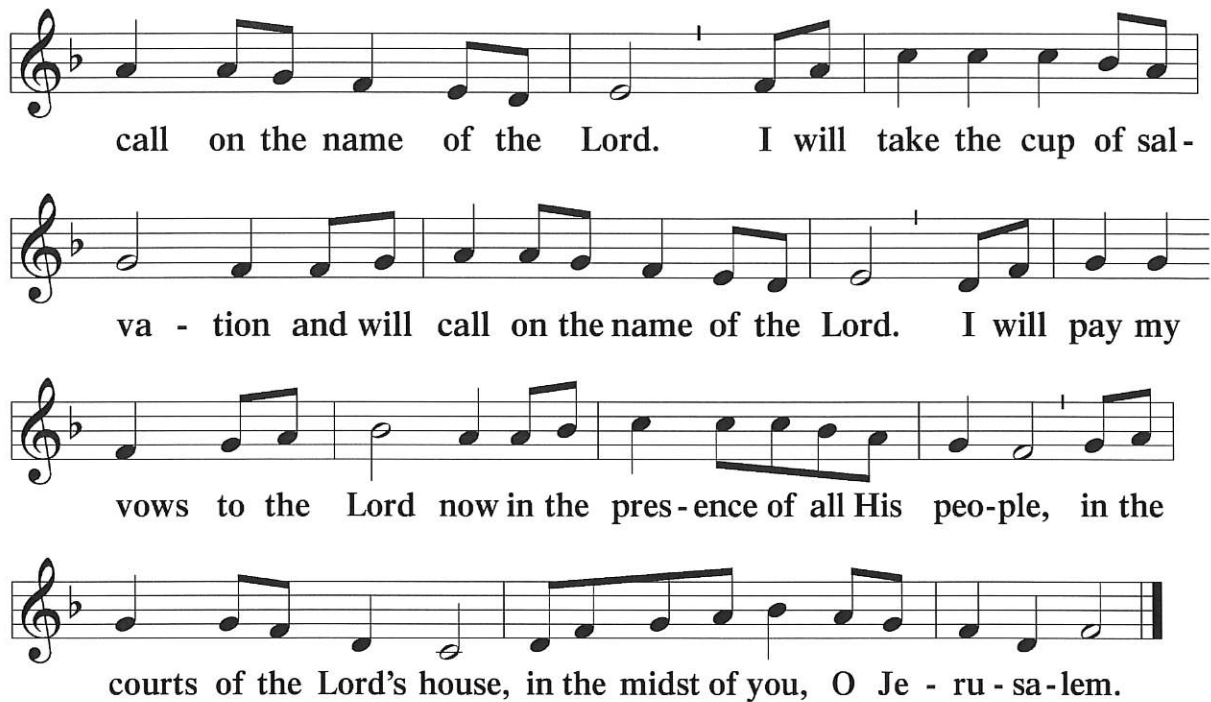
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## Offering

## Offertory



**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



*Stand if you are able*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

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

**C** **Merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought , word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to you as those who once were dead but now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**



**P** The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. To all who believe in Jesus Christ, God grants freedom from the power of sin, and through the Holy Spirit gives life, forgiveness, and resurrection from the dead.

**C** Amen

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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

**P** The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come, for the feast is ready.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29

**G** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

**P** People of God receive the body and blood of Christ in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## Distribution Hymn

## Eat This Bread

LSB 638

*(sing 3 times)*

*Refrain*  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev-er be hun-gry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

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## Dismissal

## Benediction

**P** The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, be among you and remain with you forever.

**C** Amen.

*The congregation led by the cross, exits waving palms during recessional.*

## Recessional Hymn

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

LSB 443



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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## **Sending**

- P** Marked with the cross of Christ,  
Go forth to love and serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

## **Announcements**

### **Postlude**

*Terrapin Brass Quintet*

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\*\*The role of Worship Assistant will change to assist Pastor with the healing of his voice.

### **Lent is...**

Lent is about what Jesus has done for us, he lived, he died, he rose, and he ascended for us. Repentance, a practice of Lent, literally, means to change ones mind or returning to God because one realizes what we have missed because we went off path or strayed from the way. Repentance is not about guilt and shame the motive for change or returning is fear, do this or else, or it might become "look what I did," a work. During Lent God shows us how much we are loved, how much he sacrificed and how much we are forgiven, the depth and extent of his love. Coming home, returning to our senses and renewing our relationship with God and others through our Baptism Affirmation is an occasion of joy, thanksgiving and hope. You are invited to join us on our Lenten Journey to dig deeper, learn more and gain wisdom about following him and walking the way.

### **Holy Week Schedule**

Thursday March 28      7PM Maundy Thursday,  
"Into your hands I commend spirit"

Friday March 29      7PM Good Friday  
"It is finished"

Sunday March 31      10:15AM Easter  
"The Tomb is empty"

Sunday March 31      8:45AM – Easter Breakfast