



"Hosanna!"

Blessed
is the
one
who comes
in the
name
of the
Lord!"

Mark 11:9, NRSV

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↑: Please stand
↓: Please be seated

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
10:30 AM
Holy Communion



All are to gather around the baptismal font in the rear of the church for the beginning of the service. For those unable to stand until the processional hymn, please have a seat in chapel until it is time to move forward. Please let an usher know if you will need any assistance.

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

The Holy City

Adams

Cinda Roteman, organ

↑Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection. Please sit or kneel.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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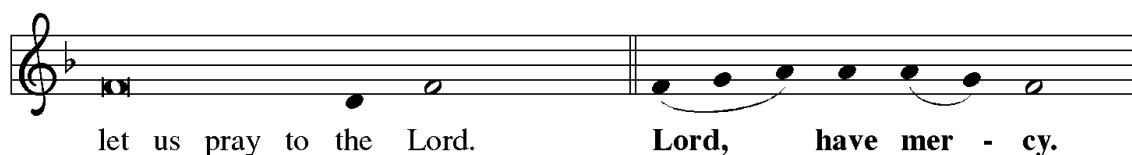
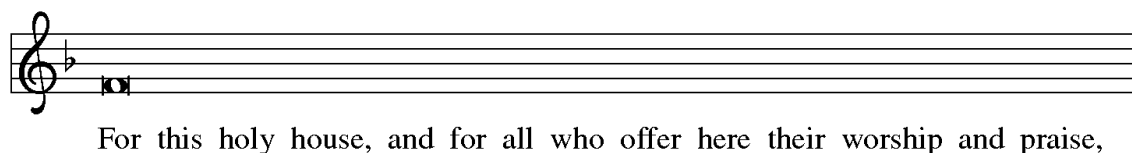
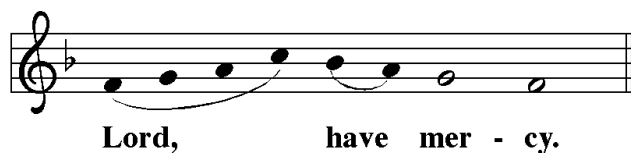
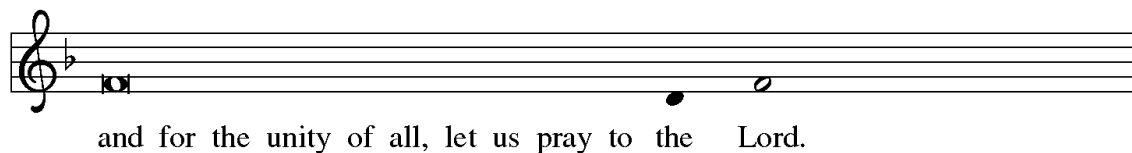
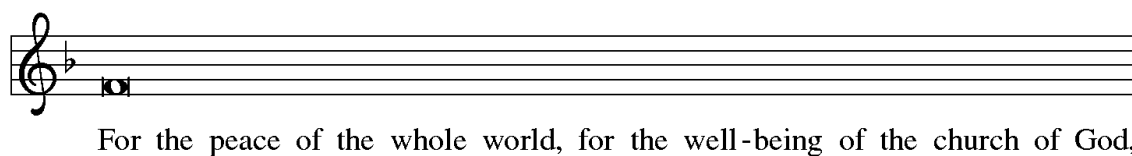
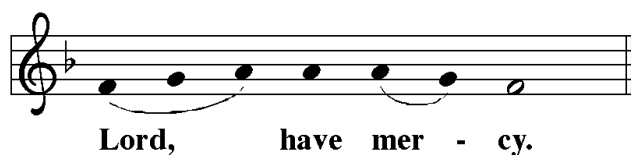
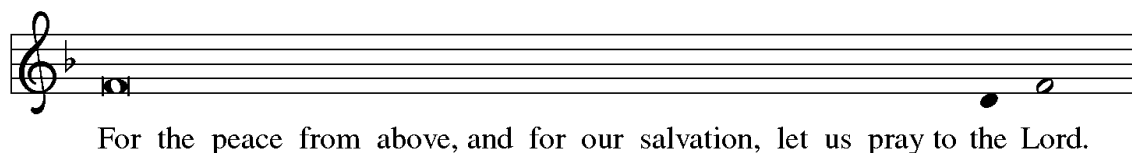
All are to process forward, following the cross, with their palms to their seats in the nave.

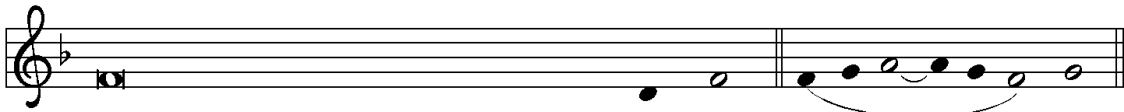
Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie





Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem

Hosanna!

Nelson

Senior Choir

↓The Lessons

First Lesson: *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

L: A reading from Isaiah:

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *Psalms 31:9-16*

L: We will now read the psalm responsively:

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

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my
acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, "You | are my God.**

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

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love."**

Second Lesson: *Philippians 2:5-11*

L: A reading from Philippians:

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

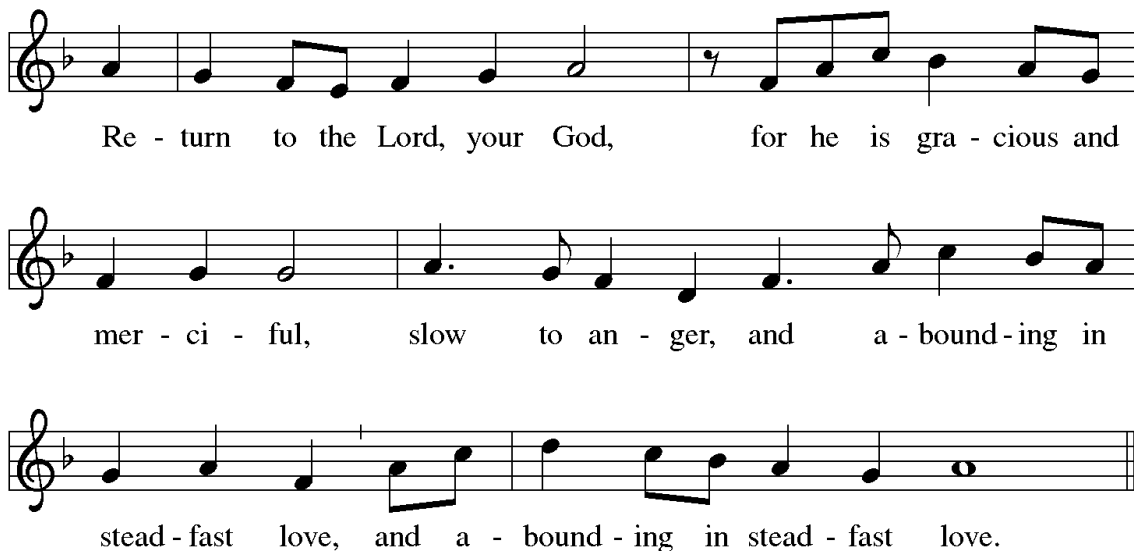
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↑GOSPEL: *Luke 19:29-40*



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " **32** So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. **33** As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** They said, "The Lord needs it." **35** Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. **36** As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. **37** As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, **38** saying, "Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." **40** He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

↓Sermon

↑Hymn of the Day

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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Nicene Creed

P: Let us confess our faith together with the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

A: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy.

C: receive our prayer.

A: Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy.

C: receive our prayer.

A: Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to those who suffer and console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy.

C: receive our prayer.

A: Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors, altar guilds, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy.

C: receive our prayer.

A: We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of mercy, we pray for all who are sick or suffering, especially..., the shut-in members of our congregation, all who are on our prayer list, and the ones we name in our hearts.

A brief silence.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share God's peace.

*The assembly is invited to spread God's peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them:
peace sign, fist bump, elbow bump, air kiss, prayer hands with a bow, heart hands, etc.*

↓ Offering
Chanson

Gilere

Wyatt Guise-Clarinet

↑ Offertory Hymn



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray...Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with other, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Brothers and sisters, the time has come for us to remember:

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

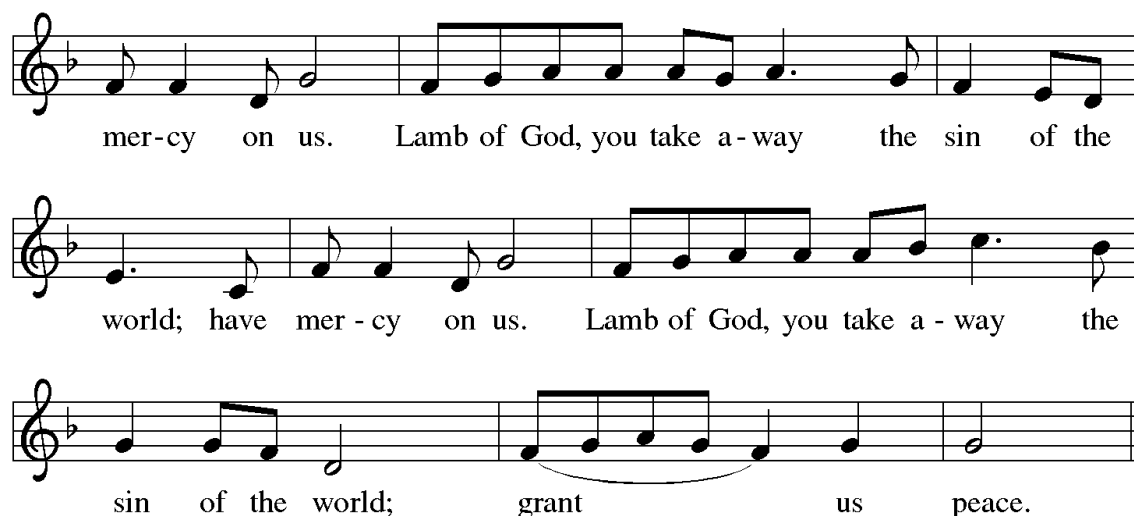
Invitation to Communion

P: Here is food and drink for our journey, God's love poured out for you. Come now and enter into His grace.

C: Thanks be to God!

↓Lamb of God





Communion Meal

*We ask that anyone unable to approach the altar for communion please stay seated and notify the usher.
The pastor and assistants will gladly come down to give communion to those who remain seated.*

Hymns during distribution:

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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↑ Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray...Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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There will be no dismissal or postlude

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ABOUT TODAY'S THEME: This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

ABOUT TODAY'S LESSONS:

First Lesson: *The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

Second Lesson: *Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

Gospel Lesson: *Jesus enters Jerusalem.*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

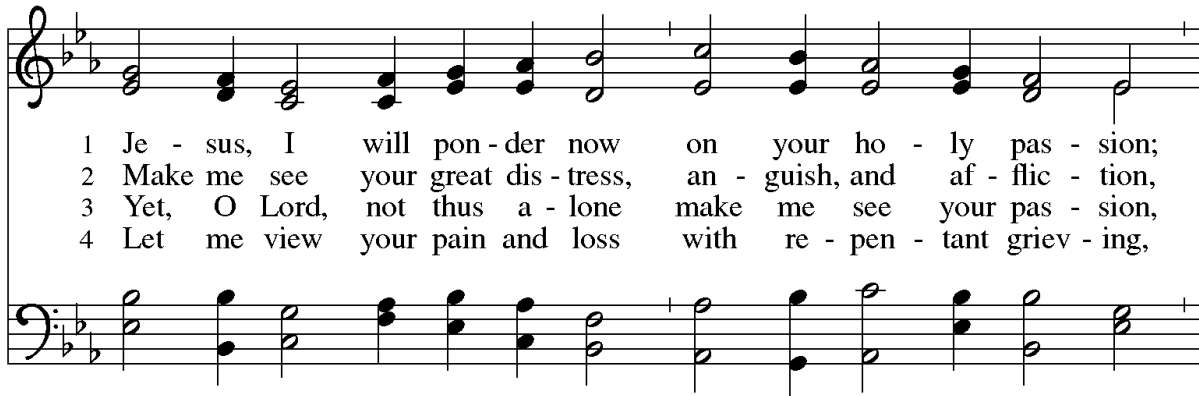
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are 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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

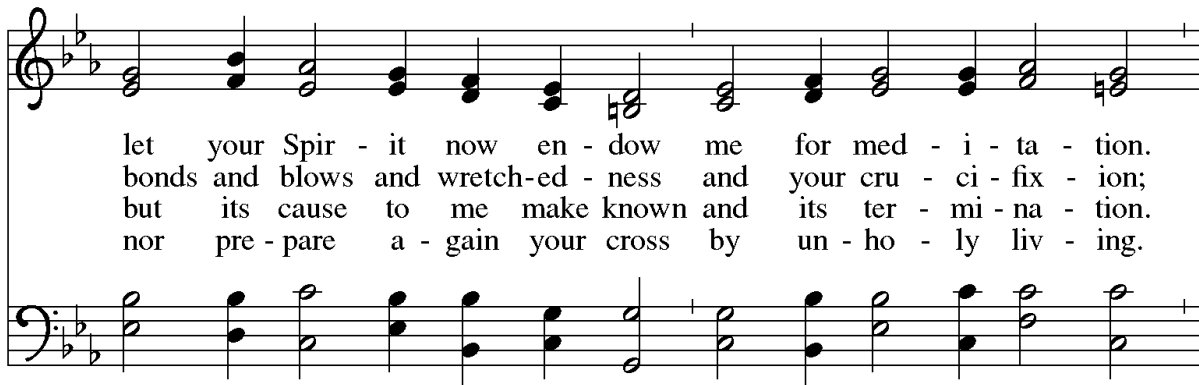
Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



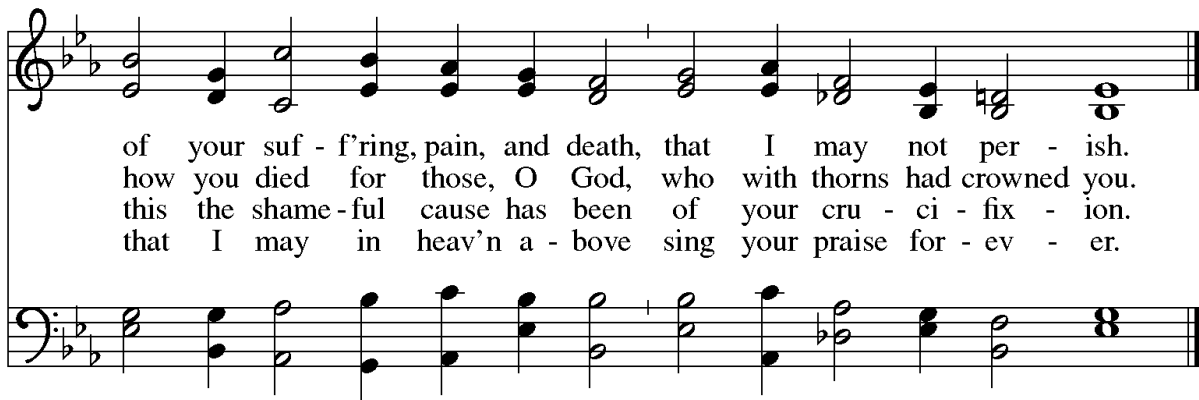
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
 4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
 nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



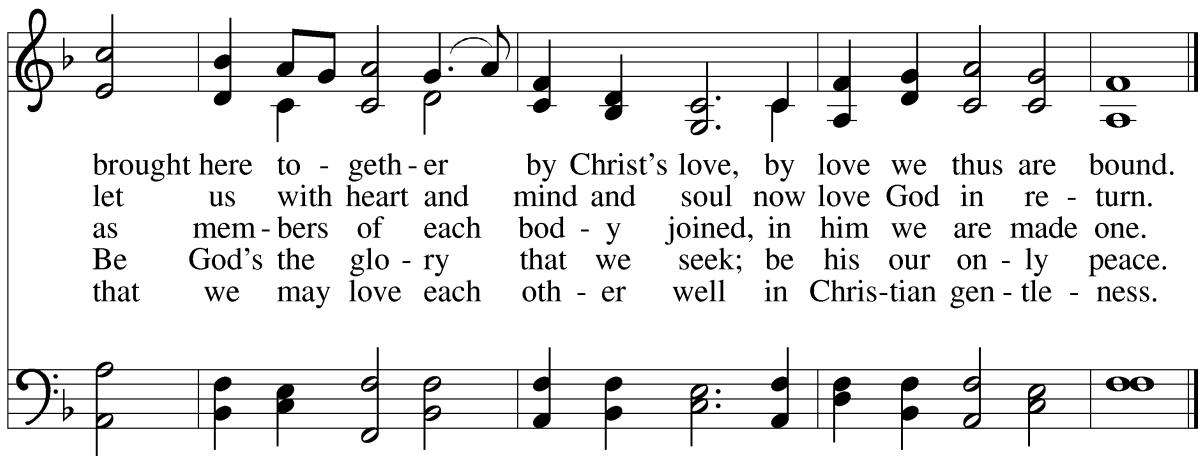
sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.
 Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993
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Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842
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Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Financial Snapshot for April 8, 2025

Current checking account balances – April 8, 2025

Administration	\$ 4,093.92
Memorial	\$ 90,592.25
Pastor's Discretionary	\$ 877.51
Special Needs	\$ 54,966.77
Contingency	\$ 15.01
Rental	\$ 3,593.61
Youth	\$ 4,978.49

Food Bank: April, 2025: Deposits \$45 Expenses \$ 600 Balance \$ 133.08

Total Contributions - Offering/Electronic April 6, 2025 \$ 2,645.00

Bills paid but not yet cleared bank \$ 6,490.09 Through 4/15

Estimated monthly bills as of March 31, 2024 \$ 26,000.66

Thank you for remembering our consecrated commitment we made in 2024; just as God is faithful to His promises to us, we are faithful to our promises to Him.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Swords, Treasurer at
mtzionyorktreasurer@gmail.com. or call at 717-503-0527 (cell)

Parish Nurse Program

Starting May 4, 2025 – The Parish Nurse Program is being launched.
Blood Pressure screenings will be done in the Chapel area after the service.
Questions? Contact Sue Luchka at (717) 434-9581.

Maundy Thursday April 17 -7:30 PM

Good Friday Tenebrae April 18 - 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday April 20 - 10:30 AM

Deacon Ellen Doughty (Chaplain at UPMC Memorial) is in need of Spiritual Care volunteers at UPMC Memorial. You do not have to be trained in ministry to be a volunteer, just have a heart to walk alongside others of all beliefs and willingness to learn and grow. We provide training.

Spiritual Care volunteers assist with visiting patients, rounding on staff (who may suggest a patient or two for a visit), and can also assist with other things such as Tea for the Soul or Code Lavenders (both staff care items)

If anyone is interested, please go to the volunteer page for UPMC Memorial (<https://www.upmc.com/locations/hospitals/memorial/about/volunteer>) and fill out the online application. If a printed application is needed, please contact Rebecca Gross, Volunteer Coordinator at 717-849-5470 or grossr3@upmc.edu.

If there is a group interested, I can try to arrange to meet with everyone at the same time and will ask Rebecca if she can join us.

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