

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE:**

*(Children are invited to gather with their palms in the back of the worship space with the Pastor)*

***(Please turn to face the entrance – responses are on the screen on the back wall)***

**ACCLAMATION:**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11** *(Pastor)*

**Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**BLESSING OF PALMS:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

We praise you, O God,  
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Today he entered the holy city in triumph  
and was proclaimed messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.  
Bless these branches and those who carry them.  
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,  
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,  
we enter into life with you;  
through the same Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PROCESSION:**

Let us go forth in peace,  
in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

*(Pastor processes with children around the worship space waving palms)*

**GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC: INTRO TO ALL GLORY - Blessed is He,**  
Chancel Choir & Jr. Choir

**GATHERING SONG: ELW 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs. 1-4)**  
*In Gilbert, the instrumental ensemble will accompany*

***Refrain***

All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

**1** You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

**2** The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

**3** The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. *Refrain*

**4** To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

O God of mercy and might,  
in the mystery of the passion of your Son  
you offer your infinite life to the world.  
Gather us around the cross of Christ,  
and preserve us until the resurrection,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC:**  
**Come, Sing Hosanna,**  
Sanctuary Choir

**GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC:**  
**Hosannas in the Highest,**  
Chancel Choir

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a human,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and 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.**

**SERMON:**

*"The Tune of Faith"*  
Pastor Andrea Cain  
*(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)*

""  
Pastor Thaddeus Book  
*(Gilbert)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

### Verse 1

Praise is rising  
Eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

### Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away  
(Washed away)

### Chorus

Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

### Verse 2

Hear the sound of  
Hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your Kingdom  
Broken lives are made new  
You make us new

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Carmelo John Infurna, Alessio James Infurna, Annina Beth Infurna (*Gilbert*)

### PRESENTATION:

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Carmelo/Alessio/Annina* baptized into Christ?

**PARENTS SAY: I do.**

As you bring your *children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *them* among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten

Commandments, place in *their* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *her* in faith and prayer, so that your *children* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your *children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

**PARENTS SAY: I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Carmelo/Alessio/Annina* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *them* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**SPONSORS SAY: I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support *Carmelo/Alessio/Annina* and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

**ALL: We do.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH:**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**PARENTS AND SPONSORS SAY: I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT:**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **BAPTISM:**

*Carmelo/Alessio/Annina Infurna*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Carmelo/Alessio/Annina* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Carmelo/Alessio/Annina*, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **WELCOME:**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**ALL: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**NICENE CREED:** *(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)*

**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 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 INTERCESSION:**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

As we remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, renew our faith and courage to proclaim the gospel. Unite us in spirit and purpose, and guide our leaders in wisdom and compassion. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

May the message of Palm Sunday inspire reconciliation and understanding in places of conflict. Move the hearts of all people to turn away from violence and work toward justice and harmony. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Bring comfort to those who are suffering, lonely, or afraid. Grant strength to caregivers and health professionals. By your mercy, restore those who are ill and bring hope to those in despair (especially...). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

As we journey with Christ toward the cross and resurrection in this Holy Week, remind us of your promise of life everlasting. Remember those who have died and comfort all who mourn with the assurance of resurrection and new life in your kingdom. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE:**

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We share a word of peace with our neighbors.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace, that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." *1 Peter 4:10*

*The Hunger Jar is a love offering and is designated for Feed My Starving Children.*

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### OFFERING SONG: Abide

#### Verse 1

For my waking breath  
For my daily bread  
I depend on You  
I depend on You  
For the sun to rise  
For my sleep at night  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

#### Chorus 1

You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

#### Verse 2

Where the Spirit leads  
As I'm following  
I depend on You

I depend on You  
For the victories  
Still in front of me  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

#### Chorus 2

You're the way the truth and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength my song in the night  
Be my all my treasure my prize  
I am Yours forever You're mine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,  
**take away our sins,  
and mercifully kindle in us  
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.  
Take away from us the heart of stone,  
and give us a heart of flesh,  
hearts to love and adore Thee,  
hearts to delight in Thee,  
to follow and enjoy Thee, for Christ's sake.  
Amen.**

— adapted from St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397).

**HOLY COMMUNION:****THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.*

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

**LORD'S PRAYER: ELW p.134**

**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:**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome!

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:**

*Come forward to receive the bread and a cup of wine/juice. Alert an usher for communion in your seat. Children may commune or receive a blessing. All are welcome.*

### **LAMB OF GOD: ELW p.208 - Lamb of God (Setting 10)**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## ELW 496 One Bread One Body

### **Refrain**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

**1** Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

**2** Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

**3** Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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## The Table

### **Verse 1**

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table

### **Chorus**

Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden is light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord  
(At the table of the Lord)

### **Verse 2**

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table

### **Verse 3**

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

### **Verse 4**

I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
He says come just as you are to His table

### **Bridge**

I know He has a place for me  
Oh what joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

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## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his  
grace.

**Amen.**

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us

through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

***God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.***

**INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK:**

*(Pastor) Journey with us this week in worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as we walk with Christ through the events of Holy Week. Learn how to be like Christ—not just during the triumphs of Palm Sunday—but also how to be like Christ in the midst of betrayal, violence, pain, struggle, and death. Walking with Christ during Holy Week is an act of love and friendship, a gift of staying present with him during the hardest part of his journey. We do this because he has asked us to remain near him, awake and alert. It is the gift of ourselves, which is the truest gift we have to give.*

*So let us pray together as we enter this Holy Week . . .*

Almighty God,

Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION:**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor +  
And give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG: Jesus Shall Reign**

### **Verse 1**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till sun shall rise and set no more

### **Verse 2**

Blessings abound where'er He reigns  
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest  
And all the sons of want are blessed

### **Chorus**

To our King be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful He shall reign  
Jesus shall reign

### **Verse 3**

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name

### **Verse 4**

Let every creature rise and bring  
Blessing and honor to our King  
Angels descend with songs again  
And earth repeat the loud amen

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## **DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: O Sacred Head Now Wounded**, Keziah Miner (*Gilbert only*)

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