

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026



SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Annapolis, Maryland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — PASTOR**THE CALL TO WORSHIP — PASTOR**

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

He brings us joy and hope.

He comes to set us free.

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven! Amen!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN**All Glory, Laud, and Honor****ELW 344**

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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

BLESSING OF THE PALMS — PASTOR

All who processed may return to their seats.

GREETING — PASTOR

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

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY—ASSISTING MINISTER

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING — LECTOR

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 wakens—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?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (All Sing Together)

Psalm 31:9-16



C = Choir

A = All

- C ⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I ¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ¹ and my belly.
- A ¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my ¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹ are consumed.**
- C ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street ¹ they avoid me.
- A ¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, ¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot.**
- C ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.
- A ¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in ¹ you, O LORD.
I have said, “You ¹ are my God.**
- C ¹⁵ My times are ¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.
- A ¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant;
save me in your ¹ steadfast love.”**

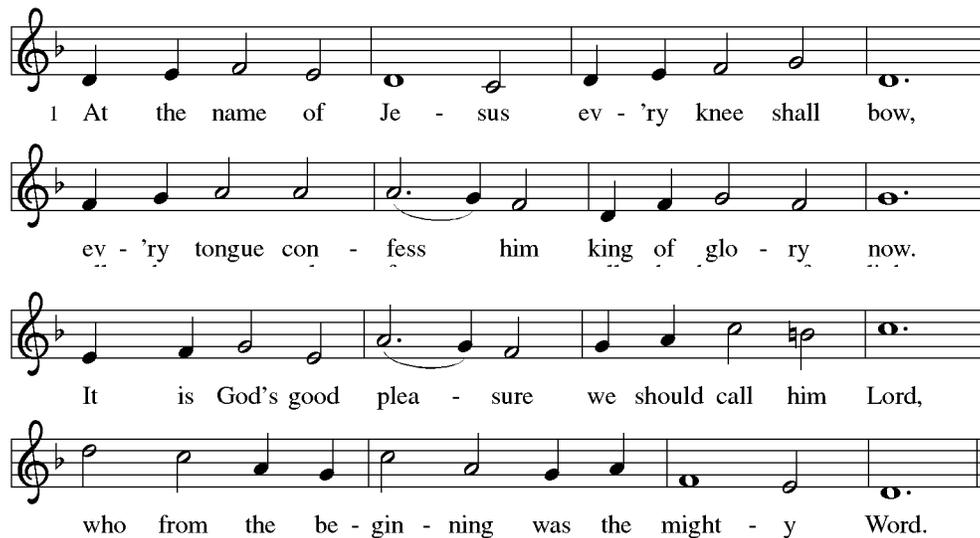
SECOND READING — LECTOR

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.

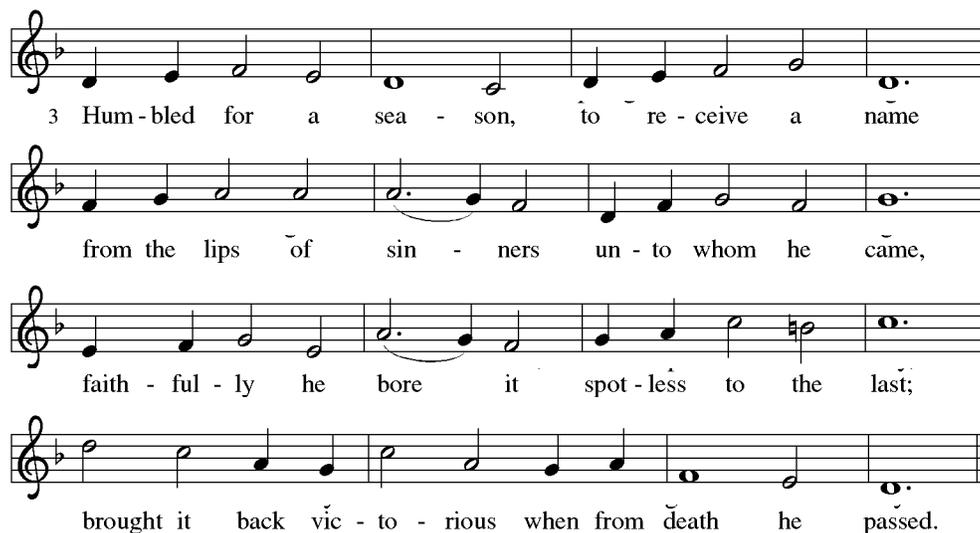
THE GOSPEL LESSON — PASTOR

Matthew 21:1-11

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵ “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.” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!” ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.

SERMON — PASTOR



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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CONFESSION OF FAITH — ASSISTING MINISTER

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 again to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH — ASSISTING MINISTER

(Congregation Responds ...Your mercy is great.)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

We thank you for your generosity and support! We are blessed to return thanks to God through our offerings to support the work of the Church in the world. Ushers will bring the plates to those worshipping in person this day. For those worshipping online you may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gifts enable our day to day operational budget, our missions, and the care of those in need. Please visit www.stmartinsannapolis.org/giving

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Procession of Praise

- Arr. by Joseph Martin

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The Doxology

Text: Rob Passow

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

All praise to God a - bove, who cre - at - ed the world, Praise to the one who made all things
good. All praise to Je - sus Christ, who gave for us his life. All praise the Ho - ly
Spir - it, who calls us to love. All praise the Ho - ly Three - in - one.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – PASTOR

As we begin this Holy Week and prepare to come to the table of our Lord, we remember that we are people who stand in need of mercy. We have not loved God with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet Christ comes to us in humility and grace, calling us again to repentance and new life.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Gracious and merciful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have turned from your ways and followed the desires of our own hearts. We have failed to love, neglected justice, and forgotten your mercy. Forgive us, we pray. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may walk in your ways and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Hear the good news: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.** Come, then, to the table of grace, where Christ meets us with mercy, renews us with his life, and strengthens us in love.

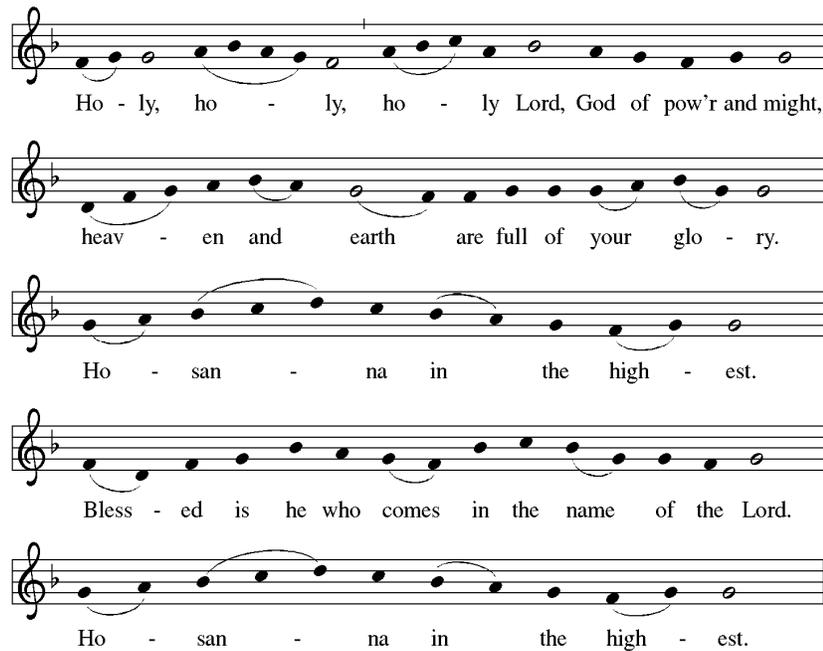
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – PASTOR

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE — PASTOR

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — PASTOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 — PASTOR

This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor.

It is a table of communion with the earth.

So, come those of you who have great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed.

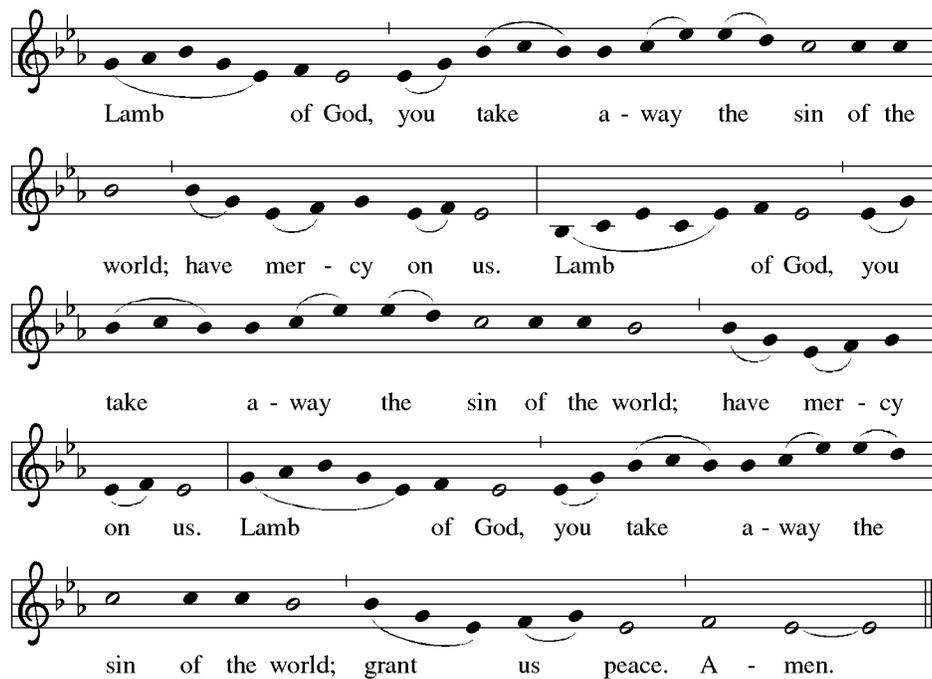
Come, those of you who depend on this sacrament for your life, and those of you for whom it is a new and strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come!

*****Blue Communion Cards— Please remember to fill in a blue communion card each week. You can hand your blue communion cards to an usher as you come up for communion.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

About Communion— At the Lord's Table we share in the gift of Jesus' body and blood. Please bring an empty glass from the head of the aisle to receive wine from a pouring cup. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses near the empty ones. If you need a gluten-free option for bread, please indicate that to the person with bread. Peel away communion kits are also available for any who so desire. Blessings will be given to those not yet communing.

THE AGNUS DEI



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. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Beneath the Cross of Jesus Were You There

ELW 338
ELW 353

POST COMMUNION PRAYER — PASTOR *(Please stand as you are able)*

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — ASSISTING MINISTER

Let us pray.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION — PASTOR

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

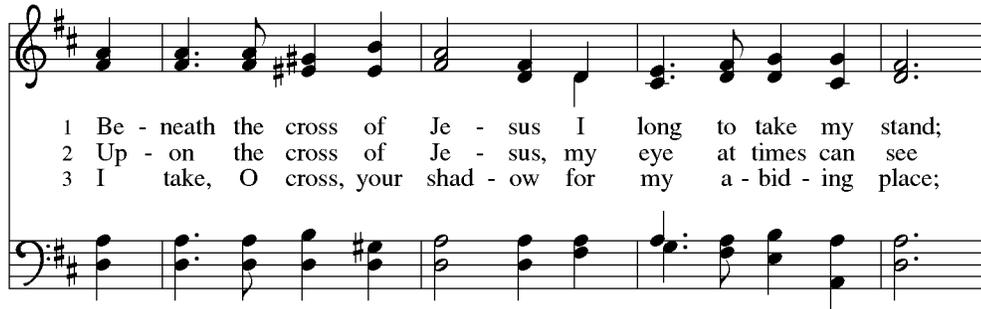
God, who calls all things into existence,

Jesus Christ, who redeems us,

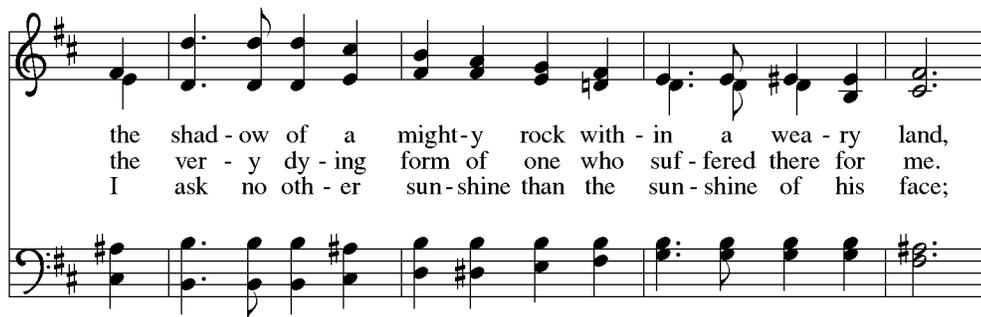
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,

✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

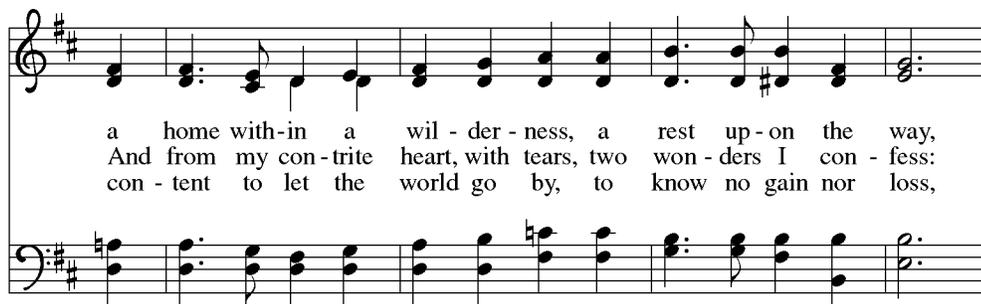
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



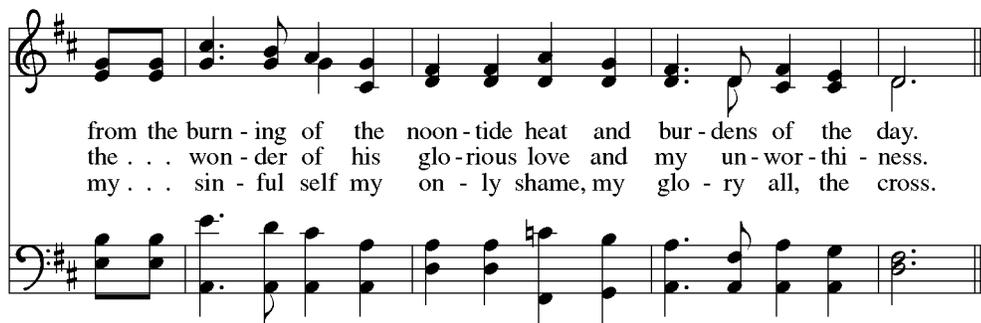
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

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Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the Good News.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Festival March on St. Theodulph

- Robert J. Hughes

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Easter Brunch Sunday, April 5th 9AM

Join us for fellowship and Easter
brunch between services.

Assist us with planning, by
signing up below.



EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH | 9 AM

**In the Courtyard
2yrs. - 5th Grade**

Bring a Basket!



Serving in Worship Today		
Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Micah Krey	
Director of Music Ministry	Adedotun Olayemi	
Media Technician	Sara Wetz	
	8:00	10:00
Assisting Minister	Kathy Nado	Chaplain Paula Thistle
Communion Assistants	Barb Freeman	Judy Houston Judy Svoboda
Lector		Sandy Ourisson
Ushers	Molly Michaelson Tom Freeman	Linda Wetz John Knupp John and Sandy Filer
Communion Cleanup	Barb Freeman	Randy and Michelle Soileau

Opportunities This Week	
<i>Wednesday, April 1, 2026</i>	
7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Double T)
<i>Thursday, April 2, 2026 - Maundy Thursday</i>	
12:00 pm	Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm	Worship (Sanctuary)
<i>Friday, April 3, 2026 - Good Friday</i>	
12:00 pm	Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm	Worship (Sanctuary)
<i>Saturday, April 4, 2026</i>	
10:00 am	Joyful Hearts (Fellowship)
<i>Sunday, April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday</i>	
8:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt (Courtyard) Congregational Brunch (Fellowship)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)

THE CANDLE IS DEDICATED TODAY

*To the Glory of God and the Birth of our First Grandchild,
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by Carol and Warren Campbell*

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH
8AM AND 10AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND
NOON AND 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD
NOON AND 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
8AM AND 10AM

***EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST AT 9AM**