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Season: WEEKEND OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY (PURPLE)

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## PRELUDE

Palm Sunday Glory arr. Sharon Elery-Rogers

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship  
In the name of God: Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Almighty God, we praise you for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Savior, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN

(vs. 1, 2 & 3)

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## All Glory, Laud, and Honor





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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

## HEALING LITURGY

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Let us prayer:

O God, in the Lord Jesus, you healed, and you gave hope. Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole.

**O Lord of life hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, move where hearts are hardened and histories are heavy.  
Bring reconciliation between nations divided—between Russia and Ukraine,  
Israelis and Palestinians, Israel and Iran, America and Iran.  
Where conflict burns in Syria, Sudan, Myanmar, and Haiti,  
bring protection to the vulnerable and wisdom to those in power.  
Heal minds burdened by fear, grief, and trauma.  
Restore clarity where there is confusion, and serenity where there is distress.  
Rebuild what has been broken—homes, livelihoods, and trust between people.  
Let compassion rise where anger once lived,  
and let peace take root where violence has endured.

**O Lord of life hear our prayer.**

Restore to wholeness, O Triune God, whatever is amiss in our lives, and in this nation.

**O Lord of life hear our prayer.**

Strengthen our trust in you so that we might not hesitate to bring our concerns to you, O Lord of life.

**Amen.**

## LAYING ON HANDS

Sisters and brothers, come as you are able and receive laying on of hands and anointing. You may kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. Those who are unable to come to the Altar Rail, let a Shepherd know and we will come to you.

## ABSOLUTION

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.  
**Amen.**

## CANTICAL OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the  
Glo - ria a Dios en el

high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good  
cie - lo, y en la tie - rra paz a los hom - bres que a - ma el Se -

will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
ñor. ¿ Por tu in - men - sa glo - ria te a - la -

dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you  
ba - mos, te ben - de - ci - mos, te a - do - ra - mos,

thanks, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,  
¿ te glo - ri - fi - ca - mos, ¿ te da - mos gra - cias, Se -

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y  
ñor Dios, Rey ce - les - tial, Dios Pa - dre to - do - po - de -

Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,  
ro - so. Se - ñor, Hi - jo ú - ni - co, Je - su - cris - to, Se -

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,  
*ñor Dios, Cor - de - ro de Dios, Hi - jo del Pa - dre; tú que*

you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on  
*qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad de no -*

us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-  
*so - tros; tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, a -*

ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the  
*tien - de nues - tra sú - pli - ca; tú que es - tás sen - ta - do a*

right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer - cy on  
*la de - re - cha del Pa - dre, ten pie - dad de no -*

us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
*so - tros. Por - que só - lo tú e - res San - to,*

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,  
*só - lo tú Se - ñor, só - lo tú Al - tí - si - mo,*

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
*Je - su - cris - to, con el Es - pí - ri - tu San - to en la*

glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
*glo - ria de Dios Pa - dre. A - mén.*

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

### THE FIRST READING FROM ISAIAH 50:4-9a

- <sup>4</sup>The 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—  
awakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.
- <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.
- <sup>6</sup>I 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.
- <sup>7</sup>The 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;
- <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.
- <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

ANTHEM

RIDE ON, KING JESUS arr. Philip Kern

Alleluia Singers

THE SECOND READING FROM 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 was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of 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.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less  
A - la - ban - za a ti, oh Cris - to, rey de e - ter - na

glo - ry, king of end - less glo - ry.  
glo - ria, rey de e - ter - na glo - ria.

## GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter**

**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.**

## SERMON

Vicar Abbey Knappman

HYMN OF THE DAY

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## 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!

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Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912-1993  
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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with 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 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.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world, its needs and open our hearts to God's will.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing loss or illness this day especially Edward Dykman, Tommy Brewer, Joann Crabtree, Naomi Waterland, Rob Rushton, Sherry Dogwiler, Larry Sorenson, Sally McCarville, Gabe Derr, Terry Touhey, Mary Jane Auld, Linden Cummings, Lou Echols, Juanita Steinbaugh, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Bob White, and Beverly Carlson. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for *Hans Nielsen Hauge* and all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy including Bruce Whiting. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Remember Roger Poland as he travels across the country and grant him protection. Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

**And also 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

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
San - to, San - to, San - to es el Se - ñor, Dios de U - ni - ver - so.

Heav - en and earth, heav - en and earth are full of your  
Lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ben -  
glo - ria. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na en el cie - lo. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**  
**Our Father 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.**  
**men.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Cantor:* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
*Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del*

*Assembly / Asamblea:*

*To repeat* world, have mer - cy on us.  
*mun - do, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cor -*

*Last time* us.  
*so - tros. Cor -*

*Cantor:*

*Assembly / Asamblea:* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do,*

grant us peace, grant us peace.  
*da - nos la paz, da - nos la paz.*

COMMUNION HYMN

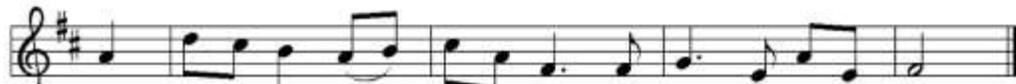
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### You Satisfy the Hungry Heart *Gift of Finest Wheat*

*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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COMMUNION HYMN

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### Now Behold the Lamb



- 1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
- 2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
- 3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

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**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.**

**BLESSING**

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.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**ACS 927**

**Christ Is the Life**



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive  
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning  
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing  
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the  
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to  
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as  
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all  
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing  
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y  
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor  
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise  
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from  
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**Guided by the Gospel, we:**

**Welcome all to worship;**

**Make disciples;**

**Hunger for ministry;**

**Nurture youth;**

**Gather resources for growing ministries;**

**Offer healing and care to all in need.**

## DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Believe the good news.**

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## OFFERING

*(place gifts in plates as you leave)*

## POSTLUDE