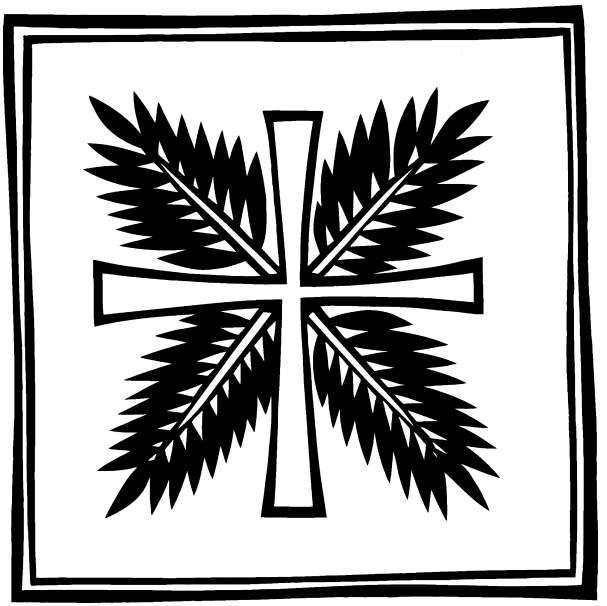
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The congregation is invited to assemble outside.

On this day, united with Christians around the world, we mark Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation. We follow in his footsteps as we enter the church, our Jerusalem, acclaiming the one whose throne was the cross. In today's gospel reading we hear the passion narrative of Jesus' suffering and death for our sakes.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.
Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts through which you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Gospel — Luke 19:28-40

28 After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
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

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Processional Gospel continued...

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."

The congregation lifts their palms up high for the blessing of the palms.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.
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.
C: Amen.



Processional Hymn — ELW #334 "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*"



Congregation lifts up their palms.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have established your rule in our hearts 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.

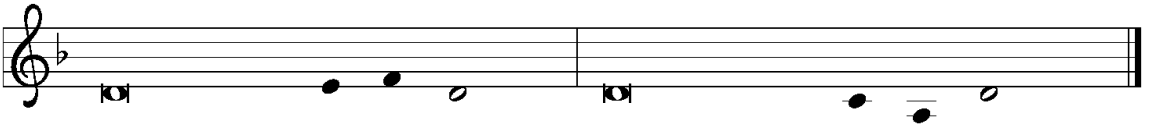


First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-9a

[4]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 wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
[5]The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
[6]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.
[7]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;
[8]he 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: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 *chanted antiphonally; congregation chants bold text*
choir sings refrain



9 Have 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.
11 I 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.
13 For 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.
15 My 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."



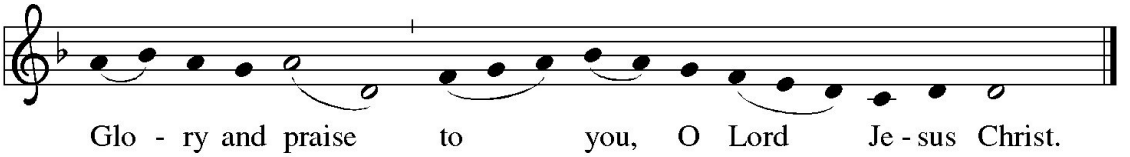
Second Reading — Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel Luke 23:1-49

1 Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. 2 They began
to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to
pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." 3 Then
Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." 4
Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an
accusation against this man." 5 But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the
people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this
place."
6 When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7 And when
he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who
was himself in Jerusalem at that time. 8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad,
for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about
him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. 9 He questioned him at some
length, but Jesus gave him no answer. 10 The chief priests and the scribes stood by,
vehemently accusing him. 11 Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with
contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back
to Pilate. 12 That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other;
before this they had been enemies.

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13 Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, 14
and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the
people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this
man guilty of any of your charges against him. 15 Neither has Herod, for he sent
him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. 16 I will therefore
have him flogged and release him."

18 Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas
for us!" 19 (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had
taken place in the city, and for murder.) 20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus,
addressed them again; 21 but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" 22 A third
time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground
for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."
23 But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified;
and their voices prevailed. 24 So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should
be granted. 25 He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in
prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

26 As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming
from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind
Jesus. 27 A great number of the people followed him, and among them were
women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. 28 But Jesus turned to
them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for
yourselves and for your children. 29 For the days are surely coming when they will
say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that
never nursed.' 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to
the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen
when it is dry?"

32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with
him. 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus
there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Then Jesus said,
"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast
lots to divide his clothing.

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Gospel Reading con't — Luke 23:1-49

35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He
saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36
The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37 and saying,
"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription
over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,
"Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him,
saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of
condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting
what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he
said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 He replied,
"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in
the afternoon, 45 while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn
in two. 46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I
commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. 47 When the centurion
saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was
innocent." 48 And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle
saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. 49 But all his
acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at
a distance, watching these things.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook

Hymn of the Day ELW #343 "*My Song is Love Unknown*"



5 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

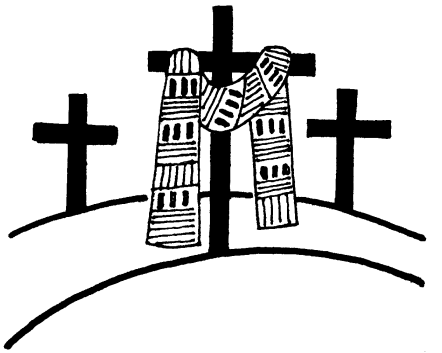
6 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.



The Prayers

A: Remembering the Church, the world, and all those in need, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: Mighty and loving God, you make us your children through your word of promise in the water of baptism. For Jesus, the Word of life, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You wash away our sin and make us clean and new. For the peace of forgiveness, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For strength to follow Jesus, we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. For those who seek your healing presence, especially Lupe, Raymond, Donna, Pastor Don, Kenneth, Sherri, Pastor Teffu, Pastor Dan, Pam, and for those we name before you or silently in our hearts *(pause for names]* ….we pray to you.
C: Hear us, O God.

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Stewardship Video

The Offering

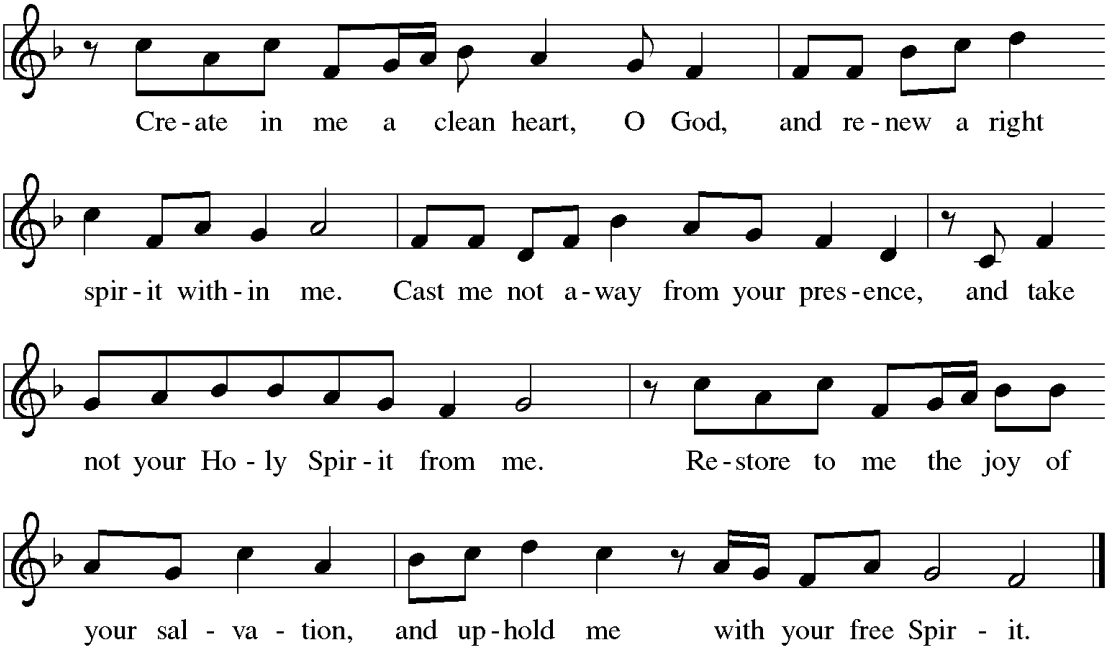
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***Almsgiving** - This is the last Sunday of our Almsgiving collection.*

Support our new neighbors with your Lenten Almsgiving. Give monetary donations or 'most-needed' items to these families in our community. To date, over $300 has been collected.

***Stewardship Commitment Sunday** - Please place your commitment form in the offering plate this Sunday.*

Offertory Hymn ELW #186 *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*



Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray,
Merciful Father,
C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

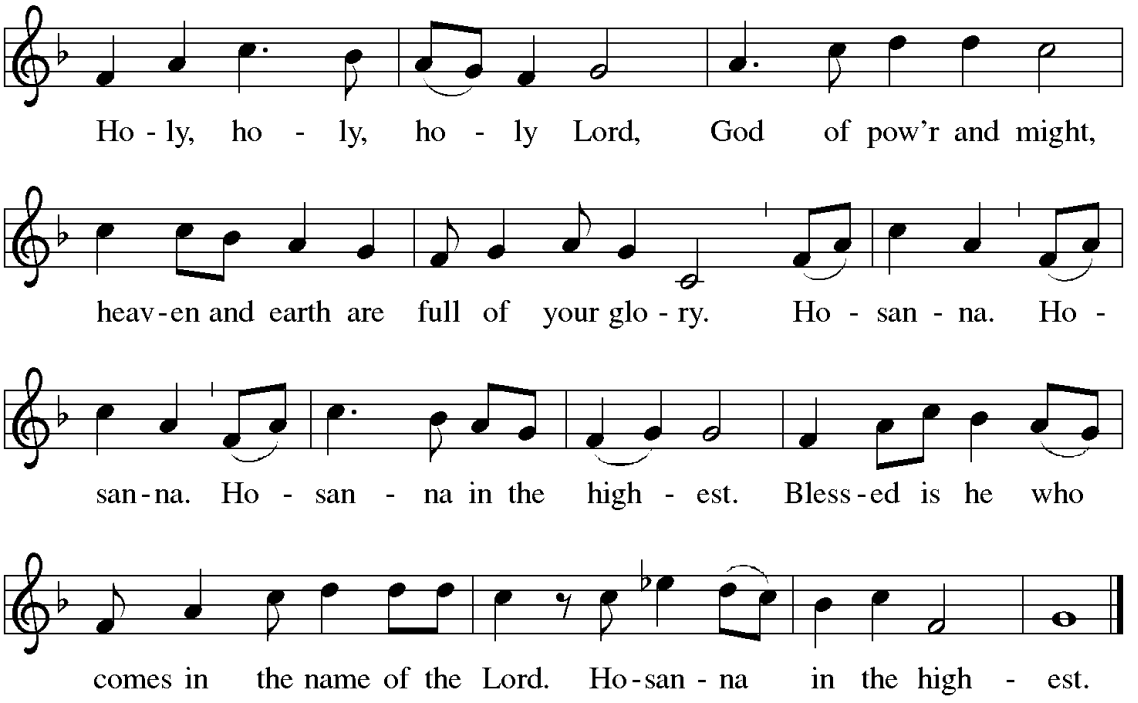
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus



P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

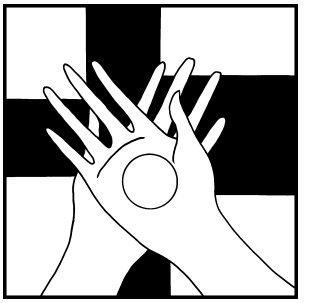
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: 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. Amen.

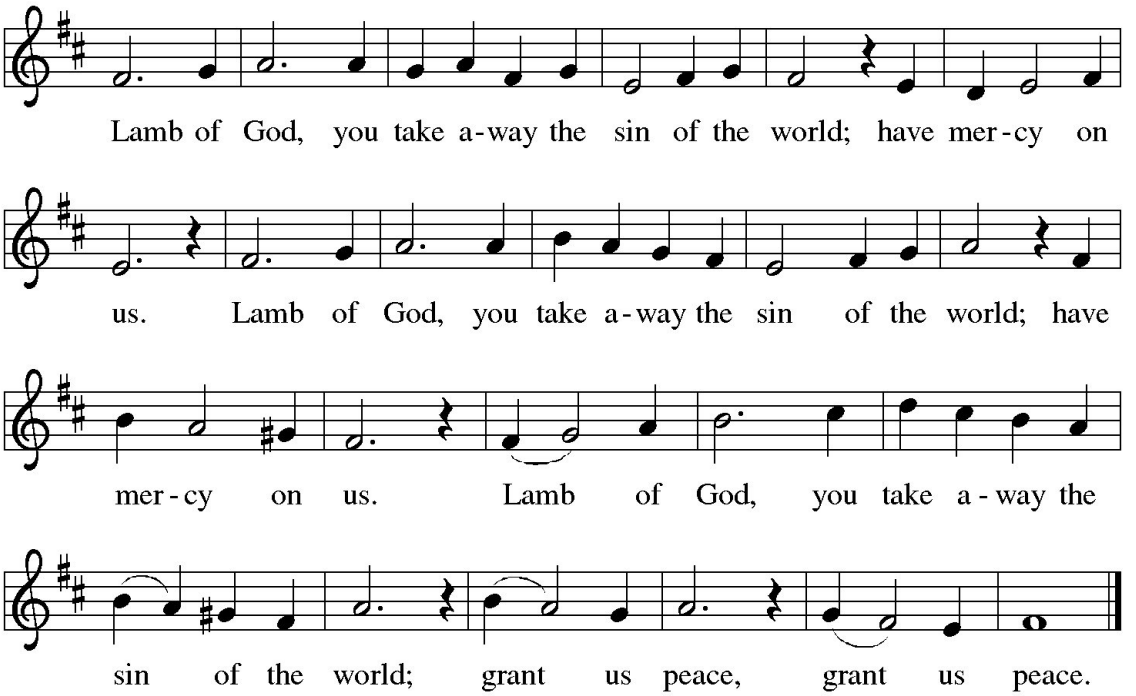
Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. You are invited to kneel at the railing. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.



Communion Hymn *"Lamb of God"*



Communion Anthem *"Ride on King Jesus, A Palm Sunday Medley"*

Post Communion Blessing

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

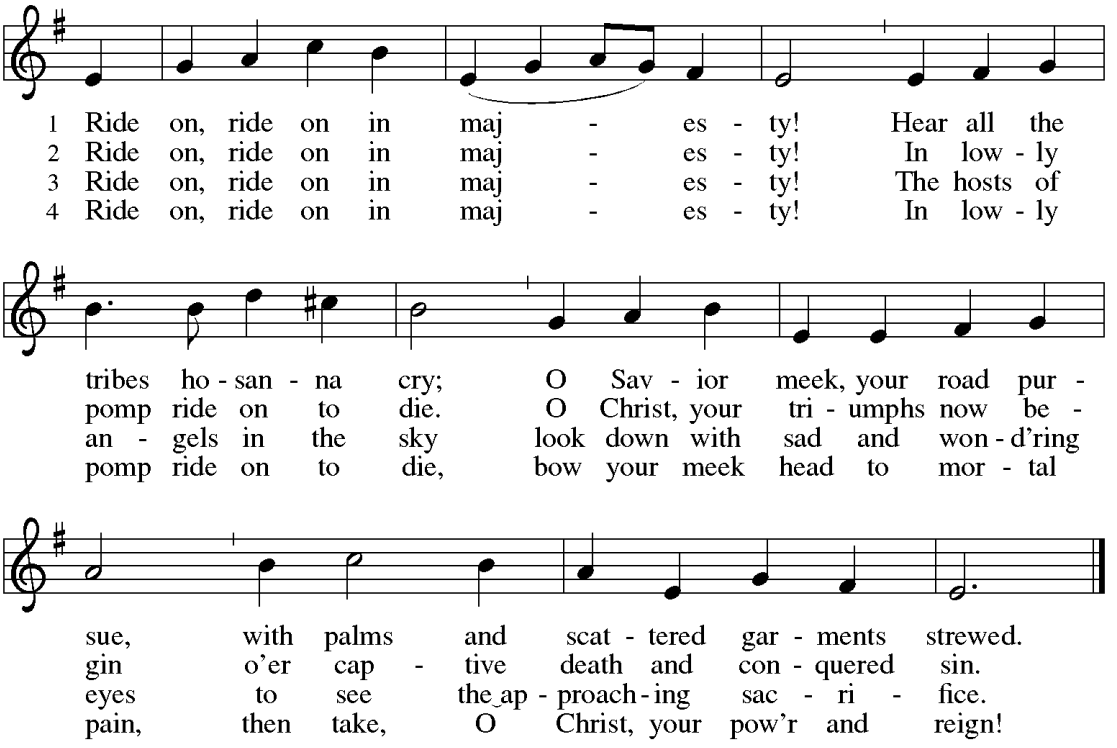
C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Lead us in our Lenten pilgrimage: that our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn ELW #346 "*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*"





Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacons: Kim Baratta & Christina Formeller
Lector: Wilma Stevens
Greeter: Guenter Seidel
Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Today is Stewardship Commitment Sunday! This is part 1—your pledge of time and talents to the ministries of Concordia. Part 2—pledges of treasure—will be made in the Fall. There are copies of the Time and Talent Commitment form in the back of church if you have not already returned a copy or filled out the online form.

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Upcoming Events

April 18th: Good Friday service at 7pm

April 20th: Children's Easter activities at 9am
Easter Sunday Worship at 10am

April 27th: Baptism of Emily & Caroline McMillion

May 11th: Executive Team meeting 11am
'Second Sundays' concert at 11:30am

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - April 13th

Worship at 10am
Procession of palms & story of Christ's passion

Good Friday - April 18th

Worship at 7pm
Hear 'The Seven Last Words of Christ' by Theodore Dubois performed by soloists and Concordia Church choir

Easter Sunday - April 20th

9am Children's Easter Activity in the gym
Coffee fellowship in fellowship hall before worship
10am Worship

All services available in-person and via livestream
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WORSHIP SERVICE W/ PERFORMANCE OF
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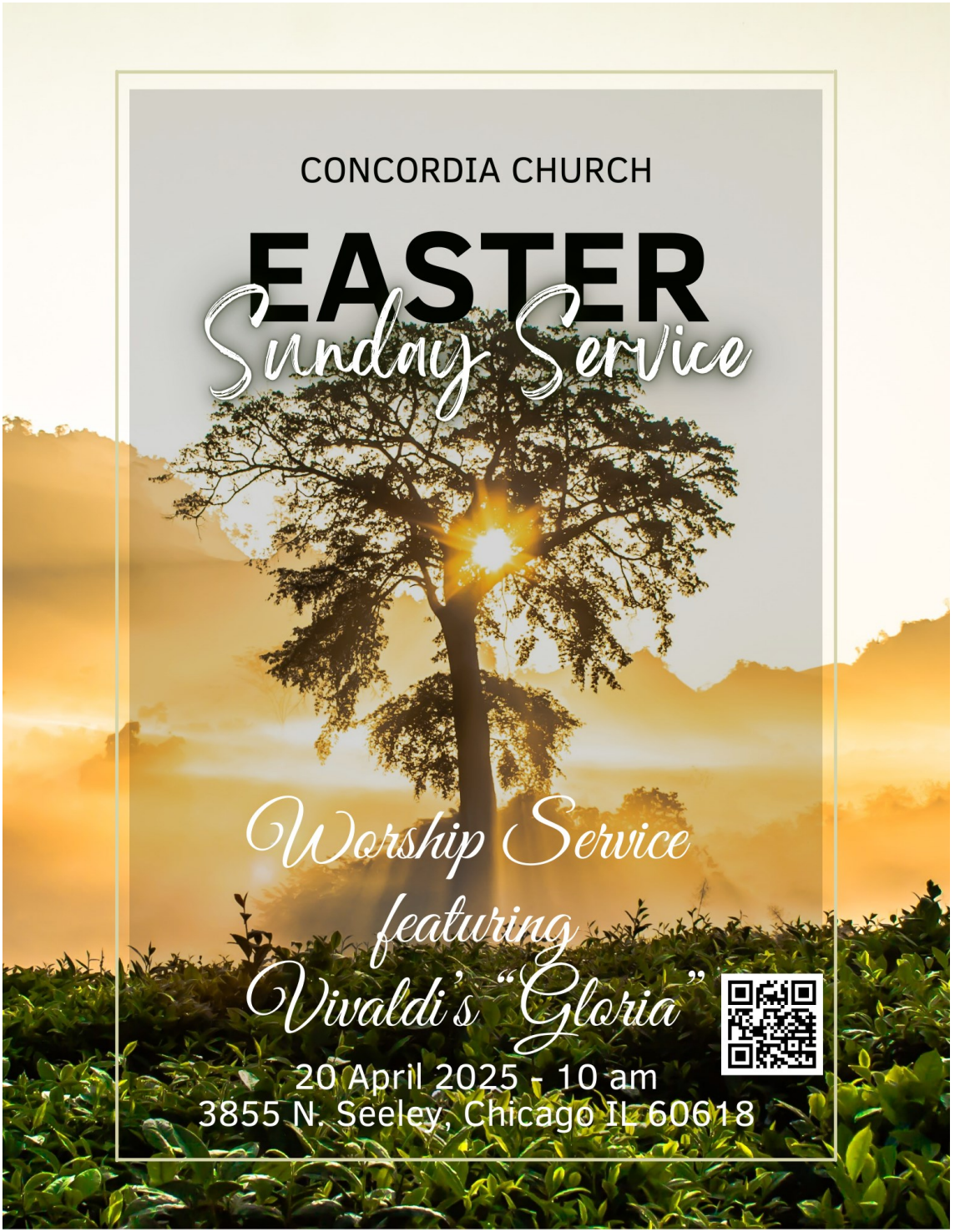
Easter Sunday

APRIL 20TH | 9-10AM
IN THE GYM

Children are invited to join us for games, Easter activities, crafts, and snacks!

All kids are welcome!

RSVP encouraged, but not required.
RSVP to Arlene at amjcalderone@gmail.com


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Offertory Hymn **ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"**

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