

PALM SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

**The Lutheran Church
of Our Saviour**

Bell Choir Prelude: “All Glory Laud and Honor”

Arrangement by Lloyd Larson

(The congregation faces the entrance to the church)

Blessing at the Entrance

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

All: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

All: Amen.

Choral Announcement

“Hosanna” by Christian Gregor (1783), arranged by Christian Pfohl.

Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus Entrance to Jerusalem: Luke 19:28-40

Pastor: The Gospel according the St. Luke.

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

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

Blessing of the Palm Branches
(the congregation raises branches of palm)

Pastor: The Lord be with you

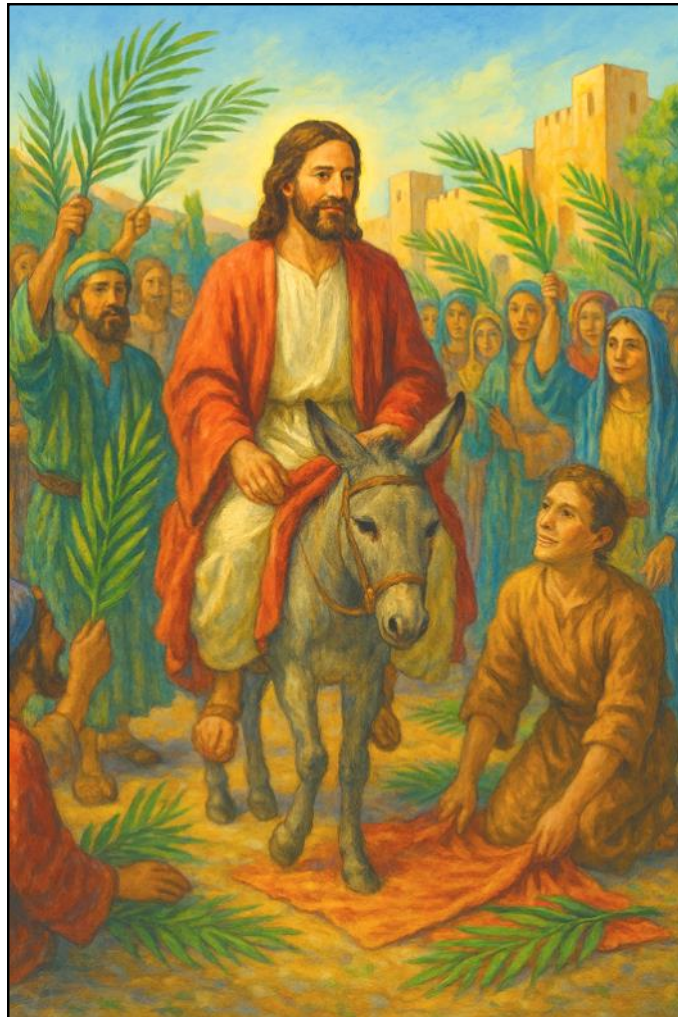
All: And also with you.

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

All: It is right to give him thank and praise.

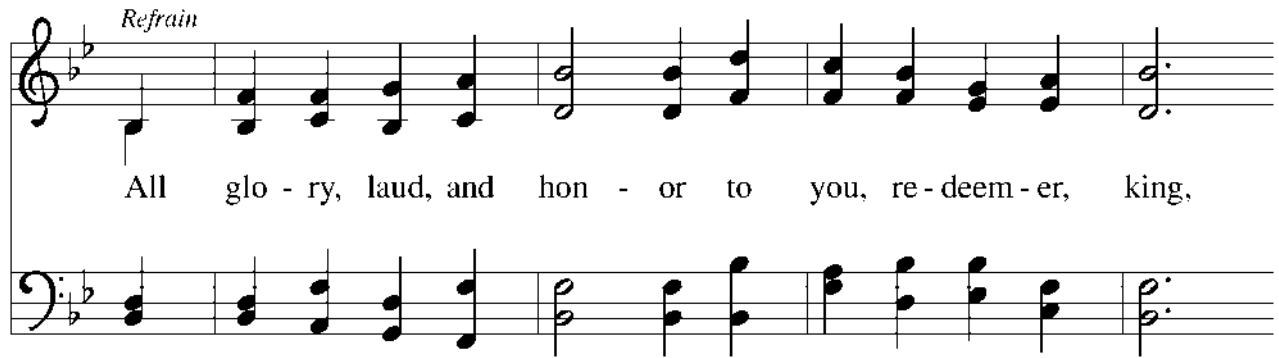
Pastor: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On the day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All: Amen.



Processional Hymn: "All Glory Laud and Honor"

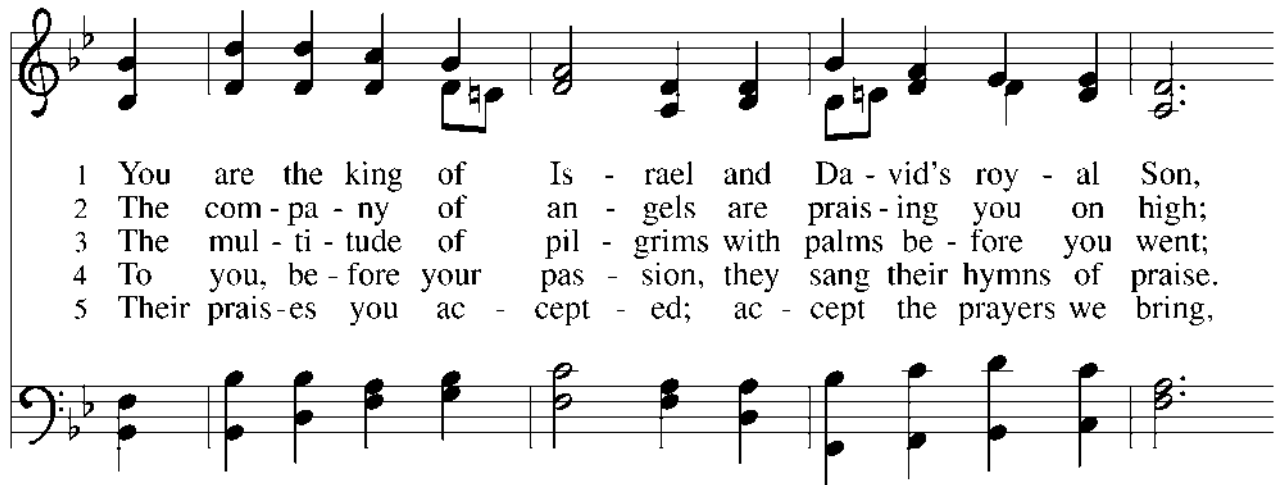
Refrain



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

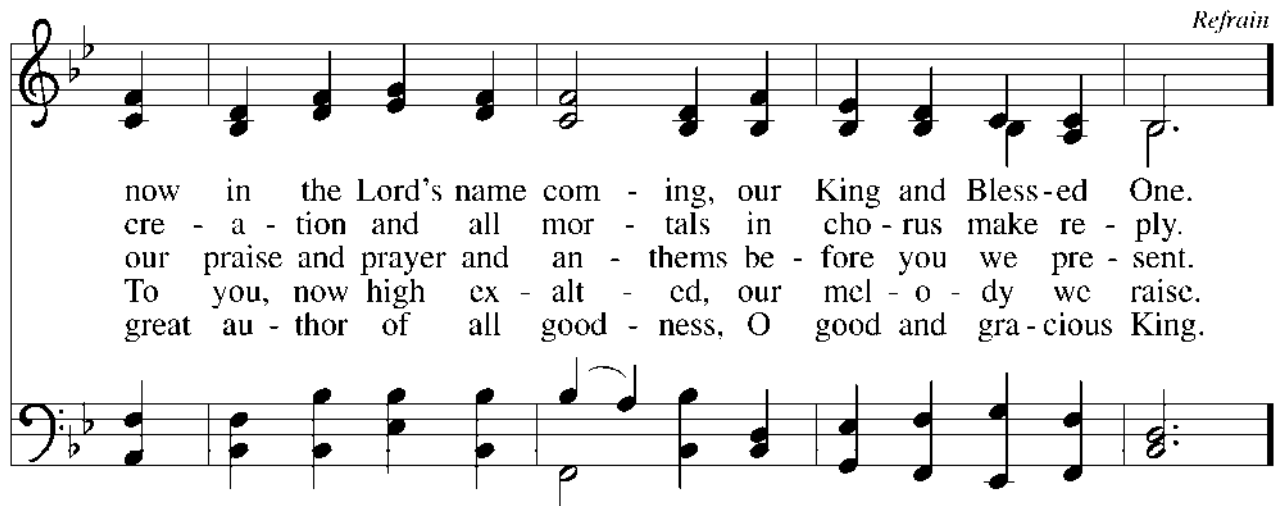


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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.

Prayer of the Day

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

All: Hosanna in the highest.

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

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector: *This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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

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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The Word of The Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

Lector: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

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

Lector: 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.

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

Lector: 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.

**All: But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

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

**All: Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Lector: *Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble
obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his
exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

A reading Paul's letter to the Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was
in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be
exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in
human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

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

Lector: The Word of The Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Passion Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

Narrator:

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.
They began to accuse him saying,

Assembly Person 1:

We found this man perverting our nation.

Assembly Person 2:

Forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor.

Assembly Person 3:

And saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Narrator:

Then Pilate asked him.

Pilate:

Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator:

Jesus answered,

Jesus:

You say so.

Narrator:

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate:

I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator:

But they were insistent and said,

All:

**He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea,
from Galilee where he began, all the way to this place.**

Narrator:

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

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.

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 signs.

He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.
The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

Narrator:

Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him,
then they put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.
That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other;
before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders,
and the people, and said to them,

Pilate:

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.

Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us.

Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.

I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator:

Then they all shouted out together,

All:

Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

Narrator:

(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had
taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

All:

Crucify, crucify him!

Narrator:

A third time he said to them,

Pilate:

Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him
no grounds for the sentence of death;

I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Narrator:

But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he
should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.
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.

Narrator:

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.

A great number of people followed him, and among them were
women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus:

Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me,
but weep for yourselves and for your children.

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,'

Then they will begin to say to the mountains,
'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.'

For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Narrator:

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

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.

Then Jesus said,

Jesus:

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator:

And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the elders scoffed at him saying,

All:

**He saved others;
let him save himself if he is the Messiah, the chosen one!**

Narrator:

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,
and saying,

All:

If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Narrator:

There was also an inscription over him saying,
"This is the King of the Jews."

Narrator:

One of the criminals who were hanging there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal One:

Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator:

But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2:

Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?

And we indeed have been condemned justly,
for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds,
but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator:

Then he said,

Criminal 1:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator:

Jesus replied,

Jesus:

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator:

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed,
and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus:

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator:

Having said this, he breathed his last.

(a brief moment of silence)

Narrator :

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

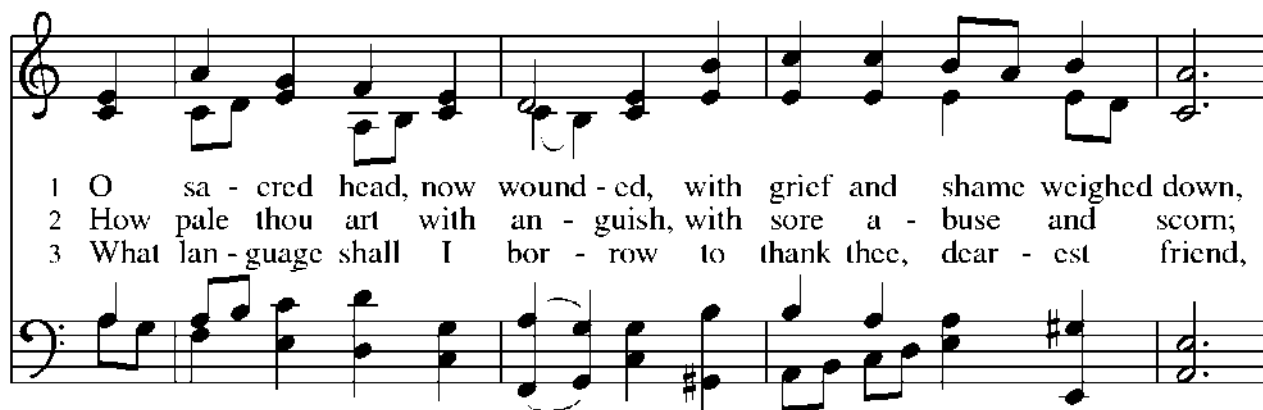
Centurion:

Certainly this man was innocent.

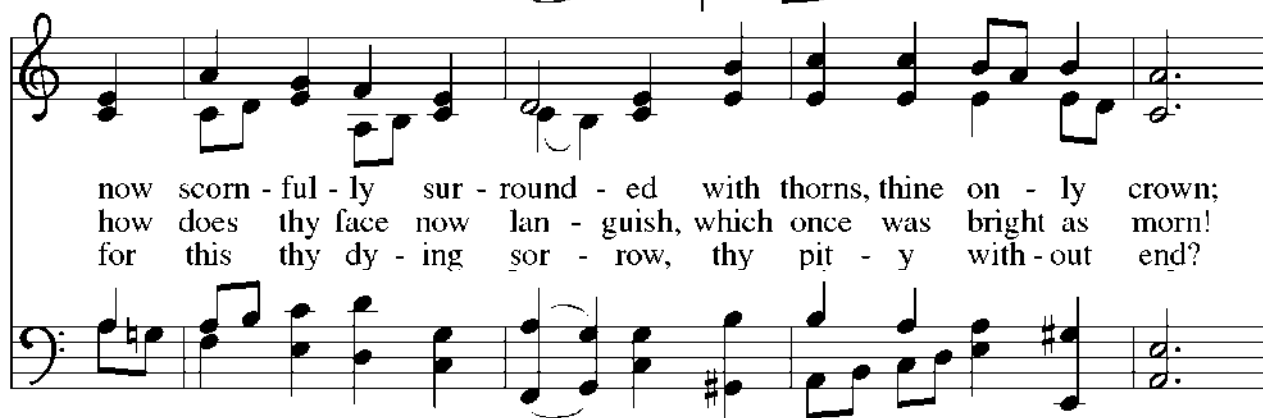
Narrator:

And when the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle
saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.
But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him
from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

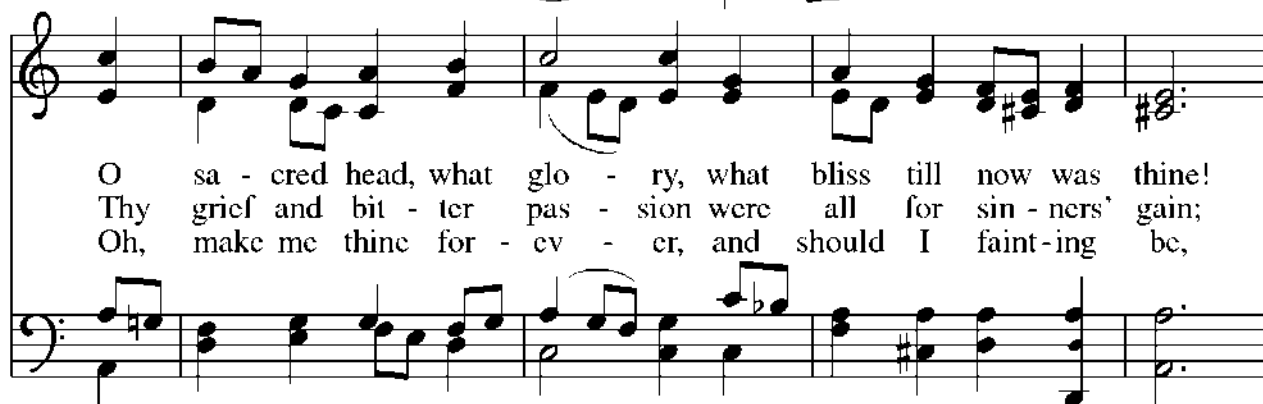
A Hymn of Response: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck



The Nicene Creed

All: 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 man.

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 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 worshipped 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

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

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. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: 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 all of creation. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: 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,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, 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,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: 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,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Anthem: “Pie Jesu” from Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Requiem

Merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus
Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest, grant them rest
Merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus, merciful Jesus
Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest, grant them rest
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God
Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest, grant them rest
everlasting
everlasting
Rest



Offering Prayer

Pastor: 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 others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

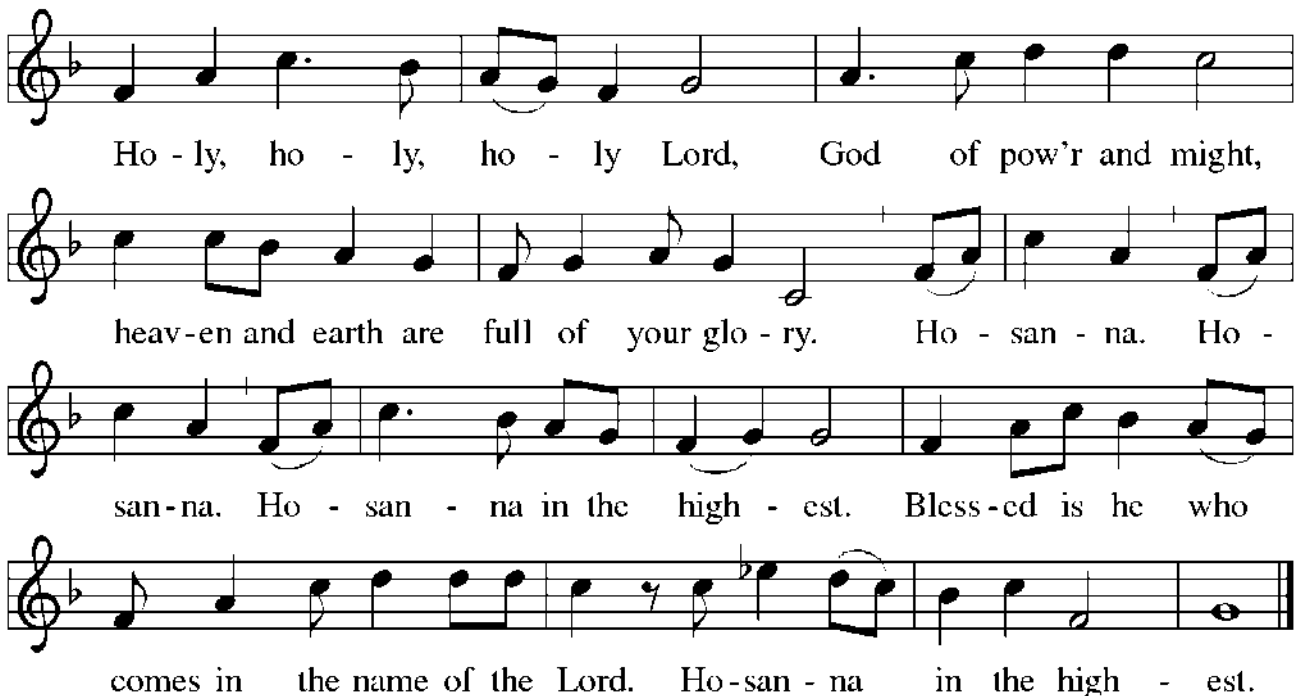
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Pastor: 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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Pastor: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song: "Lord of the Dance" arr. Mark Hayes

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had My birth.

(Refrain): Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced for the scribes and the Pharisee, but they would not dance
and they would not follow Me; I danced for the fisherman for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. (Refrain)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they
hung my high, and left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone:
But I am the dance and I still go on. (Refrain)

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Table Grace

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

All: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

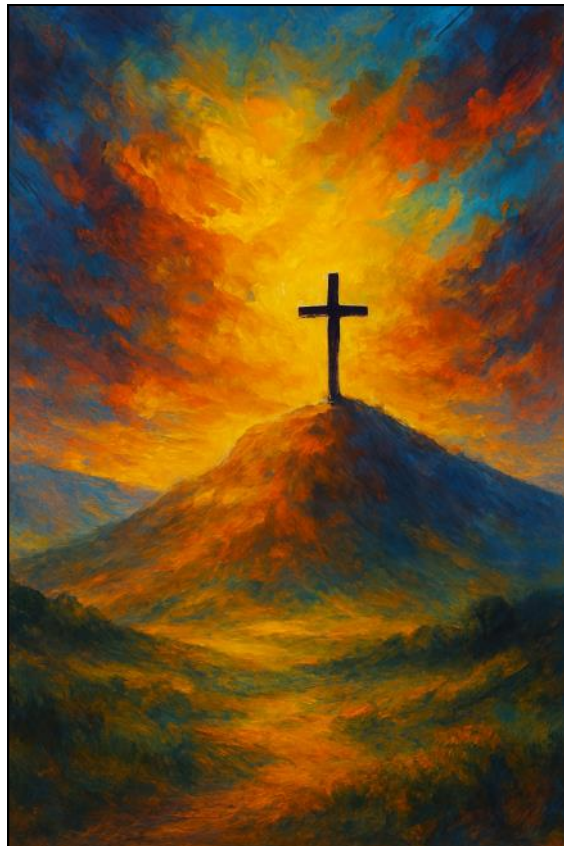
Pastor: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.



Closing Hymn: "There in God's Garden"

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thoms not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drills of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear phrasing and dynamics.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Walk the way of the cross.

All: Thanks be to God.



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