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God's work. Our hands.

## **LITANY OF THE PALMS**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL - MATTHEW 21:1-11**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "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."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 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.

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.**

**PROCESSIONAL SONG****ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR****ELW #344****Refrain**

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

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

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

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

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

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. **Refrain**

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**FESTIVE RESPONSE****CARILLON****(D.E. WAGNER)**

Holy Trinity Bells

**CHILDRENS' MESSAGE / PROCESSION****PASTOR ALYSA OFFMAN****A LITTLE FANFARE**

Holy Trinity Bells

**SPECIAL MUSIC****THE HOLY CITY****(S. DECESARE)**

Soloist Noah Reams

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

As we now enter... let us pray.

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.**

## **LENTEN VERSE**

**ELW P. 125**

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you promised, we will trust your word.  
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## **A STATEMENT ON THE LECTIONARY READINGS**

Throughout Christian history, references to "the Jews" in scripture--particularly in John and Acts--have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

## **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading of the passion gospel will be presented with a number of readers speaking the lines of various characters. Some of the dialogue will be read by the congregation. This setting of the gospel reading will be provided in a separate document.

## **SONG OF THE DAY      WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS      ELW #803**

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## **NICENE CREED**

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**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally, especially our bishops Yehiel and Donald, and our pastors Andrew and Alysa. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Heed 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. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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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. Heed 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 pain or loss this day, especially Kim, Dorisann, Dan, Steve, Jo, Ron, Robert, Barb, Rhonda, Jared, Elaine, Roberta, Ray, Barb H., Gene. We pray without ceasing for peace in our world. For what else do the people of God pray today? Heed 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. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation, by the pleading of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING SONG**

## **IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME**

**(ARR. D. MIKAT)**

Bob Hawkins & Gary Maki, Trumpet

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**PASTOR ANDREW CHAVANAK, OLF**

The Lord is 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.**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**ELW P. 130**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ELW P. 135**

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

**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**

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

### **COMMUNION SONG**

### **LAMB OF GOD**

**ELW P. 135**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### **COMMUNION SONG**

### **GLORIFY THY NAME**

**W&P #42**

Father [Jesus, Spirit] we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

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## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING SONG**

### **BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS**

**ELW #338**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.  
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## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

We are a welcoming community of believers in Jesus Christ who witness our faith **...by serving together, praying together, and living generously together.**

## **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.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**