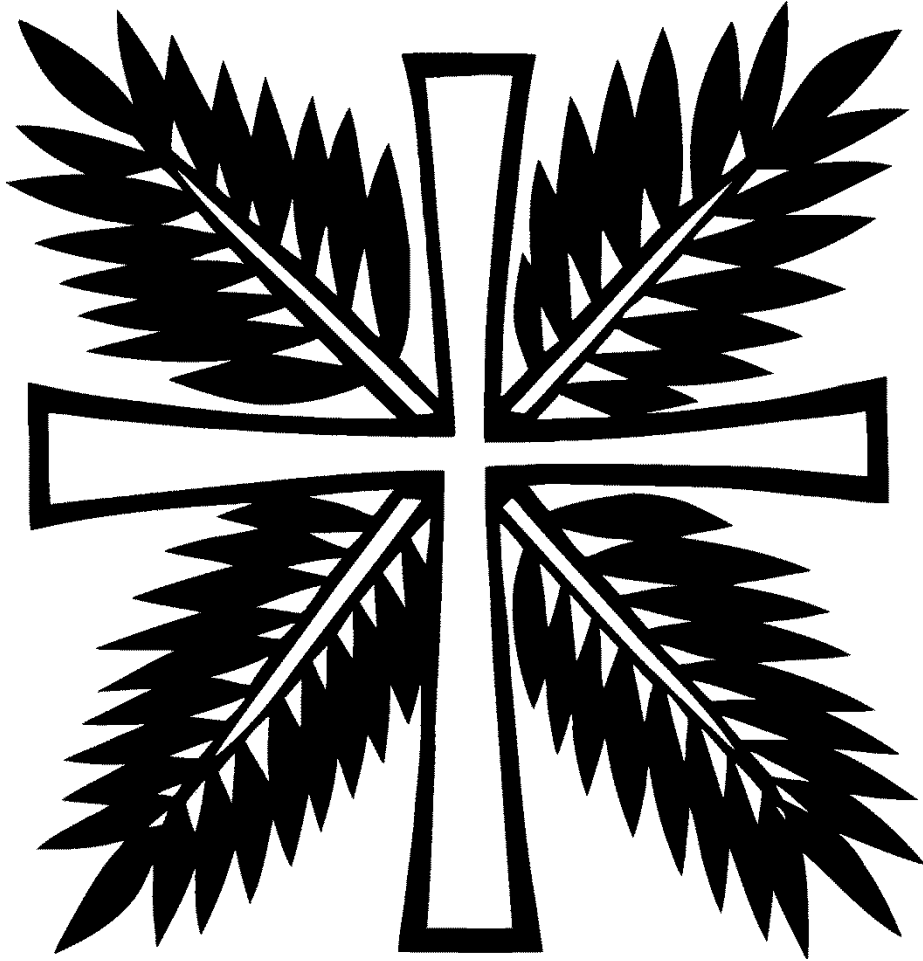


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PRELUDE:

Dinah Helgeson

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

ACCLAMATION:

Rev. Mel Jacob

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

PROCESSION WITH PALMS: Matthew 21:1-11

P: 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, saying, "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."

BLESSING OF PALMS:

P: 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.**

PROCESSION:

P: Let us go forth in peace, **C: in the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (*next page*):

ELW, 344

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.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Patte Wagner, Lay Leader

Pastor (P): Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Rev. Mel Jacob

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

Silence for reflection

P: Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ’s name, and revives you in the Spirit’s power. **C: Amen.**

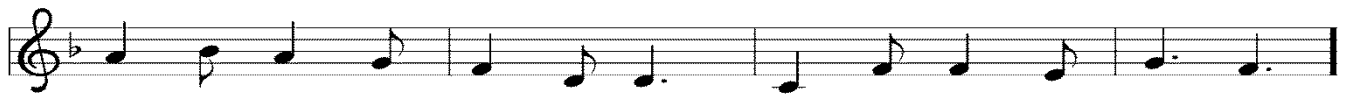
Gathering Hymn:

ELW, #335, vs. 1& 4

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there’s a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

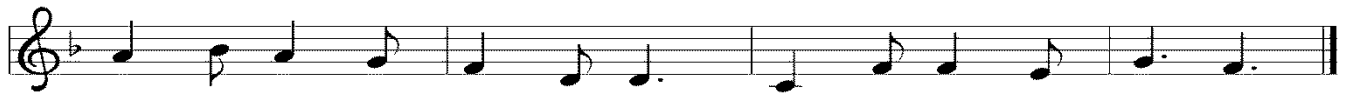


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v’ry’s moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o’er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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.**

KYRIE (next page):

Congregation sings refrains

Dianne Kutzke, Cantor

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray. **Amen.**

Congregation may be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Nancy Lee, Lector (L)

L: A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 50.

L: 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?
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Dianne Kutzke, Cantor



Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
*my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
***my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**
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.
Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind; *I am as useless as a | broken pot.
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.
But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD. *I have said, “You | are my God.
My times are | in your hand;
*rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
Let your face shine up- | on your servant; *save me in your | steadfast love.”

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Nancy Lee, Lector

L: A reading from Philippians, Chapter 2.

L: 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.

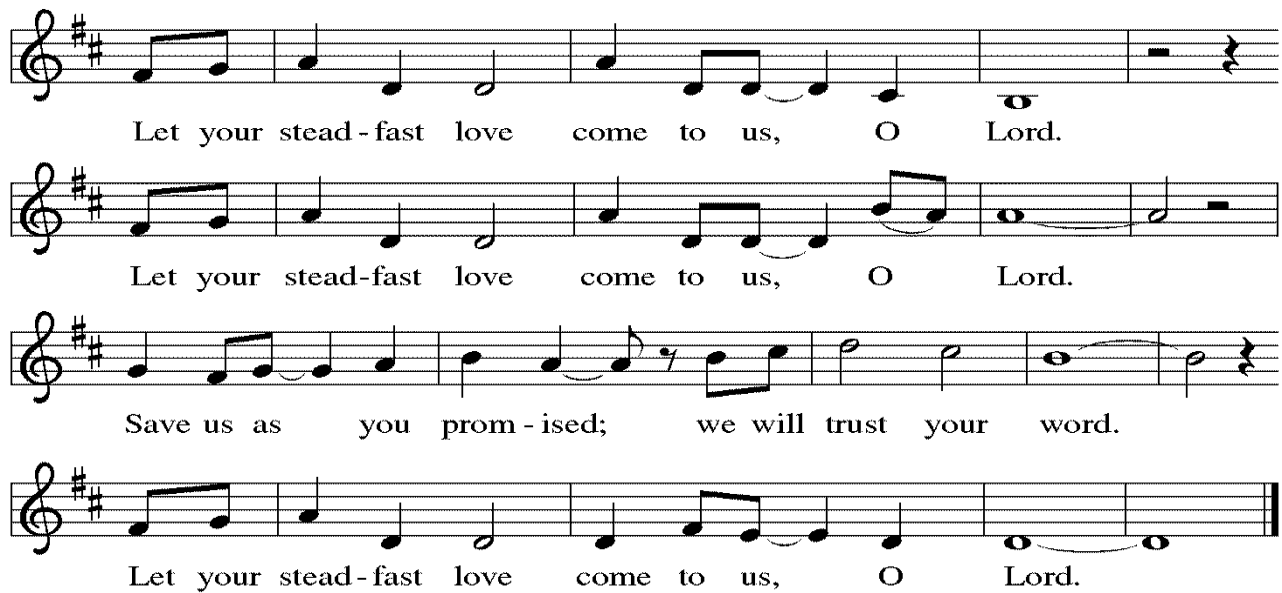
And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 27:11-54

Rev. Mel Jacob (S#1) and Dianne Kutzke (S#2)

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 27.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

S#1: Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

S#2: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

S#1: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

S#2: Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

S#1: From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please be seated*

MESSAGE:

Rev. Mel Jacob
Congregation stands as able

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

C: 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. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Patte Wagner, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A: Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. We especially remember those for whom we pray either silently or aloud...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
 Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

Congregation Stands as able

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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

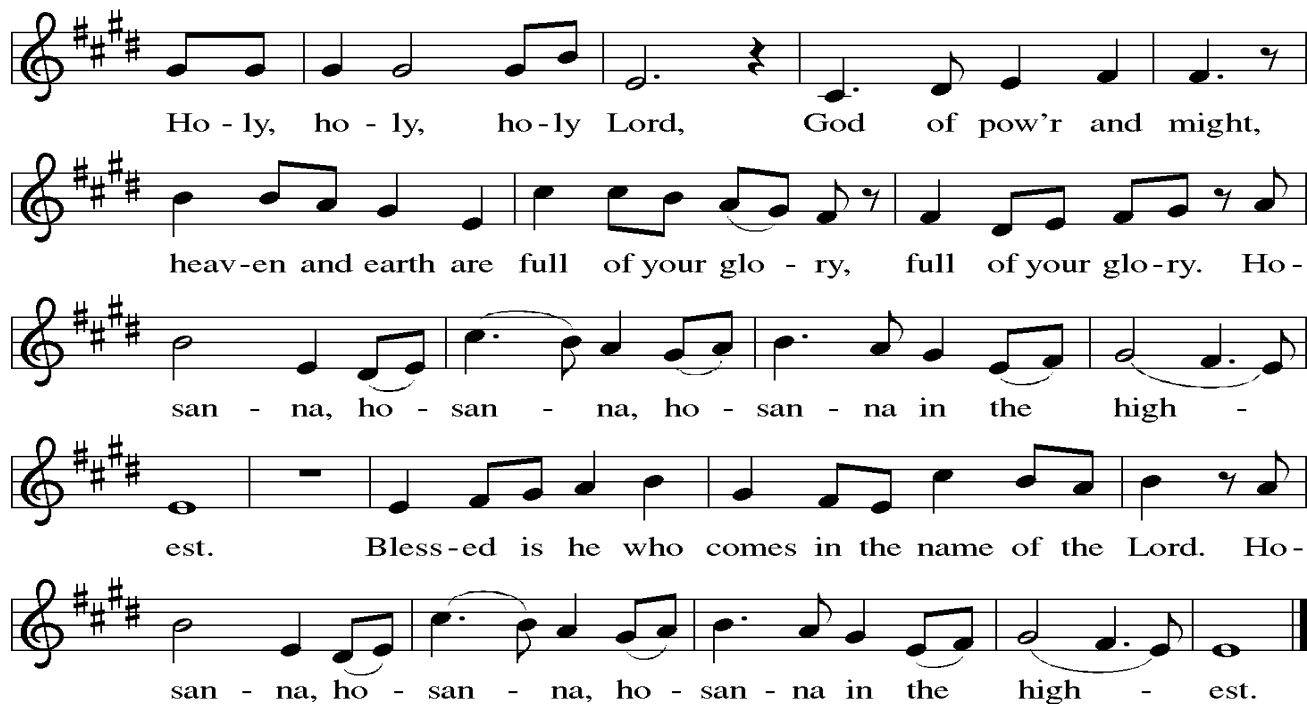
P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY :



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/COMMUNION:

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. 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:

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.

Invitation to Communion: P: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here.

Congregation may be seated

Communion Hymn (next page):

ELW, #474

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod-y giv-en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un-til you come a-gain.

1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;		giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass	a - way;	set
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love	for	you;
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells	in	you;
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de -	clare	his	death;
									eat
									this

thanks,	hun -	gry	ones,	gath -	er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en -	dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and	the
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one	who	is
home	in	the	life -	giv -	ing	Word.	Know	on -	ly	Christ,	Ho -	ly
bread	and	be -	lieve	Eas -	ter	morn;	trust	his	re -	turn	and,	with

sat -	is -	fied;	in	Christ's	pres -	ence	the	loaves	will	a -	bound.
liv -	ing	way,	that	the	full -	ness	of	life	may	be	yours.
food	for	you,	that	your	hun -	ger	and	thirst	be	no	more.
One	of	God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you	have	heard.
ev -	'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you	are	re -	born.

Refrain

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

Sending Song:

ACS, #928

Pave the Way with Branches

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system begins with a vocal line starting on a whole note chord, followed by a melody. The lyrics are: "* Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es." The second system continues the melody and includes a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2'). The lyrics are: "Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na." The third system continues the melody and includes a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2'). The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -" The fourth system continues the melody and includes a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2'). The lyrics are: "san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

**Additional verses ad lib.:*
Release for the captives . . .
Hope for the downtrod . . .
Land for the landless . . .
Debts are forgiven . . .

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957
Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla
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DISMISSAL: P: Go in peace. Serve in love. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Dinah Helgeson

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Worship Assistants Today:

Guest Pastor – Rev. Mel Jacob
Assisting Minister – Patte Wagner
Lector – Nancy Lee
Communion Assistant – Sindy Rice
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Dinah Helgeson
Cantor – Dianne Kutzke
Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice
Flowers – Gary & Marlee Koch

Worship Assistants next week (4/9/23):

Guest Pastor – Rev. Thomas M. Aitken
Assisting Minister – June Langland
Lector – Gail Larson
Communion Assistants – Patte Wagner
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Dinah Helgeson
Cantor – Dr. Gary Koch
Communion Set Up – TBA
Flowers – Easter Lilies

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. Mel Jacob, for leading us in worship today!

IFCH Dinner Program: The fourth Thursday of each month VLC is to provide the ingredients for five hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM. Contact Patte Wagner: pattewags@aol.com if you wish to help. IFCH will provide containers for packaging the food into meal-to-go bags.

AARP Free Tax Preparation – Thursdays, February 9 – April 7, 2023. Open between 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. By appointment: vashonaarp@gmail.com.

The Care Closet, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network – 206-604-3253. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

The Vashon Ecumenical Book Group will discuss the novel, *To Cook a Bear*, by Mikael Niemi, 4:00 -5:30 PM today, April 2, in the social hall of Vashon Lutheran Church, 18623 Vashon Hwy SW. Cheryl Weise will facilitate. An international bestseller, *To Cook a Bear*, set in 1852 in Sweden, is the tale of a runaway boy mentored by a scholarly pastor as they investigate a murder in their village & discuss life's deepest questions. The villagers believe a predatory bear is the murderer. But in a community riven by exploitation, alcoholism, & revivalism, the boy & the pastor are convinced that a far worse killer is on the loose. Niemi, who grew up & lives in the northernmost part of Sweden, has won national & international awards for his writing, including best book of the year awards in Sweden & the UK. Our May 7 book, facilitated by Deborah Anderson, is *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, and A Jew -- Three Women Search for Understanding*, by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, & Priscilla Warner.

On Easter Sundays before the pandemic, we would join together for a breakfast & good fellowship. We're doing that again on Easter Sunday, April 9th! It'll be potluck, so bring a dish to share. Any type of breakfast dish is welcome – an egg casserole, a meat dish, breads, fruits, or whatever you like. We'll start at 9:00 AM, so that we're ready to go the 10:30 AM worship. Any ??, call June Langland 206-463-5850.

The Vashon Island Chorale Concerts, Apr. 15, 7:30 PM & 16, 3:00 PM at VCA. Directed by Dr. Gary D. Cannon, highlights include the acclaimed settings of James Agee's "Sure on this shining night" by Samuel Barber and Morten Lauridsen. Arrangements by Aaron Copland of traditional American tunes join William Averitt's dramatic and optimistic "The Song We Sing." "At the Water's Edge," a suite by Kevin Seigfried & Sarah Orne Jewett, & Bronwyn Edwards's "Seashore" depicting our own Vashon Island. The McMurray Middle School Youth Choir will be featured. VLC members Gary Koch, June Langland, Dennis Drewes & Marita Ericksen sing with Vashon Island Chorale.

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

In September, 2023 we are having our annual rummage sale. Please begin gathering items, but keep them home for now. In spring, June Langland will tell you when items can be brought to the church.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st
10:30 AM
April 2, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday
Worship
Ecumenical Book Group at VLC
AA Group

MONDAY

10:00 AM
April 3, 6:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer Group
Mission Planning Committee ZOOM Mtg.

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
3rd, 10:00 AM – noon

Quilt Sewers Group
Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon
April 26, 7:00 PM

Lutheran Quilters Group
Council ZOOM Meeting

THURSDAY

Feb. 9 – Apr. 7, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Apr. 27, 5:00 PM

AARP Free Tax Prep, by appointment
IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men

Holy Week Services:

April 3, 4, 5 – 5:30 – 6:00 PM – Taize Svc. @ Vashon Presbyterian, in-person and ZOOM.
April 6, 4:00 PM – Maundy Thurs. Svc., @ Church of Holy Spirit, Dinah Helgeson, pianist.
April 6, 7:00 PM – Holy Thurs. Svc., @ Vashon Presbyterian, in-person and ZOOM.
April 6, 8:00 PM – Overnight Prayer Vigil, ends 6:00 PM, April 7, @ Vashon Presbyterian.
April 7, 4:00 PM – Good Friday Svc., @ Church of Holy Spirit, Marita Ericksen, pianist.
April 7, 7:00 PM – Good Friday Svc., @ VPC, in person and ZOOM, Bev Skeffington, harp.
April 8, 8:00 – 9:30 PM – Great Vigil Svc., @ CHS, Dinah Helgeson, pianist.
April 9, 9:00 – 10:15 AM – Easter Celebration Potluck Breakfast @ Vashon Lutheran.
April 9, 10:30 AM – Easter Celebration Service @ Vashon Lutheran.

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Hymns for Apr. 2, 2023

ELW 344

All Glory, Laud & Honor

ELW, 335, v. 1 & 4

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW, 338

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW, 686

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW, 474

Bread of Life from Heaven

ACS, 928

Pave the Way with Branches

