

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)



Passion Sunday

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Setting 4) 10:30 am

March 24, 2024

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

### INVOCATION

#### \*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

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

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### \*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 344**

*All glory, laud, and honor  
Please wait to sing until the choir starts the hymn.*

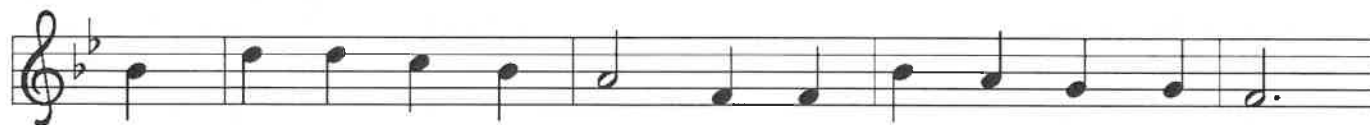
*Refrain*



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.

**\*GREETING**

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

**C Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

**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 wakens — wakens 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>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**R The Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON**


**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 some thing 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.


**R The Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## \*GOSPEL

Mark 14:1--15:47

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.


**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

*Please be seated for the reading of the Passion. At its conclusion, please remain seated for a moment of silent reflection before standing for the Hymn of the Day.*


## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 351

*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,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



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?  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



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,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



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.  
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

### **\*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, and 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.

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, in foster care or suffering in any way, *especially...*, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our pastor, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

### **OFFERING**

*You can text your offering to 844-262-6943 — Text To Give.*

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Eternal King, supreme beyond all measure*

(from J.S. Bach's 1724 *St. John Passion*, turning 300 this Holy Week)



*Eternal King, supreme beyond all measure,  
how can I rightly show your love, my treasure?  
No mortal can repay the gift you tender.  
What shall I render?*

*With all my senses I could never fashion  
An offering that would equal your compassion.  
How can I manifest your love's oblation  
In my vocation?*

**Communion Assistants come to the altar at the Offertory Hymn**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN**

**ELW 188**

*Create in me*

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The text is: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it." The final note of the fifth staff is a half note, followed by a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **C Amen.**

### \*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 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:

### \*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

### **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**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.

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray together the prayer Our Savior 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** Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

### **\*LAMB OF GOD**

**ELW 196**

*O Christ, Lamb of God*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

## COMMUNION

*Everyone is welcome to the Lord's Table. Please come forward by way of the center aisle to receive Christ's body and blood. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Please pick up a small glass from the trays on either side of the aisle.*

*After receiving the bread, you will then find two chalices on each side of the pastor, the first being a pouring chalice of wine and the second being a pouring chalice of grape juice. Used glasses can then be placed in the trays on the far side of the communion assistants. Please return to your seat by way of the side aisle.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

No. 1 & No. 12 from *Stabat Mater*—Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
(Carol Beebe, Karen Brunn, Marcia Perez, sopranos)

*See note at end of bulletin for more on today's music.*

*No. 1: Stabat mater dolorosa  
juxta Crucem lacrimosa,  
dum pendébat Filius.*

(The sorrowful mother was standing  
beside the Cross weeping, while the Son was hanging.)

*No. 12: Quando corpus moriétur,  
fac, ut ánimae donétur paradisi glória.*

(When the body will decay, grant that it may be  
bestowed on my soul the glory of paradise.)

## \*TABLE BLESSING

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

C Amen.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

### \*BLESSING

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

### \*SENDING HYMN

*What have we done? || Senzeni na?*

South African traditional, additional text by Hal Hopson  
Choir sings stanzas 1&2; all sing stanza 3 (printed below)

3. What have we done? What have we

done? We cru - ci - fied the Lord of

Life. What have we done? What have we

done? We cru - ci - fied the Lord of Life.

### \*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God.

*Postludes will return at Easter.*



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*Today, we pray for those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially;* Susanne Maier-Meise, Aiden Barnes, Jay Guerber, Michael & Ludette Palero, Donna Hershey, Betty Mastrobattista, Shannon Isenberg, John Ralston, Chris Gockeley, Caleb Benedict, the Dubinsky family, Dan Isley, Vicky, Ron & Nancy Rademacher, Sharon Defalco, Meaghan, Vesper Seeney, Jeannette Richardson, Andi, Vi Baker, Tionna, Robert Grathwol, Mildred Shannon, June Ericsson, Isaiah, Karen Brunn, Mihkel & Sarah Smit, Pearl Apisson, Stephanie Skurcenski, Sue Ericsson, Grace Yin. For all those suffering in the Middle East and Ukraine and for all those persecuted for their religious beliefs throughout the world.

**Serving Today:**

Acolyte(s): **Georgina Rivas**

Altar Guild: **Caitlin Thistle, Rosalind Carter**

Assisting Minister: **Lisa Wackler**

Greeters/Ushers: **Rob & Owen Hershey, Deborah Charlton, Mihkel Smit**

Lay Reader: **Dana Harris**

Communion Assistants: **Rosalind Carter, Caitlin Thistle, Sarah Smit, Funke Idowu**

A/V Assistant: **Valerie Nadal**

Coffee Hour: **Paul Thistle, Veronica Ferris**

**Passion Play participants:**

**Pastor Walker, Lisa Wackler, Jason Stonerook, Gail Ferris, Dana Harris**

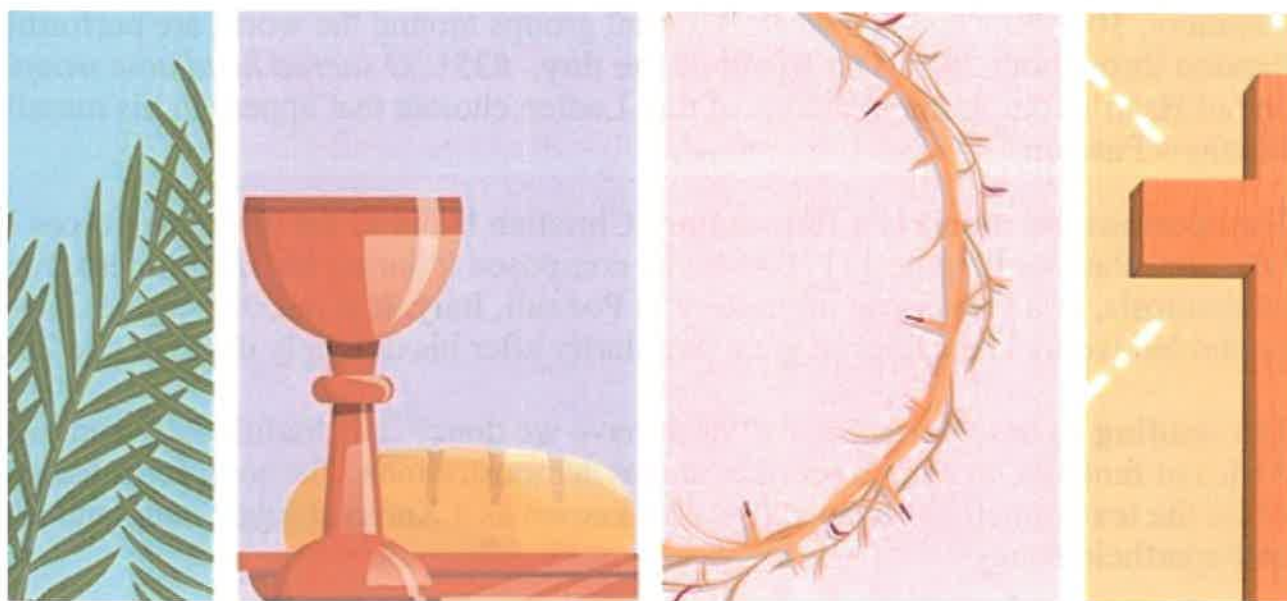
## Music Note

The **offering anthem** is a chorale setting from J.S. Bach's great *St. John's Passion*, which he first directed in a Good Friday service in 1724 at St. Thomaskirche in Leipzig, Germany, 300 years ago this week. Musical groups around the world are performing this Passion throughout 2024. Our **hymn of the day**, #351: *O sacred head now wounded*, is one of Bach's four harmonizations of that Lenten chorale that appear in his massive St. Matthew Passion.

The **communion music** is a 13th-century Christian hymn as set for treble voices by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-36); he composed it during his final illness from tuberculosis, in a Franciscan monastery in Pozzuli, Italy. It is one of Pergolesi's most celebrated works and achieved great popularity after his untimely death at age 26.

The **sending hymn**, *Senzeni na?* ("What have we done?"), is traditionally sung in South Africa at funerals, in church services and at demonstrations. The song form has endured, while the text sometimes adapts. It is also known as a Xhosa struggle song and as an anti-apartheid song.

# *Join us for Holy Week at St. Paul's*



***Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday***  
*Communion Service with Foot Washing*

***Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – Good Friday***

***Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – Easter Vigil***

***Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday***

*9:00 am – Easter Breakfast*

*9:30 am – Children's Chapel*

*10:30 am – Festival Service*