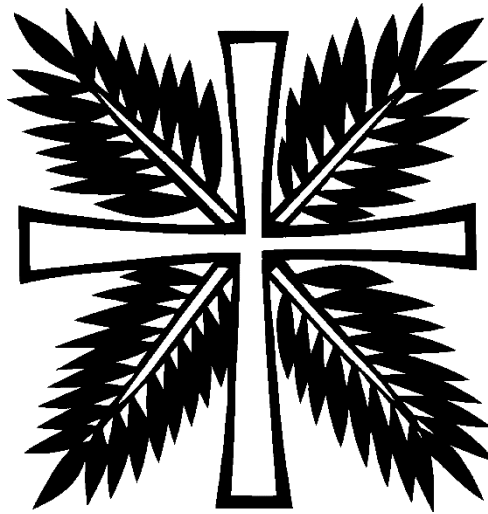




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**Palm Sunday**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Sunday, April 13, 2025  
8:30 AM

# The Liturgy of the Palms

## OPENING ANTHEM

*When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.*

*The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.*

*The following is said, the people standing*

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup>[Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>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, <sup>38</sup>saying,

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

### **BLESSING OF THE PALMS:**

*The Celebrant then says the following blessing*

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*               *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*               *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## SECOND ANTHEM

*The following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said*

*Celebrant* Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

*People* *Hosanna in the highest.*

## THE PROCESSION

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

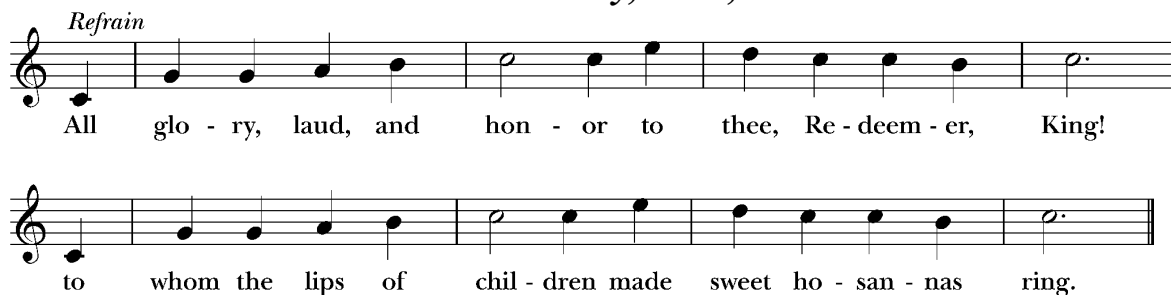
*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.*

## PROCESSION HYMN

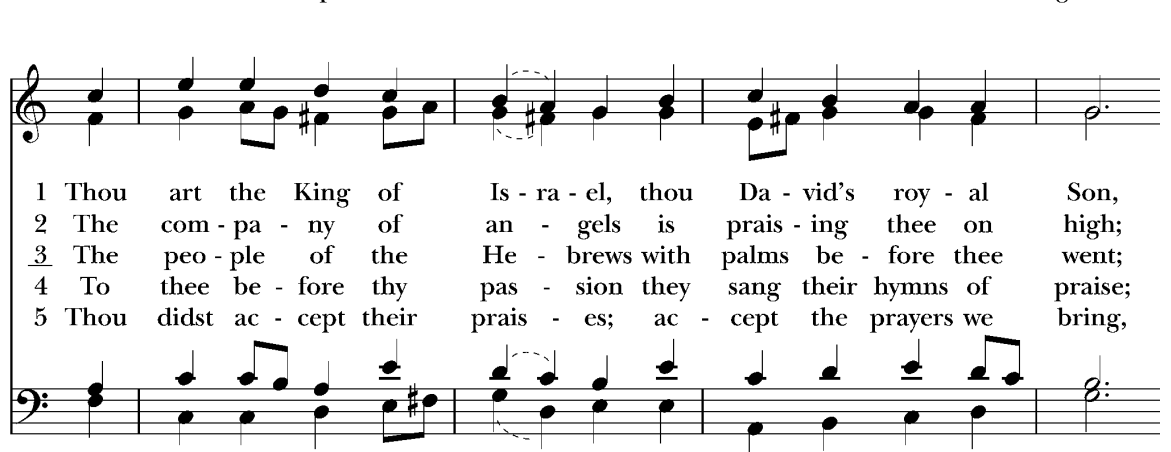
*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

## PROCESSION COLLECT

*At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following is said*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet 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?

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16**

*Remain seated.*

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O GOD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

<sup>11</sup>I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O GOD. \*  
I have said, “You are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

# SEQUENCE HYMN

## *Breathe on Me*

Words by Edwin Hatch & B.B. McKinney; Music by Edwin Hatch

VERSE

C C° C F/C Fm/C Em/G G<sup>7</sup> C C° C F/C C/E

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, Un - til my heart is  
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, My stub - born will sub -  
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, Fill me with powr di -  
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, Till I am all Thine

4 G C C° C G<sup>7</sup>/D C/E F F#°

clean; Let sun - shine fill its in - most part, With  
 -due; Teach me in words of liv - ing flame What  
 -vine; Kin - dle a flame of love and zeal With -  
 own, Un - til my will is lost in Thine, To

CHORUS

7 C/G Em/G G<sup>7</sup> C C C<sup>2sus</sup> C

not a cloud be - tween. Breathe on me,  
 Christ would have me do.  
 -in this heart of mine.  
 live for Thee a - lone.

10 F Fm<sup>6</sup> C F C D<sup>7</sup> G

breathe on me, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me;

13 C C<sup>2sus</sup> C G<sup>7</sup>/D C/E F

Take Thou my heart, cleanse ev - ry part,

G<sup>7</sup>

15 F# C/G C Am<sup>6</sup> Em/G G<sup>7</sup> C

Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me.

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**THE PASSION GOSPEL: Luke 22:14—23:56**

*The congregation remaining seated, the Passion Gospel is read in parts, led by a narrator who begins by saying: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

NARRATOR: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in

remembrance of me."

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until

you have denied three times that you know me."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "No, not a thing."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "It is enough."

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "No more of this!"

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When

they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT 1: "This man also was with him."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

ACCUSER 1: "You also are one of them."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I am not!"

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

ACCUSER 2: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIERS: "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people,



both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

*ASSEMBLY: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."*

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

*ASSEMBLY: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"*

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

*ASSEMBLY: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"*

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

*ASSEMBLY: "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."*

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He 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,

*ASSEMBLY: "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even 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 sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. 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. 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,

*ASSEMBLY: "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,

ASSEMBLY:           *"Crucify, crucify him!"*

NARRATOR:         A third time he said to them,

PILATE:             "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."

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.

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 the 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?"

*(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)*

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 leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: *"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"*

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

SOLDIERS: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

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

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

CRIMINAL 1: "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 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He 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. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all 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.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

**THE SERMON**

**Reverend Ruth Tomlinson**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayers by Christina Brennan Lee*

*All remain standing.*

**Leader:** O Jesus, our Lord, arouse us out of a mere re-reading to know *now* the sudden joy of Your arrival in our midst, and to feel the shudder in a few short days as beguiled minds turn to riotous, politically-manipulated, and deadly betrayal. Inspire us in this day, and every day, to experience the breadth, the depth, and the power of Your love, and to never deny You within ourselves or to another.

**Leader:** Jesus, our Christ

**People:** We commend ourselves to You

O Jesus, our Lord, we turn to You for the courage to require that all who hold or seek office in the governments of this Earth, this Country, and this Community be exemplars of principled justice, mercy, and peace.

**Leader:** Jesus, our Christ

**People:** We commend ourselves to You

O Jesus, our Lord, in Your loving-kindness make Your face to shine upon those who suffer through chronic pain, distress in spirit or in life, and refresh all who give them care. We now join our voices to pray aloud for those in need. We pray especially for John, Recia, Joey, Sadie, Timber, Irene, Barbara, Jami, Marilyn, Donna, Norma, Elle, Brendan, Carolyn, Chris, Carol, Jill, Michael, Roxann, Chloe, Danette, Bob, Deb, Dick, Ben, Jean, Lorraine, Vicki, Shirley, Bruce & family, Hannah, Nick, Zoey, William, Don, Ben, and Hayden & family. Are there any others who need our prayers?

Leader: Jesus, our Christ

**People: We commend ourselves to You**

O Jesus, our Lord, fill the hearts of all who mourn with the comfort of the joyful and jubilant welcome those we love have received in their new and eternal life.

Leader: Jesus, our Christ

**People: We commend ourselves to You**

O Jesus, our Lord, we *pause* in this moment to offer You our other heartfelt thanksgivings, intercessions, petitions, and memorials, aloud or silently.

Leader: Jesus, our Christ

**People: We commend ourselves to You**

O Jesus, our Lord, may each of those who lead us in Your Church be granted the tongue of a teacher and the humility of Your human likeness, as they guide us all to stand up together with faith and trust in You.

Leader: Jesus, our Christ

**People: We commend ourselves to You**

**The Celebrant adds:** Lord God in Christ, agitate our spirits and provoke our desire to seek Your mind in all that we do. Urge us to empty ourselves of all that draws us away that we may find true and everlasting life in You. We ask this of You, our Hope and our Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier of our Souls; who together with the Almighty Creator is One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH**

God of love, hope, and faithfulness, bless our church family during this season. May we listen to the voice of your Holy Spirit as she leads us into



your ways of justice and peace. Help us to bless one another and to minister to those in need. In the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving God. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR OUR RECTOR**

God of all blessing, be with your servant Ben as he undertakes his sabbatical journey. Bless both he and his family abundantly. Grant him Safety in his travels, rest and renewal for his spirit and body, and the joy of grace-filled return. We ask these things in the name of the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. Amen

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays:** Pam Wright, Mike Ferzely, Ruth Sladek, and Steven Everett

**Anniversaries:**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Holy Communion

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The Celebrant says*

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge God's Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13:15, 16*

# OFFERTORY HYMN *Blessed Redeemer*

Words by Avis Marguerite Burgeson Christiansen;

Music by Harry Dixon Loes

*All stand*

## VERSE

♩ = 66

D A

1. Up Cal - v'ry's moun - tain, one dread - ful morn, walked Christ my  
 2. "Fa ther, for - give them!" thus did He pray, e'en while His  
 3. O how I love Him, Sav - ior and Friend! How can my

A7 D D/C G/B D/A

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Sav - ior, wea - ry and worn; Fac - ing for sin - ners death on the  
 life - blood flowed fast a - way; Pray - ing for sin - ners while in such  
 prais - es ev - er find end! Thru years un - num - bered on heav - en's

## CHORUS

G D/A A7 D D7 G

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cross, that He might save them from end - less loss. Bless - ed Re - deem - er, pre - cious Re -  
 woe— No one but Je - sus ev - er loved so.  
 shore, my tongue shall praise Him for - ev - er - more.

D A/E E7 A A7 D

10 deem - er! Seems now I see Him on Cal - va - ry's tree, wound - ed and bleed - ing, for sin - ners

G D/A A7 D

14 plead - ing— Blind and un - heed - ing— Dy - ing for me!

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## The Great Thanksgiving

### SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

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$\text{♩} = 92$

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

## **EPICLESIS**

### *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with St. Augustine and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### *People and Celebrant*

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.

# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*therefore let us keep the feast.*

## INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
[Amen.]

## COMMUNION HYMN

### *One Day*

Words & Music by

1. One day when heav - en was filled with His prais - es, One day when  
2. One day they led Him up Cal - va - ry's moun - tain, One day they  
3. One day they left Him a - lone in the gar - den, One day He  
4. One day the grave could con - ceal Him no long - er, One day the  
5. One day the trum - pet will sound for His com - ing, One day the

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a 9/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff, with five numbered lines of text corresponding to the five verses of the hymn.



sin was as black as could be, Je - sus came forth to be  
 nailed Him to die on the tree; Suf - fer - ing an - guish, de -  
 rest - ed, from suf - fer - ing free; An - gels came down o'er His  
 stone rolled a - way from the door; Then He a - rose, o - ver  
 skies with His glo - ries will shine; Won - der - ful day, my be -

born of a vir - gin, Dwelt a - mong men, my ex - am - ple is He!  
 spised and re - ject - ed: Bear - ing our sins, my Re - deem - er is He!  
 tomb to keep vig - il; Hope of the hope - less, my Sav - ior is He!  
 death He had con - quered; Now is as - cend - ed, my Lord ev - er - more!  
 lov - ed One bring - ing; Glo - ri - ous Sav - ior, this Je - sus is mine!

*Chorus*

Liv - ing, He loved me; dy - ing, He saved me; Bur - ied, He

car - ried my sins far a - way; Ris - ing, He jus - ti - fied

free - ly for - ev - er: One day He's com - ing- O glo - ri - ous day!

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

Eternal God,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## BLESSING

### *The Priest blesses the people, saying*

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
 May the Lord's face shine upon you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 May the Lord look upon you with favor  
 and give you peace. *Amen.*

# POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Ten Thousand Angels*

Words & Music by Ray Overholt

**VERSE**

C G7 Em G7/D C

1. They bound the hands of Je - sus in the gar - den where He prayed, they  
 2. Up - on His pre - cious head they placed a crown of thorns, they  
 3. When they nailed Him to the cross, His moth - er stood near - by, He  
 4. To the howl - ing mob He yield - ed, He did not for mer - cy cry; The

<sup>3</sup> F C

led Him thro' the streets in shame. They spat up - on the Sav - ior so  
 laughed and said, "Be - hold the King." They struck Him and they cursed Him and  
 said, "Wom - an, be - hold thy son!" He cried, "I thirst for wa - ter," but they  
 cross of shame He took a - lone. And when He cried, "It's fin - ished!" He

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G C/G G C Dm/F Em/G G7 C Dm7 C7/E

pure and free from sin, they said, "Cru - ci - fy Him! He's to blame!" He could have  
 mocked His ho - ly name, all a - lone He suf - fered ev - 'ry - thing.  
 gave Him none to drink. Then the sin - ful work of man was done.  
 gave Him - self to die; Sal - va - tion's won - drous plan was done.

**CHORUS**

F G/F F F/A F C G7/D G7 G Em/G G9 C G7/D C Dm7 C7/E

called ten thou - sand an - gels to de - stroy the world and set Him free. He could have

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F G/F F F/A F C G/D C/E G G7 C

called ten thou - sand an - gels, but He died a - lone for you and me.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NO Wednesday Dinner, Programming or Youth Group  
on Wed., April 16 due to Holy Week Services on  
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday**

### **April Special Outreach Collection – Magdalene**

Our April special collection benefits the amazing women of Magdalene Omaha. This community provides equal opportunities for all survivors of sexual violence to achieve freedom from trafficking, trauma, and addiction. Magdalene Omaha believes that every survivor deserves a new beginning, comprehensive support, and safe & welcoming spaces offering a variety of innovative healing opportunities.

Our Special Collection in March raised \$1,416.02.00 for our Youth and related activities (including Camp Canterbury). A big Thank You to everyone!

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt between services on **Easter Sunday, April 20 at 9:40 PM** between services. This fun activity is organized by our Youth Group who are already stuffing eggs and excited to hide them for everyone to find. This Hunt will take place rain or shine. Your kids will find Easter goodies for all ages!

### **Virtual Tenebrae Service on Wednesday**

Tenebrae, which means “darkness” or “shadows,” is a Holy Week service that includes readings, short hymns, and candles. We ask each participant who joins us on Zoom to light a candle and, if possible, to sit in a darkened

room. For those who would like to join a Tenebrae meeting on **Wednesday, April 16, at 7 pm Central/6 pm Mountain time**, click the link below.

The service lasts about 30 minutes. All are welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84043714838?pwd=X0LYiit5YAVqYDJD5J3hkPQvYtTgSH.1>

Meeting ID: 840 4371 4838

Passcode: 070783

### **United Thank Offering in Lent**

Throughout Lent, all are invited to take a United Thank Offering (UTO) box to practice the spiritual discipline of gratitude! Every time you see the box at home, contribute loose change and thank God for one of the many blessings in your life. Bring your box back for Ingathering Sunday **on April 27th**. All proceeds fund innovative mission and ministry projects worldwide supporting migrants, refugees, community ministries, victims of domestic violence, LGBTQIA+ community ministries, the Diocese of Jerusalem and more!

### **Culture Club Event**

Join the Culture Club for the hottest selling ticket in Omaha—Jimmy Buffett’s Escape to Margaritaville, a musical of Buffett’s classics. We have a group reservation for *May 4, Sunday at 2 pm* for the reduced group price of \$34 per ticket. If you are going, give a check to Sandra Squires **no later than April 13**. Make your check out to Omaha Community Playhouse. If you have questions, contact Sandra at sandrasquires1@icloud.com. This show will be a lot of fun!

## **Elaine Randall Book Club – April**

The Elaine Randall Book Club meets at 11:30 AM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. This month we are reading **The Library Book** by Susan Orlean. A book bag is available in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 22 at 11:30 AM**. Please contact Nancy Vallone or Rhonda Vest with questions.

## **Multigenerational Fun Night on April 23!**

There will be no Wednesday Dinner, programming or youth group next week, on April 16. We will resume with an outing on **April 23, no dinner or programming at church**. We plan to head outside to Boulder Creek. The group cost will be as low as \$16/person to choose 1 activity, with a pulled pork sandwich for dinner. There is an option of \$26 for all activities and dinner. Please RSVP for a head count to Kate(ministries@sainta.net)

## **Education for Ministry (EfM) and Sacred Ground Book Discussion**

Join us on **April 23, Wednesday, at 7 pm Central/6 pm Mountain time** for this important discussion. Pam Wright, EfM graduate and Sacred Ground alum will be leading a discussion of The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy. This book has been especially chosen to address issues of our time. On the book jacket, “Wallis turns our attention to six iconic texts at the heart of what genuine biblical faith means and what Jesus...has called us to do.” We will meet via Zoom, please see our weekly newsletter for the link and more information.



## **Lent Bible Study: Christ on Trial**

During Lent, join us for this compelling reading of the passion narrative in each of the four Gospels. The author, former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, guides the reader through prayerful consideration of how we understand Jesus' words and actions during his trial, and subsequently, how we, too, can speak and live faithfully in a divided world. Our next evening session will be **Wednesday, April 23, and 30, at 6:30 PM.**

## **Reconstructed Birdhouse**

A special thank you goes out to Mike Ehinger for talking time and energy to reconstruct the birdhouse that resides in the Birdhouse Berm, located in our Hitchcock Memorial Garden and Prayer Walk. The birdhouse was in such bad shape that no respectable bird would have taken up residency. Mike will reinstall the birdhouse on top of the pole as soon as the wind dies down. It's people like Mike who make St. Augustine such a special church. Spring is just around the corner, so we'll need help cleaning up and mulching. In the meantime, if everyone could spend a little time picking up sticks brought down by our last blizzard it would be greatly appreciated! Contact Jim Keepers at [jkeepers45@gmail.com](mailto:jkeepers45@gmail.com) if you have any garden recommendations or questions.

## March Vestry Notes

The Vestry (our Parish Board) met on March 16th for its regular business meeting. The meeting began with an opening prayer. The vestry reviewed and approved all reports, minutes and financials. Red door replacement options were discussed, along with replacement of our key cards, as the software system for the key cards is no longer supported. The vestry reviewed asked the question, "What are we noticing" in Fr. Ben's absence as he is on sabbatical. Discussion of some email attempts to scam parishioners into buying gift cards - *please note that Fr. Ben will never email parishioners asking them to send money or buy gift cards.* We concluded with a discussion of upcoming celebrations, including graduating seniors, birthdays and anniversaries. **If you are a graduating senior, please let Mother Lisa know so that we can celebrate your achievements!**

## Holy Week Services

- Sunday, April 13**                      **Palm Sunday w/ Procession & Reading of  
The Passion @ 8:30 & 10:30 AM**
- Wednesday, April 16**              **NO WEDNESDAY DINNER  
NO YOUTH GROUP  
NO FORMATION PROGRAMMING**
- Thursday, April 17**                 **Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 PM**
- Friday, April 18**                    **Good Friday Service @ 6:30 PM  
Stations of the Cross @ Noon**
- Saturday, April 19**                 **Holy Saturday Service @ 6:30 PM w/  
Lighting of the New Fire &  
The First Proclamation of Easter**
- Sunday, April 20**                    **Easter Sunday Celebration  
@ 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt between services**

## Save The Date

- Tuesday, April 22**                    **Elaine Randall Book Club**
- Wednesday, April 23**               **EfM & Sacred Ground Book Discussion  
Christ on Trial Bible Study  
Mini-Golf Outing**

<b>Ministers of the Day</b>	<b>This Week 04/13/2025</b>	<b>Next Week 04/20/2025</b>
Musicians 8:30am:	Mary Norton	Joyful Noise Band
Musicians 10:30	Dirk Lindner	Dirk Lindner
Deacon:	Rebecca Smith	Rebecca Smith
Liturgical Shepherd:	Jim Lewis	Jim Lewis
Acolytes 10:30am:	Cash Stubbendieck Truman Stubbendieck Josie Aguilar	Truman Stubbendieck Cash Stubbendieck Josie Aguilar
10:30 am Greeter:	Jean Lahti	Jean Lahti
8:30 am Lector:	Mary Jane Smith	Bill Smith
10:30 am Lector	Laura Calese Jean Lahti Chris Fassero Nick Early Gerjol	Nick Early Gerjol
Altar Guild 8:30 am:	Kathy Lake	Mary Jane Smith
Altar Guild 10:30 am	Barb DiGiovanni	OPEN
A/V Tech 8 :30 am	Dave Wright	Rich Hill
A/V Tech 10:30 am	Dave Wright Jay Hammond	Rich Hill Erin Vest