

# +Palm Sunday+

March 28, 2021



**Hosanna! Blessed is He Who Comes  
in the Name of the Lord**

LITURGY NOTE: *On Palm Sunday, the Church enters her observance of Holy Week. The children will lead us in the Procession of Palms. The Passion of our Lord according to the Gospel of St. Mark will be read in its entirety. The choir sings 'Hosanna' as a Prelude.*

*The Choir sings 'Hosanna' as a prelude to worship.*

*When the bells ring, stand and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary.*

## Procession of Palms

### Greeting

P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Holy Gospel

*John 12:12–19*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

P <sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

*The children process in with palms to remind us of the crowd of believers who gathered to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. The children lay their palms at the baptismal font, to signify how in Baptism we die and rise with Christ through the washing of rebirth and regeneration.*

### Processional Hymn | 442 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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

*When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:*

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Silence. The crosses of the sanctuary are veiled.*

### Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## Service of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

# The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Mark

*The congregation speaks those words in bold.  
Due to the length of the Gospel the congregation may sit.  
At the verse where Christ is crucified, the congregation may stand.*

*Read in five parts:*

*Evangelist:* Pastor Yeager

*Jesus:* Pastor Brege

*Disciples, Simon Peter, Pontius Pilate, Soldiers:* Seminarian Jonathan Hynes  
*Chief Priests, High Priest, Sanhedrin, False Witnesses:* Seminarian Anthony Keilani  
*Judas, Crowd, Servant Girl, Bystanders:* Seminarian Tim Schmeisser

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## Holy Gospel

*Mark 14-15*

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

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

**14** *Evangelist:* It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup> for they said,

*Chief priests:* “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

*Evangelist:* <sup>3</sup> And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup> There were some who said to themselves indignantly,

*Disciples:* “Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.”

*Evangelist:* And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus said,

\* “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup> And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

*Evangelist:* <sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup> And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

Disciples: “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

Evangelist: <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them,

✠ “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.”

Evangelist: <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said,

✠ “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

Evangelist: <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another,

Disciples: C “Is it I?”

Evangelist: <sup>20</sup> He said to them,

✠ “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

Evangelist: <sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said,

✠ “Take; this is my body.”

Evangelist: <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them,

✠ “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Evangelist: <sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup> And Jesus said to them,

✠ “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ <sup>28</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

Evangelist: <sup>29</sup> Peter said to him,

Simon Peter: “Even though they all fall away, I will not.”

Evangelist: <sup>30</sup> And Jesus said to him,

\* “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Evangelist: <sup>31</sup> But he said emphatically,

Simon Peter: C “**If I must die with you, I will not deny you.**”

Evangelist: And they all said the same.

<sup>32</sup> And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples,

\* “Sit here while I pray.”

Evangelist: <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them,

\* “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.”

Evangelist: <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> And he said,

\* “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Evangelist: <sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

\* “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Evangelist: <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup> And he came the third time and said to them,

\* “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Evangelist: <sup>43</sup> And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.”

Evangelist: <sup>45</sup> And when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: C “**Rabbi!**”

Evangelist: And he kissed him.

<sup>46</sup> And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup> And Jesus said to them,

\* “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup> Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.”

Evangelist: <sup>50</sup> And they all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup> And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup> but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

<sup>53</sup> And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. <sup>54</sup> And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. <sup>56</sup> For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup> And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying,

False Witnesses: C <sup>58</sup> **“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”**

Evangelist: <sup>59</sup> Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup> And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus,

High Priest: “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”

Evangelist: <sup>61</sup> But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him,

High Priest: “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”

Evangelist: <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said,

\* “I AM, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

Evangelist: <sup>63</sup> And the high priest tore his garments and said,

High Priest: “What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?”

Evangelist: And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup> And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him,

Sanhedrin: C **“Prophecy!”**

Evangelist: And the guards received him with blows.

<sup>66</sup> And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup> and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said,

Servant Girl: “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.”

Evangelist: <sup>68</sup> But he denied it, saying,

Simon Peter: “I neither know nor understand what you mean.”

Evangelist: And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. <sup>69</sup> And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant Girl: “This man is one of them.”

Evangelist: <sup>70</sup> But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Bystanders: “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

Evangelist: <sup>71</sup> But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

Simon Peter: C “**I do not know this man of whom you speak.**”

Evangelist: <sup>72</sup> And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him,

✠ “**Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.**”

Evangelist: And he broke down and wept.

**15** And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And Pilate asked him,

“Are you the King of the Jews?”

Evangelist: And he answered him,

✠ “**You have said so.**”

Evangelist: <sup>3</sup> And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup> And Pilate again asked him,

Pontius Pilate: “Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Evangelist: <sup>5</sup> But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup> And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup> And he answered them, saying,

Pontius Pilate: “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Evangelist: <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said to them,

Pontius Pilate: “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Evangelist: <sup>13</sup> And they cried out again,

Crowd: C “**Crucify him.**”

Evangelist: <sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them,

Pontius Pilate: “Why? What evil has he done?”

Evangelist: But they shouted all the more,

**Crowd: C “Crucify him.”**

Evangelist: <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup> And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began to salute him,

**Soldiers: C “Hail, King of the Jews!”**

Evangelist: <sup>19</sup> And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup> And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup> And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.

[*THE CONGREGATION RISES*] <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him

and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup> And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> And the inscription of the charge against him read,

**Pontius Pilate: C “The King of the Jews.”**

Evangelist: <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

**Robbers: C “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup> save yourself, and come down from the cross!”**

Evangelist: <sup>31</sup> So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying,

**Chief Priests: C “He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup> Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.”**

Evangelist: Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup> And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup> And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,

✠ “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

Evangelist: which means,

\* C **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

*Evangelist:* <sup>35</sup> And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

*Bystanders:* “Behold, he is calling Elijah.”

*Evangelist:* <sup>36</sup> And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

*Bystanders:* “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

*Evangelist:* <sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

<sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

<sup>39</sup> And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

*Centurion:* C **“Truly this man was the Son of God!”**

*Evangelist:* <sup>40</sup> There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup> When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup> And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup> And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph.

<sup>46</sup> And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,**

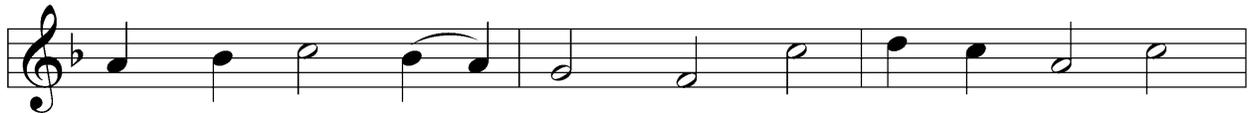
**being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## Hymn of the Day | 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*LSB 208*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life might rise again, and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 208*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**C 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 Words of Our Lord

**P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

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

**C Amen.**

### Agnus Dei | 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

*st. 1*



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

*Sit*

**Distribution**

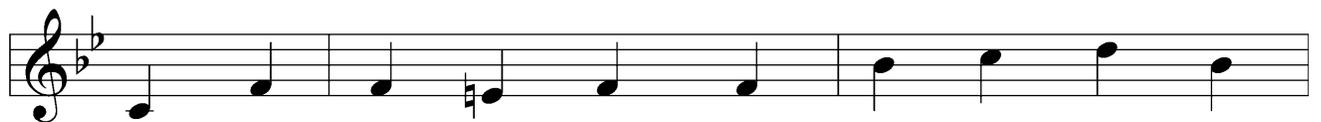
*Before the Blessed Sacrament.*

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

**Distribution Hymn | 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

# Distribution Hymn | 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

*After the Blessed Sacrament.*

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in thy faith and favor; as thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy body and blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life! Amen.

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn | 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joyce!

## Introduction to the Services of Holy Week

*Holy Week is the most important week of the entire Church year. All Christians do well to make all possible preparations to attend the services of Holy Week. Together, we meditate on the chief acts of our Lord to redeem us from sin and hell: his suffering, death, and resurrection. Here is a brief summary of the services of Holy Week, their theology and practice:*

**Palm Sunday.** This Sunday is also called ‘Passion Sunday.’ The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to his crucifixion.

“Palm Sunday” is named after the Palms that were spread before Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,*” clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry, “*Crucify!*”

This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of his passion. The extended reading from the passion narrative sets before the faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week—the most important week of the entire Church year.

Palms are an ancient symbol of victory. After the services, the remaining palms will be reserved and burned into ashes for use on Ash Wednesday next year.

**Maundy Thursday.** Also called “Holy Thursday.” Occurring on the eve of our Lord’s crucifixion, Holy Thursday begins the celebration of the holy three days of Christ’s Passover, commonly known as the *Triduum* (Latin for “three days”).

The service on this day culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ’s Passion and Resurrection and leads into his sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. The Service for Holy Thursday consists of four parts:

- the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution
- the Service of the Word
- the Service of the Sacrament
- the Stripping of the Altar.

In the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the congregation confesses its sins together as we do on Sunday mornings, but the penitents come to the Altar to receive the Absolution individually through the laying on of the pastor’s hands. This rite signals the end of our Lenten preparations as we are absolved of sin for the Paschal feast.

The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ’s sacrificial service demonstrated in Jesus’ washing of his disciples’ feet, a servanthood enacted on the cross and whose benefits are bestowed in his Means of Grace. The service culminates with the Lord’s ministry to his people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death on Good Friday. On Holy Thursday, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom.

**Good Friday.** On this day, the Passion and death of Jesus stand center stage. Good Friday is not a funeral for Christ. It is a day of repentance over sin, and a joyous remembrance of our Lord's Passion, wherein he made an end of sin. The Chief Service on Good Friday contains a number of ancient elements:

- the full reading of the Passion of Christ according to St. John
- the Bidding Prayer
- the Cross procession with the Reproaches

Given the solemnity of the day, silence is observed at times throughout the service in order to reflect upon the Word of God.

In earliest times, all the events of Christ's Passion, from the Last Supper to the Resurrection, were celebrated in one day and night's continuous service called *Pascha*. The observance of the *Triduum* (three days) understands the services from the evening of Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday to form one, continuous liturgy. The Chief Service of Good Friday stands at the middle of the Triduum and therefore has no entrance rite nor benediction.

**The Easter Vigil.** The Vigil of Easter, celebrated at the end of Holy Saturday as the conclusion to the sacred Triduum, ushers in the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. The Vigil of Easter connects the days of Holy Week, especially Holy Thursday and Good Friday, with the culminating celebration of the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

In some places throughout the early centuries of the Church's life, the people of God would hold vigil, which means "keep watch," through the night in expectation of Christ's return. A vigil in expectation of Christ's return at Easter became a common feature of the celebration of his crucifixion and resurrection. The vigil consisted of prayer, psalms and hymns, and readings, especially from the Old Testament, culminating in the celebration of the resurrection at dawn with the Lord's Supper. As the church gathered in vigil, she waited in hopeful expectation for the appearance of the resurrected Christ in those most recently born in him, the newly baptized. During the vigil, those who had prepared throughout Lent to be joined to Christ were baptized. At the dawn of the new day at Easter Sunrise, the newly baptized joined the entire Church in a chorus of Alleluias at Christ's resurrection from the dead.

The services emphasizes the contrast between light and darkness. Therefore the service is to begin at a time near or after the setting of the sun. This year, we will observe it at 8pm at St. John, Bingen in a circuit-wide service for all the Churches of the Decatur circuit.

*\*Information here largely taken from the Altar Book, Lutheran Service Book, CPH 2006.*

# Announcements

*At St. Paul*

## Holy Week Schedule:

**Maundy Thursday** Divine Service is this *Thursday*, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

**Good Friday** Chief Service is this *Friday*, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

**Easter Vigil** Circuit-wide Service is this *Saturday* at St. John, Bingen at 8pm.

**Easter—Divine Services** this year at 6am, 7:30am, and 9am.

There is no sign-up for any of these Services—come to whichever you wish. All Services are open to all. This schedule is for Easter **only**. All other Sunday Services will be at 8am and 10:15. The rationale for this schedule is 1. the two services, 6 and 9, are traditional times for St. Paul to worship on Easter morning. Those members who have not returned but may wish to return at Easter will not be thrown by a new schedule, and, 2. the Sunrise Service time is retained for those who desire to observe Easter at sunrise. The choir will sing at 9am. Since we were all in cars last year and unable to receive the Sacrament, join me in thanking God for the ability to gather in person that we might celebrate the Paschal Feast together.—Pastor Yeager

**Easter Flowers.** We are not ordering through Heller's this year. If you would like to bring flowers to decorate the Church for Easter please 1. Fill out a memorial/sentiment form and place it in the box in the narthex; 2. Bring a potted flower to Church by Good Friday, April 2 no later than 5pm. What kind of flowers should you bring? The white Easter lily is preferred, but any flower will do. Please place them on the designated table in the fellowship hall. Direct questions please ask Kelly Todd at 639-7291. Thank you.

**Confirmation** for our public school students meets today (11:30-12:30pm). **We will not have Confirmation next Sunday (Easter) for public school students. We will resume two Sundays from now, Sunday, April 11th. Thank you.** –Pastor Yeager

**New LCMS Church in Bluffton.** The Decatur Circuit is laying the groundwork for a possible Church plant in Bluffton towards the goal of an LCMS congregation there. We are in the beginning stages of planning. At this point, we are looking for key individuals in the Bluffton area who could help us with scouting possible sites for an initial gathering space for worship and help with outreach (letting the community know of plans for a new Church). If you have any insight, please talk with Pastor Yeager. The goal is to have the first meeting in the Fall.

*Youth*

## February and March Youth Events

**Sunday, March 28; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Service and Game night at Parsonage #1.**

*Wyneken, Circuit, Synod*

**The spring association meeting** for Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27 @ 7pm in the school gymnasium.

**Praise Be to God & Congratulations!** We celebrate with Mrs. Michelle Martin (Grade 3 teacher) for 35 years of service in the teaching ministry! In addition, we rejoice with Bethany Fuhrmann and Ashton Schlemmer, both with 5 years of faithful service at Wyneken Childcare. Praise be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for our devoted teachers and staff members who serve at Wyneken!

**Cooks needed.** Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking cooks to serve in our food service department for the current school year, as well as the 2021-2022 academic year. Interested applicants call Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or [principal@wyneken.org](mailto:principal@wyneken.org).

**Do you have a love for children?** The Wyneken Child Care has some part-time positions open. If interested or desiring more information, please contact Christine Cornett, Director of the Wyneken Child Care program, at 639-6064.

**Athletic Directors needed.** Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking an athletic director and assistant athletic director for the 2021-2022 school year. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or [principal@wyneken.org](mailto:principal@wyneken.org).

**Camp Lutherhaven.** As you begin planning your summer trips, you don't have to travel far for summer fun. Camp Lutherhaven not only has fun outdoor activities such as archery and kayaking, but they take time to dive deep into faith. The summer theme is "Likewise" based on Luke 10:37, where you will explore what it means to love our neighbors. Whether you want to connect with friends, be strengthened in faith, have an awesome summer adventure, or all of the above, give Lutherhaven a try. If you register before April 1 you will receive an Early Bird discount. Register online at [lutherhaven.org](http://lutherhaven.org) or call for more info 260-636-7101.

**Unarmed Self-Defense Class.** Lead instructor Jamie Tharp of Tharp Firearms and Training will be teaching a modified, unarmed class in self-defense. This class will include situational awareness, holds, kicks, strikes, and some pressure points. Both lecture and a hands-on portion will be included. Please wear gym clothes or workout clothing. April 11th from 1-4 at the Union Township Hall located on 800 North in eastern Adams county. This will be for 14 years old and up. Under 18 have to be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Persons wanting to attend will need to, call, text, message, or email me at the following 260-301-1897 Tharp Firearms and Training on FB or [tharpfirearmsandtraining@gmail.com](mailto:tharpfirearmsandtraining@gmail.com).



## Prayer of the Church

+**The sick and recovering:** Wilda Scheumann, Ted Reinhart.

+**Expectant mothers:** Heather Yeager, Kacey Fuelling.

+**The homebound:** Edna Mesing, Faye Keuneke (Woodcrest Skilled Nursing); Marge Merriman (Woodcrest Assisted Living); Ken Schueler (home); Bonnie Gallmeyer (home); Anita Spiegel (home); Ted Reinhart (home); Don Haines (home).

+**Birthdays:** Emily Sovine, Alan Hamilton, Jim Brune, Madalyn Fravel.

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### Attendance 3/21

8am 88

10:15am 89

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### Offerings 3/21

Need Weekly: \$7,487.69

Week/Plate: \$4,797.00

Online \$867.03

For the week: -\$1,823.66

For the year: -\$14,268.95

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## Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the Bodily Presence of Christ Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord, the Altar is open to those who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of the Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

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*Divine Services:* 8 and 10:15am Sundays

*Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (4/1 and 4/2):* 7pm

*Easter Vigil:* 8pm, St. John, Bingen

*Easter Divine Services:* 6am, 7:30am, 9am