



TRINITY
STATEN ISLAND

Holy Eucharist

PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 • 10:30 AM

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about this community Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values: Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

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

Please silence all electronic devices before the service.

*You are invited to participate throughout the service with the **bold** responses and in all hymns.*

GATHERING

prelude *Con moto maestoso from Sonata no.3, op. 65*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Today's prelude features the hymn tune 'Aus Tiefer Not', a paraphrase of Psalm 130, and in the ELW hymnal as hymn 600.

welcome *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

call to worship *Hosanna, Hosanna! (Praise Ye the Lord)*

Anonymous

Hosanna, Hosanna! (Praise Ye the Lord)

Pave the Way with Branches

Bret Hesla
(b. 1957)

Jesus is coming. Pave the way with branches.

Jesus is coming. Hosanna!

Chorus: Hosanna, Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the Prince of Peace.

Hope for the downtrod...

Land for the landless...

Debts are forgiven...

Release for the captives...

The suffering servant...

Sung by the children's choir.

You are invited to join in last three verses of "Pave the Way with Branches."



After the Call to Worship, please stand as you are able and face the rear

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acclamation **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

processional gospel **Matthew 21:1-11**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

blessing of palms The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The congregation is invited to raise their palms high

Let us pray.


We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

procession Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

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hymn at the procession "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (ELW 344)

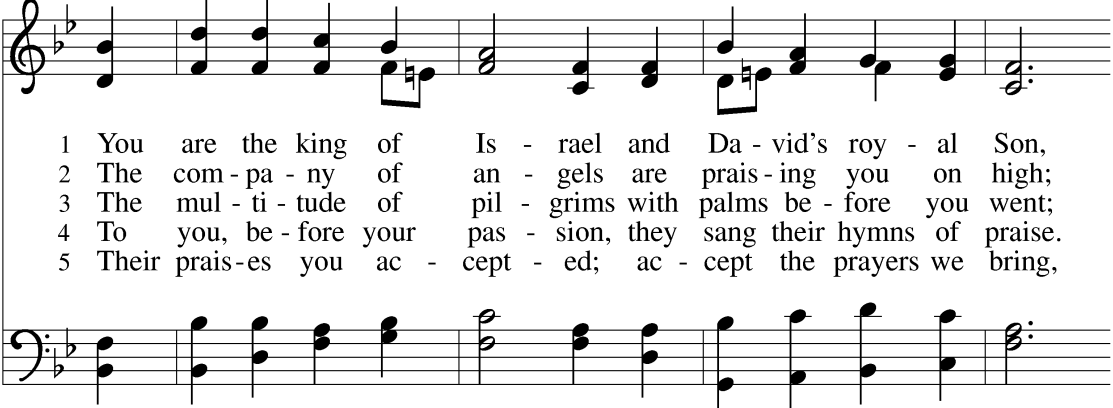
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

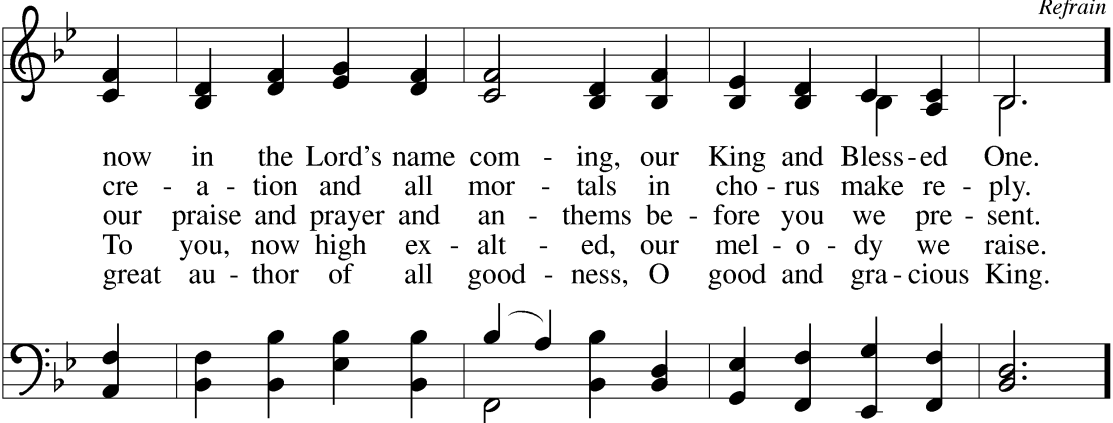


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

Please be seated

children's musical offering

Hosanna in the Highest!

Anonymous

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest Lord we lift up Your name, with our hearts full of praise Be exalted, O Lord, our God Hosanna in the highest

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings Lord we lift up Your name, with our hearts full of praise Be exalted, O Lord, our God Glory to the King of Kings

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the King of kings. Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise, Be exalted, O Lord, our God, Jesus is the King of kings

Wave your Palms!

Anonymous

Jesus is coming to Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem. Jesus is coming to Jerusalem. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Wave your palms, wave your palms and sing "Hosanna!" Save us we pray oh Lord!

Jesus we'll love and keep you in our hearts, in our hearts, in our hearts. Jesus we'll love and keep you in our hearts. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Wave your palms, wave your palms and sing "Hosanna!" Save us we pray oh Lord!

Save us we pray oh Lord! Save us we pray oh Lord!

Sung by the children's choir

invitation to passiontide

Pr. Stephanie offers an invitation to Passiontide

prayer of the day

Please take a posture of contemplation (kneeling, seated with head bowed, seated with hands turned up etc.) for the prayer of the day.

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

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

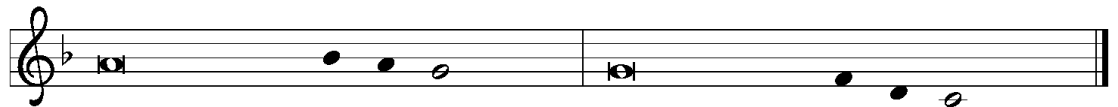
psalm Psalm 31:9-16

The refrain is sung by the choir once, then by all

Refrain:



Tone:



The verses are sung responsively, non-bold by the choir and bold by all

- ⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
- ¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;**
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are
consumed.
- ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- ¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;**
I am as useless as a | broken pot.
- ¹³ 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.
- ¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.**
I have said, "You | are my God.
- ¹⁵ My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who |
persecute me.
- ¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- | on your servant;**
save me in your | steadfast love." R

gospel acclamation *All stand for the Gospel Acclamation*



dramatic reading of the *Matthew 26: [1-13] 14 – 27: 66*
gospel

Please see the separate gospel script to follow along

Cast:

<i>Narrator 1</i>	<i>Stephen Jaeger</i>	<i>Peter</i>	<i>Kathy Klein</i>
<i>Narrator 2</i>	<i>Marcia Lyles</i>	<i>High Priest</i>	<i>Richard Schraeder</i>
<i>Jesus</i>	<i>Stephan Thimme</i>	<i>Servant 1</i>	<i>Jackie Buttacavoli</i>
<i>Judas</i>	<i>Roger Wesby</i>	<i>Servant 2</i>	<i>Matty Buttacavoli</i>
<i>Pilate</i>	<i>Roy Danischewski</i>	<i>Assembly (\$)</i>	<i>Congregation</i>

After the reading, there will be a moment of silence and then please stand for the Hymn of the Day

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hymn of the day "My Song is Love Unknown" (LBW 94)



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683

Music: John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

the apostles' creed **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

prayers *The assisting minister leads our prayers. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:*

...Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

At the end of the prayers, the pastor says
Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

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

announcements *After exchanging a sign of peace, please be seated*
See this weekend's Trinity Times for the latest happenings at Trinity

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offering



The offering collected today supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.

anthem at the offertory

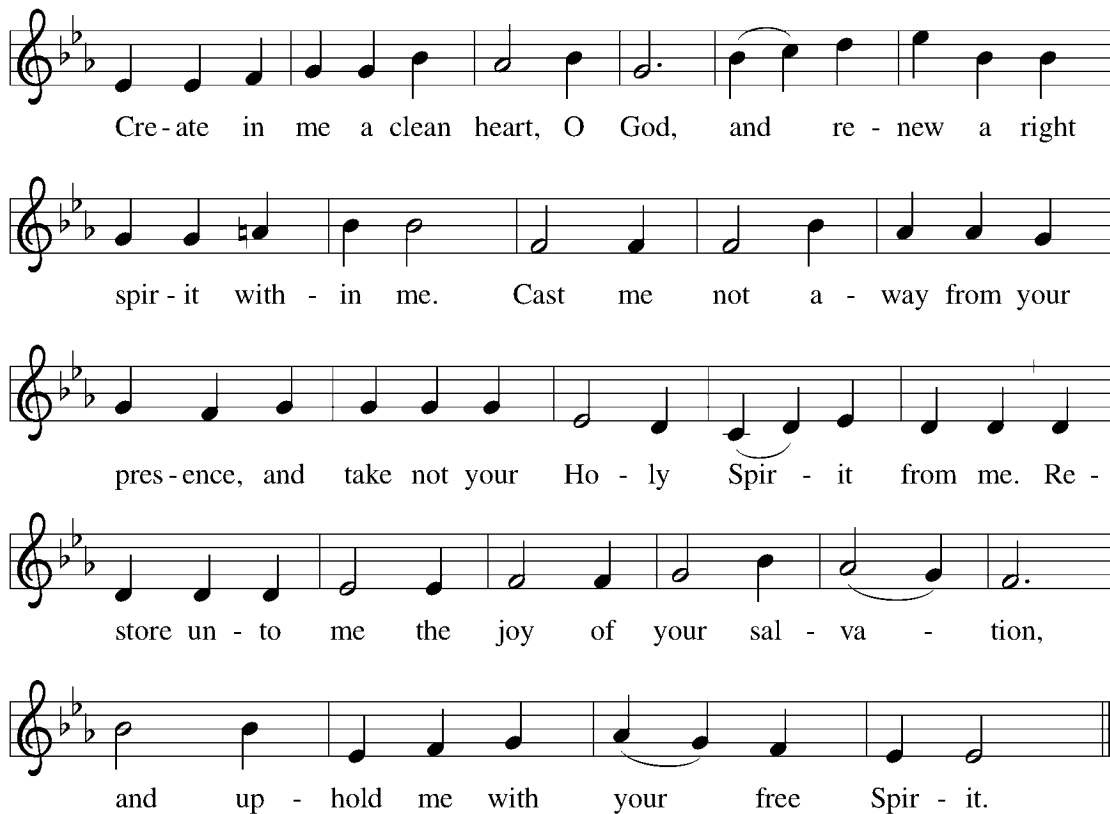
Ride On, King Jesus

Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

*Ride on, King Jesus
No man can-a hinder thee
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on
No man can-a hinder thee
For He is the King of Kings
He is Lord of Lords
Jesus Christ, the first and last
No man works like Him
For He is the King of Kings
He is Lord of Lords
Jesus Christ, the first and last
No man works like Him
King Jesus rides a gray donkey
No man works like Him (No man works like Him)
Into Jerusalem he did come
No man works like Him*

presentation of the offering

Please stand for the Presentation of the Offering
"Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" (ELW 188)



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

The assisting minister leads us in prayer

offering prayer Let us pray.
Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

the great thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

preface It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

sanctus



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



heav - en 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.

*the communion setting is
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Five*

thanksgiving at the table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

the lord's prayer Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

invitation to communion Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle, as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

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agnus dei

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

communion hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (ELW 338)

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane,
 1830-1869
 Music: Frederick C. Maker,
 1844-1927

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“Jesus, Remember Me” (ELW 616)

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with block chords and some eighth-note patterns.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of the musical score also consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats and a 4/4 time signature, continuing the vocal line with the same lyrics: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, continuing the harmonic accompaniment.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé
Community
Music: REMEMBER ME,
Jacques Bertheir, 1923-1994

After communion, all stand and receive the blessing

table blessing May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ strengthen us and
keep us in God's grace.
Amen.

nunc dimittis “Now Lord” (ELW 201)

In the season of Lent, we sing a special canticle called the Nunc Dimittis or the Song of Simeon

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
 been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
 which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
 a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

The Assisting Minister leads us in prayer

prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

blessing Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

sending hymn “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” (ELW 811)

Sung twice

On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856-1921, alt.
Music: Johann B. König, 1691-1758

dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

postlude Chaconne in a-moll

Johann Fischer
(1656-1746)

*Acting as a transition to Holy Week, the Postlude is more somber and reflective today.
Please hold any applause to preserve this spirit.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher & Presider	Pr. Stephanie Jaeger
Assisting Minister	Regina Pearsall
Palm Sunday Readers	Ryan Carter & Corie White
Organist	Trent Whisenant
Altar Guild	Lorraine & Richard Schrader
Ushers	Regina Pearsall & The O'Donovan Family
Counters	Richard & Lorraine Schrader
Livestream Tech	Peyton Bloom

IN OUR PRAYERS

Family and Friends of Alice Evensen, Family and Friends of Denise Melious, Johanna Reyes mother of missing person Mortimer Mekhai Wortman, Julie Little, the O'Loughlin friends and family, Justin Solomon, Cindy Roberti, James Ciccolella, Sean Reardon, Lori Homan, Dianne Bombardi, Joseph Campitiello, Barbie Parker, Amy Fittapaldi, Vincent Pizzolo, Gonca Latif-Schmitt and her family, Rita Fowler, Josie Honus, David Dowling, Jörg and Madeline Dreusicke, Jasmine Drake, Joanna Smith, Maria Alvarez Castro, Angel Luis Rios, Marlies Meyer, Glen Danischewski, Ronnie Bero, Mary Bruno, Pennington Family, Carmen Cognitiona, Deacon Margaret Ann O'Donnell, Migdalia Jimenez, Jessica Desens, Edith Piazza, Sean C. Sweeney, Janet A. Cleary, George Turner, and Christopher Jarrett

For those in our armed services, especially
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