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REPENT AND BELIEVE

We welcome all who gather here this morning as we walk with Jesus to Jerusalem and the cross. . . A special welcome to all guests and visitors. God so loved the world, that He sent Jesus to bear the burden of our sin on the cross, so that we could receive forgiveness, salvation, and life everlasting.

CHRIST DIED FOR YOU!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymns are from the Green Hymnal.

(Stand as you are able)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✠ GATHERING ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God

ANTHEM

*“God’s Not Dead”
“Rejoice In the Lord, Always”*

Sunday School Choir

*Procession Litany with Palms

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*Thanksgiving *(Those in the congregation raise their branches.)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great 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 acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***Praising Christ with Palms**

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of the Lord.

***Processional Hymn**

“All Glory, Laud, And Honor”

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(We will create the effect of the processional by exiting our pews towards the center aisle, moving toward the altar, and returning to our seats via the side aisle. Those who have palms, please lay them in the center aisle as you process forward.)

Refrain

*All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

*You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. Refrain*

*The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. Refrain*

*The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. Refrain*

*To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. Refrain*

*Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

***Royal Litany & Greeting**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

***Confession**

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice, not only with outward signs such as palm branches or the occasional “Hosanna”, but with lives truly turned towards you. It seems such a distance from this present day Palm Sunday in America to that day when you entered Jerusalem with the shouts of the crowd ringing in your ears.

Welcomed as a king, yet riding on a lowly donkey. Greeted with cheers and acclamations which were so soon to turn to jeers and condemnation. From this side of the resurrection, we confidently believe that we could never have been part of the jeering crowd - but would we, if we had been there?

Silent reflection

Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives:

Forgive us.

When we fear that humbling ourselves, would be seen by others as weakness, or some kind of defect in our character:

Forgive us.

When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves :

Forgive us.

When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we look forward to Easter as a time to enjoy holidays and have fun.

Forgive us.

Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; and remake us in your likeness; empty us of all that hinders us from following you to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist.

Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Experiencing God's Grace – The Good News

Hear the good news: “Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross.” Through his obedience we are therefore freed from whatever sin enslaves us.

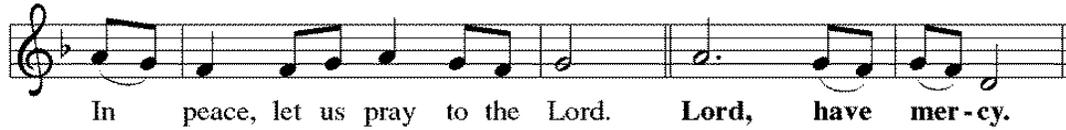
Thanks be to God!

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

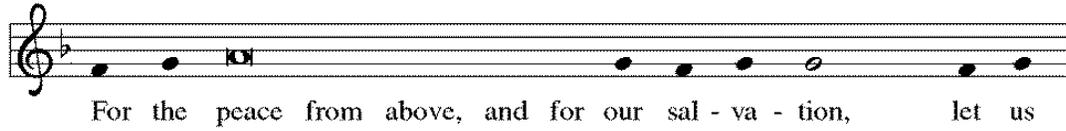
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

***KYRIE**



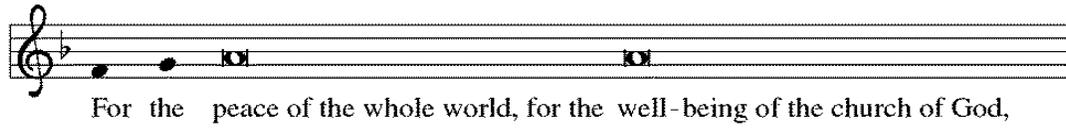
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



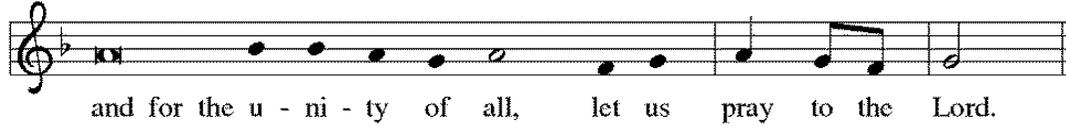
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



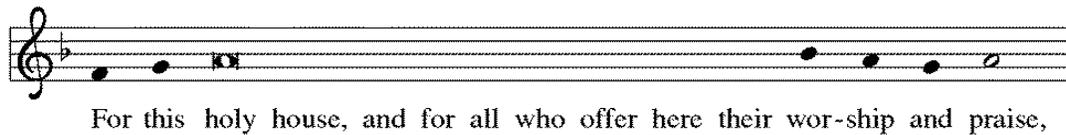
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



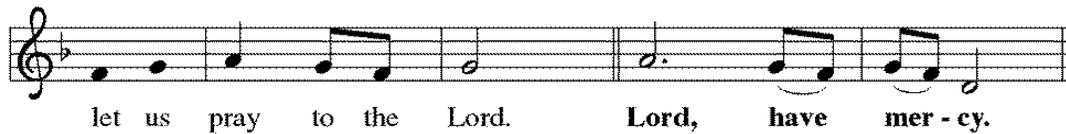
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



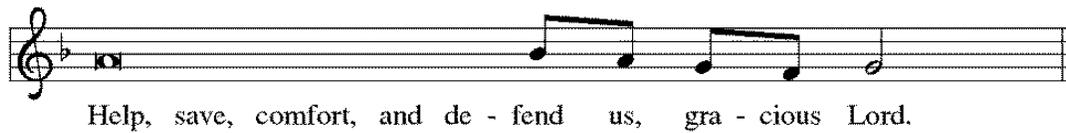
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 ✠

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

- ⁴The 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.
- ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
- ⁶I 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.
- ⁷The 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;
- ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
- ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5–11

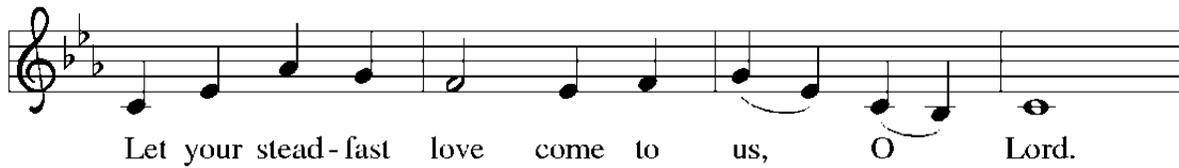
Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

- ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
- ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



*GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28–40

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

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

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

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

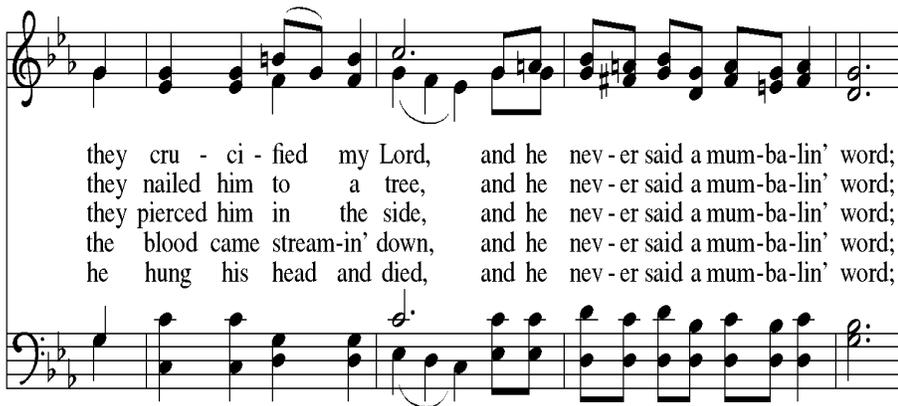
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

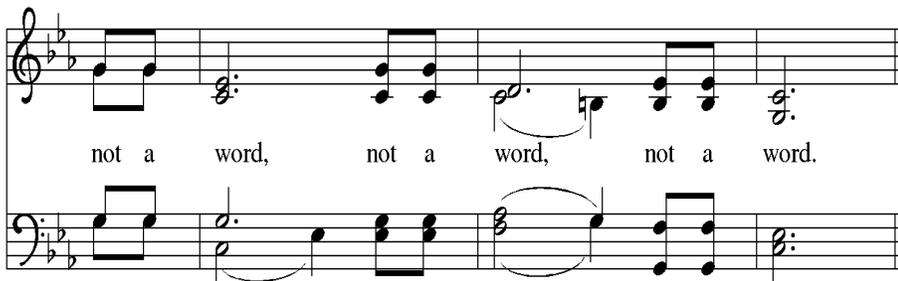
Pastor Bill Peters



1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
4 The blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



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not a word, not a word, not a word.

***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 OF THE COMMUNITY**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
...Merciful God, receive our prayer.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission in the world

***BLESSING**

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

***RINGING OF THE BELL**

***SENDING SONG**

"Were You There"

vss. 1-3

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*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

***THE DISMISSAL**

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

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

God invites us to respond to His grace

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Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

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Getting Our Hopes Up

Many of us were warned when we were young, “Don’t get your hopes up,” in case the things we were hoping for and working toward didn’t come to fruition. “Why open yourself up to the sting of disappointment?” is the practical wisdom contained in this common aphorism.

When Jesus went into Jerusalem and was greeted by the joyous crowds, he knew it would lead to the cross. It doesn’t take divine omniscience to understand that stirring up populist sentiment and openly confronting political authorities does not often end well. The suffering and death that Jesus was set to experience was the opposite of what the crowd hoped for him, and it may be the opposite of what we think we want in a messiah too. But the hope offered by Jesus in his suffering and death, while different than what we might expect, never disappoints. God’s promise embodies life that is stronger than the shadow of death. Even amid fear and betrayal and torture, God will bring about healing. Even amid the finality of death, God will bring resurrection and new life.

As we come to the close of our Lenten journey, we can confidently keep our hopes up, knowing that the new world being born in God will never disappoint. It may look nothing like we expect or dream about, but we can trust that God’s work will always defy our expectations in ways that are more life-giving and world-transforming than we could ever imagine for ourselves. So, get your hopes up! God’s work will never let you down.