

**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
ZIONSVILLE



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.



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GATHERING

PALM SUNDAY ACCLAMATION

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;

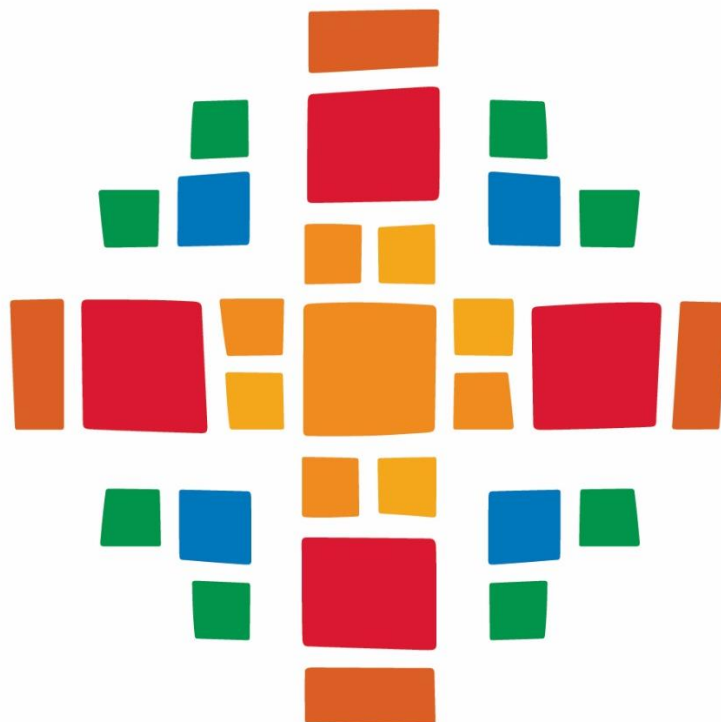
through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of Christ. Amen.




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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Holy God,
 you have fed us all
 out of your own generous and gracious hands.
 From them, we have received welcome,
 nourishment, hope, and consolation.
 May these things grow in us,
 alongside the gift of faith,
 so that we may plant their seeds
 in the world around us.
 Through the Holy Spirit,
 guide us in the week ahead
 to remember our place
 in your great and ongoing story
 of resurrection, redemption, and restoration
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING ISAIAH 50:4-9A

L A reading from Isaiah.

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.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 118:1-2, 19-29 *Spoken responsively.*

L ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

**C ²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

L ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

**C ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."**

L ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

**C ²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

- L ²³By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L ²⁵Hosanna! O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!
- C ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- L ²⁷The LORD is God and has given us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.
- C ²⁸You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.**
- L ²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

L A reading from Philippians.

- 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.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C 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."

P You are witness to these things.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Amy Foley

SERMON

Pastor Wes Smith

Please stand as you are able.

Please take out the red hymnal.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown

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| <p>1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?</p> <p>2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own
would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!</p> | <p>3 Sometimes we strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.</p> <p>4 We cry out; we will have
our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save,
the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes
that he his foes from thence might fr</p> |
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PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Jackson Mark Hess baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Jackson to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that Jackson may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Jackson grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Jackson and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus'; death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C Amen.**

BAPTISM

Jackson, I baptize you in the name of the Father
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Jackson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Jackson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Guided by the Holy Spirit, let us present our prayers to God for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A moment of silence.

Heavenly Father, as we journey through this sacred Holy Week, lead your church in the path of Jesus, the Servant King. Shield those who endure persecution or hardship for their faith. Humble those who misuse faith to assert dominance and consolidate their power. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Creator God, may your creation itself testify to the story of Christ's passion and resurrection—through the dance of waving palms, the cries of shouting stones, the aroma of blooming vineyards, the rustle of wheat fields, and the warmth of revealing fire. Help us recognize your sacred presence in all the world, inspiring us to nurture and cherish the earth you so dearly love.

God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Shine your light upon the world's leaders, instilling in them the mindset of Christ Jesus.

Encourage those in authority to serve with humility, prioritizing the needs of the vulnerable and the marginalized. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Comfort those who are weary, uplift the oppressed, and stand with political prisoners, the exploited, the falsely accused, and the wrongfully convicted. Be present with all who find themselves in jails, detention centers, or prisons, and provide solace to those enduring trials or suffering, especially those we hold dear in our hearts. This day we pray especially for **Steve, Ray, Janice, Diane, Tina, Bill, Marilyn, Brenda, Pat, Mimi, Charlotte, Michael, Kat, Dorothy**, and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Empower and renew the spirit of all who prepare and lead worship during this Holy Week: pastors, deacons, altar guilds, sacristans, musicians, assisting ministers, ushers, and church office staff. Fill them with your awe and joy, so that their service may gloriously reflect the love and sacrifice of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, confident that just as the cross led Jesus to the empty tomb, so too do you welcome our departed loved ones into the paradise of your everlasting presence. God, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Accept these prayers, O God, and in your boundless love, unite all things under the benevolent reign of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who guides us from death into everlasting life.
C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

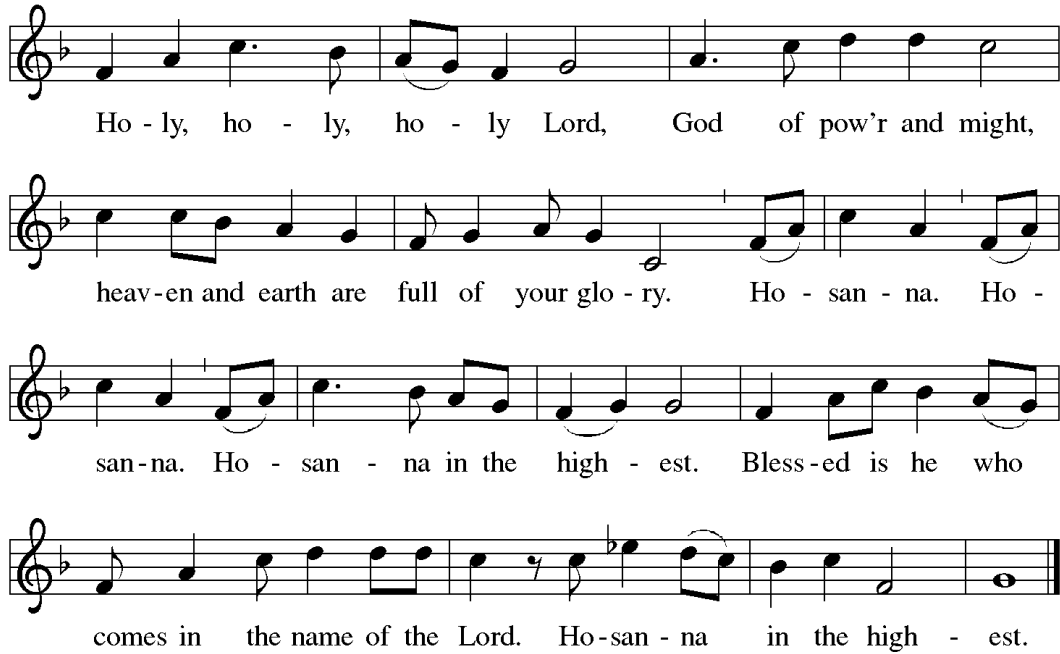
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

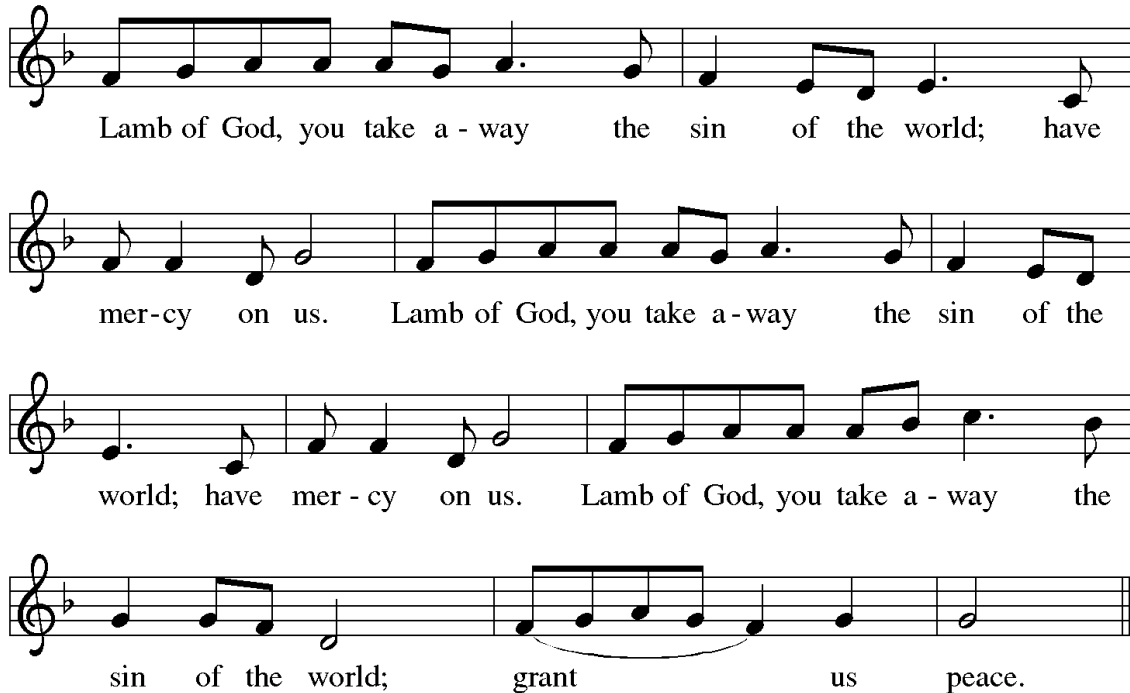
COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, Lamb of God



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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Holy God,

you have fed us all

out of your own generous and gracious hands.

From them, we have received welcome,

nourishment, hope, and consolation.

May these things grow in us,
alongside the gift of faith,
so that we may plant their seeds
in the world around us.

Through the Holy Spirit,
guide us in the week [days] ahead
to re-mem-ber our place
in your great and on-going story
of resurrection, redemption, and restoration
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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- 1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
- 2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
- 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
- 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



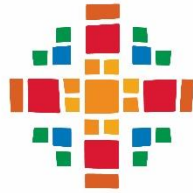
turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

No postlude will be played to recognize and observe the beginning of Holy Week.



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SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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