

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**HANDBELL CHOIR** *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

## **ACCLAMATION**

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

**C Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL:**

The holy gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11

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

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>“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.” <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the

colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.  
<sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>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!"  
<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

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

Let us go forth in peace,

**C in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

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 - ult - ant 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 heaven 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,  
O 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 - joice!

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

**C Amen**

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

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

*(Refrain: Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.)*

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

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

<sup>11</sup>I 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.

**C    <sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. *(Refrain)***

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**C    <sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

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

**C    <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love." *(Refrain)***

*(Refrain: Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit.)*

## SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

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

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



## GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10



<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you



will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *LBW 104    "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C   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 INTERCESSION**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling sick, isolated, lonely, or fearful. *(We pray especially for Keith Freyberger, Dennis Hautsch, Eugene Keller, Stacey Himself-Matelic, Dennis Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Joe Shelton, Calvin Seitz, Jr., Mary Sendelweck, Gerald Vonderheide, the family and friends of Stanley Letterman and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himself, Joshua Hoffman, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor).* Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**C And also with you.**

## **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

## **OFFERTORY**

*"Sing Out Hosanna to the Lord"*      *Chancel Choir*

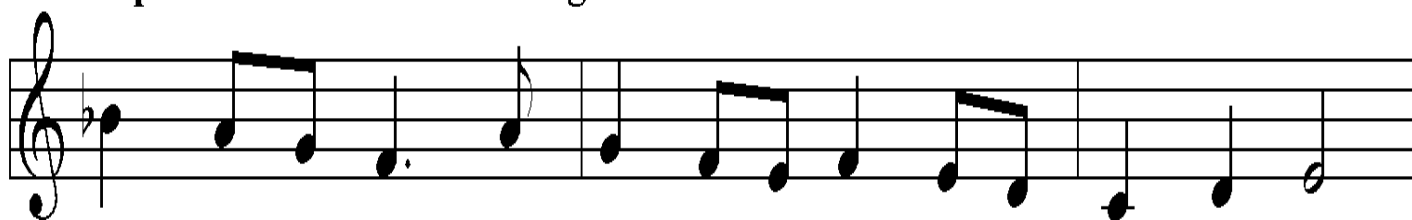
# OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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



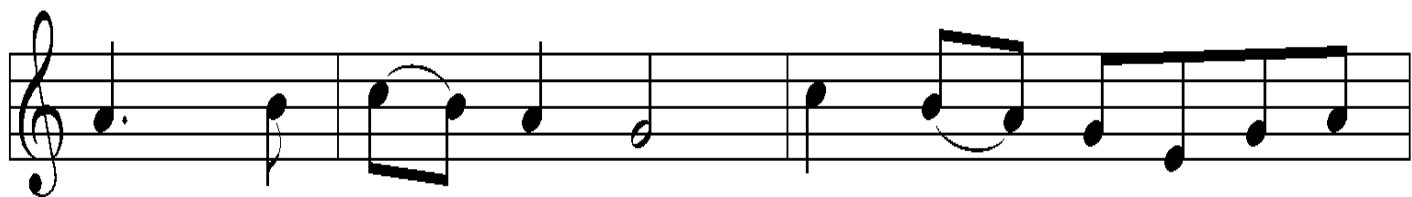
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



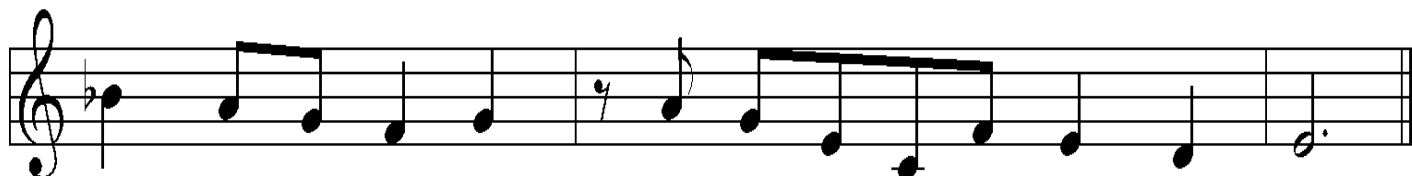
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



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.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the nearby tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.*

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

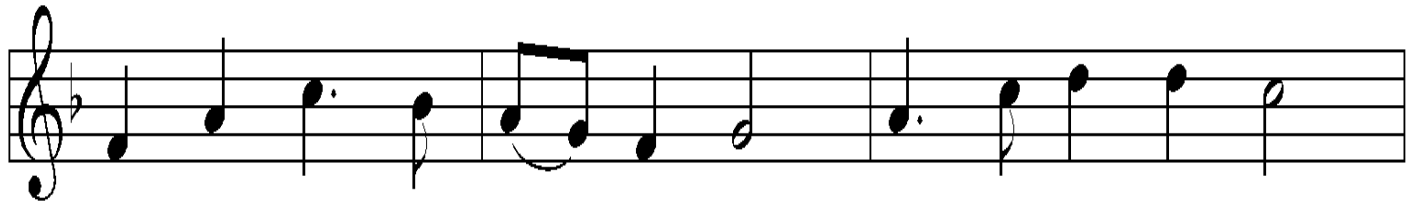
**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring

us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, 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. 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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

## **THE 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.**



## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**



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.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*LBW 109 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

*LBW 212 "Let Us Break Bread Together"*

*WOV 668 "There in God's Garden"*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(vs. 1 only)*



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the Gen - tiles un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**    *LBW 117*    *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**Mission Statement:** *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,  
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

**Greeters:** Kurt & Roxanne Schepers  
**Comm. Asst:** Marvin Eisenhut  
**Video:** Jeff Schmitt  
**Organist:** Arlene Vonderheide  
**Lay Reader:** Jon/Barb Schnarr  
**Audio:** Bryan Buchta  
**Acolytes:** Dax Smith & Kogen Kalb

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 127 SS:**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Sun. Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	8:15 AM	First Communion Instruction
	9:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Pastor meets with 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands
	10:00 AM	Handbell Practice
Tues. Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Thurs. Apr. 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service <i>(First Communion)</i>
Fri. Apr. 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM	Good Friday Service @ St. Paul's
	7:00 PM	<i>Good Friday Service @ Christ</i>
Sat. Apr. 8 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 PM	Ruritan Easter Egg Hunt @ St. Paul's
Sun. Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 AM	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship Service

## **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*There will be a special congregational meeting held on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, following the service to discuss/vote on a new PA system for the sanctuary. All voting members are encouraged to attend.*

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### **Confirmands**

Pastor Tim will meet with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation kids following the Palm Sunday Service, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, to go over Confirmation on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Christian Education**

**Pastor will hold First Communion instruction on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 AM** with First Communion taking place on Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the 6:30 PM service. Additionally, 1st grade devotionals and 4th grade bibles will be distributed on May 14<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday morning worship service. A letter regarding these events will be sent to the parents of the children involved.

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The Evangelism Committee will be setting up a photo station for Easter once again this year! A committee member will be available to take your family's photo starting at 8:15 am and again following service on Easter morning. Please bring your own phone or camera, and the committee will take care of the rest.

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### **APRIL WELCA MEETING**

We are excited to have Brenda Wilmes join us at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, for a presentation on Total Wellness Energy in our fellowship hall. We invite ALL to join us! Brenda is a trained Eden Energy Medicine practitioner who is passionate about bringing people back to balance and vitality. Energy medicine can be helpful for Stress, Pain, Anxiety, Discomfort, Illness or Dis-Ease, and Imbalances. Hope to see you there!

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### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Thank you to all Thrivent members that choose St. Paul's for their Choice Dollars. In 2022 we were granted \$2073 from the Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding. If you are a Thrivent member that chooses St. Paul's to receive the grant funding and would like to designate these monies to a St. Paul's account other

than the general fund, please contact the office or the Treasurer (Todd Popp 812-309-9534 or [toddjpoppp1@gmail.com](mailto:toddjpoppp1@gmail.com)) with the amount you would like to designate. Thrivent does not provide individual contribution amounts for each disbursement, just the name of the contributor.

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**Greeters**

The Evangelism Committee invites all members to help greet on Sunday mornings! If you haven't been a greeter in the past year and would like to help welcome members and guests as they enter the church sanctuary for worship, please contact Martha or Deidra Church, or Jennifer Bauer to be added to the list. You can do it solo, as a couple or your whole family can join the fun. All are welcome!

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# EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sponsored by the Haysville Ruritans  
at  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
April 8th @ 12:00 PM  
(for kids 12 and under)**

**Everyone  
Welcome!  
Join Us!**





## **In Service to Our Country**

Austin Breitwieser

AM-1 Luke Himsel

Joshua Hoffman

Maj. Nathan Humbert

Cooper Uebelhor

San Antonio, TX

Virginia Beach, VA

Washington (*State*)

Fort Campbell, KY

Colorado Springs, CO