

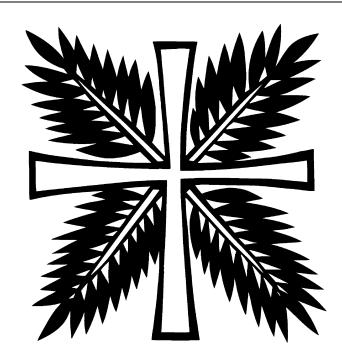
# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Sunday, March 24th, 2024 \* 9:30 AM \* INPERSON and ONLINE



# Palm Sunday/Sunday of Passion

#### Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

#### **GOD GATHERS US**

Announcements are found on our website

#### PRELUDE The Palms Faure

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

#### **PROCESSIONAL**

Congregation processing from Narthex with palms singing All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (ELW/Red Book 634)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! ELW 634 Red Hymnal



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je sus' name! Let an gels pros trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is rael's cho-sen race now ran-somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da-vid's line, whom Da vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin ners, whose love can ne'er for get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth di - a - dem all. the roy - al and crown him Lord hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord all. in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him the God Lord of all. his feet and crown him all. spread your tro-phies at Lord of go



roy - al Bring forth the di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him all. Lord of in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all. Go spread your tro-phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

#### Blessed is He

Choir

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

All: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

All: Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

#### **GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

P: Everlasting God,

C: 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.

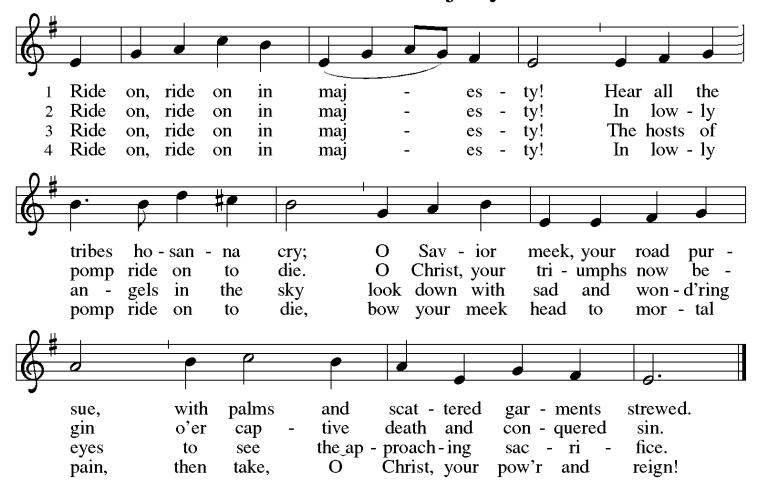
Amen.

#### SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And you also.

# OPENING SONG Ride On, Ride On in Majesty ELW 346/Red Hymnal Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! ELW 346



Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993

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# **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

(Please stay seated for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 14:1 – 15:47

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

#### **PASTOR**

Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him, adding

#### **Helen**

"But not during the festival or the people may riot."

#### **PASTOR**

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another,

#### Marty

Why this waste of perfume? It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor.

#### **PASTOR**

And they rebuked her harshly. Jesus told them:

# Mark

Leave her alone, Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.

# **PASTOR**

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him,

# Trish

Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?

# **PASTOR**

So he sent two of his disciples, telling them,

# **Mark**

Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples? He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

# **PASTOR**

The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said,

# Mark

Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.

#### **PASTOR**

They were saddened, and one by one they said to him,

#### **Marty**

Surely you don't mean me?

## Mark

It is one of the Twelve, one who dips bread into the bowl with me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.

#### **PASTOR**

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

#### Mark

Take it; this is my body.

#### **PASTOR**

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

#### Mark

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

# **PASTOR**

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus then spoke to them,

# Mark

You will all fall away, for it is written:

I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep will be scattered.

But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.

# **PASTOR**

Peter declared,

# <u>Marty</u>

Even if all fall away, I will not.

# **Mark**

Truly I tell you, today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice, you yourself will disown me three times.

# **PASTOR**

But Peter insisted emphatically,

# **Marty**

Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.

#### **PASTOR**

And all the others said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples,

#### Mark

Sit here while I pray.

#### **PASTOR**

He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.

#### Mark

My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.

#### **PASTOR**

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.

#### Mark

Abba, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.

#### **PASTOR**

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping.

# Mark

Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

## **PASTOR**

Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

Returning the third time, he said to them,

# **Mark**

"Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

# **PASTOR**

Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. The men seized Jesus and arrested him. Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

# **Mark**

Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.

# **PASTOR**

Then everyone deserted him and fled. A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind. They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him:

#### **Trish**

"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands."

#### **PASTOR**

Yet even then their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

#### **Helen**

"Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"

#### **PASTOR**

But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him,

# <u>Helen</u>

"Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

# <u>Mark</u>

"I am, and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

# **PASTOR**

The high priest tore his clothes.

# **HELEN**

"Why do we need any more witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

# **PASTOR**

They all condemned him as worthy of death. Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophesy!" And the guards took him and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

# **Trish**

"You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus."

# **PASTOR**

But he denied it.

# **Marty**

"I don't know or understand what you're talking about,"

#### **PASTOR**

And he went out into the entryway. When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around,

## **Trish**

"This fellow is one of them."

#### **PASTOR**

Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." He began to call down curses, and he swore to them,

# **Marty**

"I don't know this man you're talking about."

#### **PASTOR**

Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept. Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked,

#### **Helen**

"Are you the king of the Jews?"

# Mark

"You have said so."

#### **PASTOR**

The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him,

# **Helen**

"Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."

# **PASTOR**

But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

# <u>Helen</u>

"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"

# **PASTOR**

Pilate asked this because he knew it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. Pilate asked them,

# <u>Helen</u>

"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?"

Trish, Marty, Helen (together, 3x, not in unison)

"Crucify him!"

# <u>Helen</u>

"Why? What crime has he committed?"

#### **PASTOR**

But they shouted all the louder,

Trish, Marty, Helen (together, 3x, not in unison)

"Crucify him!"

# **PASTOR**

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. And they began to call out to him,

# ALL (together, 2 x, not in unison)

"Hail, king of the Jews!"

#### **PASTOR**

Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: the king of the jews. They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!" In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him. At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

# Mark

"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

# **PASTOR**

(which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said,

# **Marty**

"Surely this man was the Son of God!"

#### **PASTOR**

Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there. It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You O Christ!

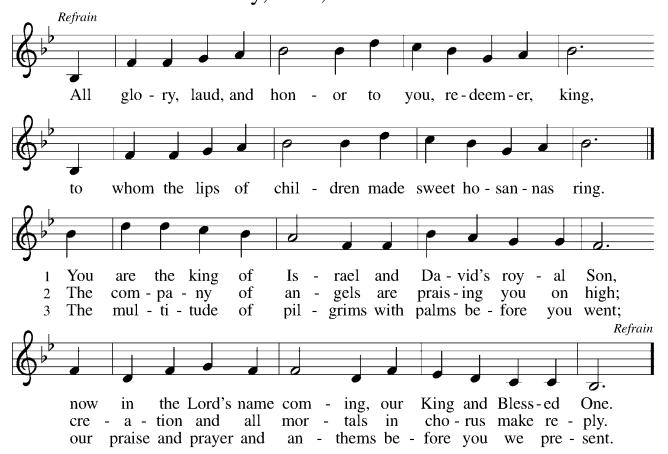
SONG OF DAY

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW 344 v. 1-3/Red Hymnal

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 power of 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,

#### OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life
C: and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.
All: Amen.

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

**Offertory Music** 

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord

#### PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.



## Please respond accordingly

P: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

#### A brief silence.

P: Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

P: Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

P: Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

P: Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

P: Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

P: Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

# C: Your mercy is great.

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

# C: Amen.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**P:** Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.
P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

#### P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ALL: 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

**P**: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

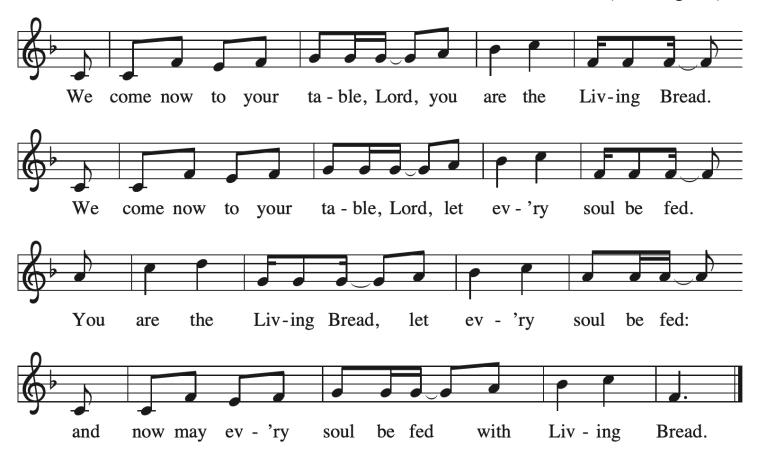
#### TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymns:

We Come Now to Your Table, Lord

**ACS 970** 

# We Come Now to Your Table, Lord ACS 970 (not in pew)



Text: Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop

Music: LIVING BREAD, St. Vincent traditional, adapt.; arr. Patrick Prescod, 1932–2013

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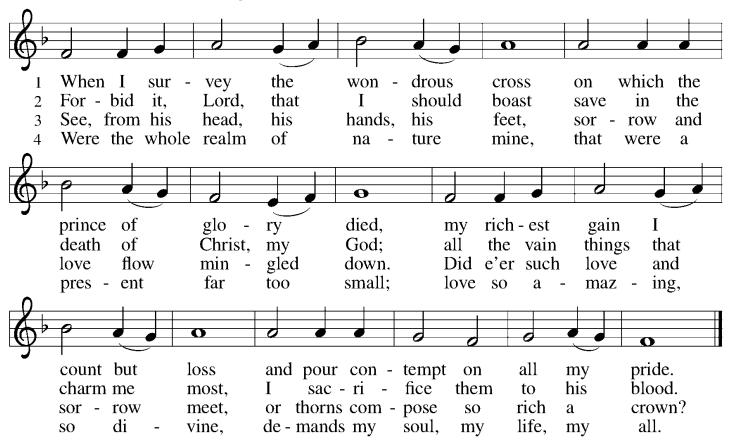
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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**ELW 803/Red Hymnal** 

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ELW 803 Red Hymnal



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

**ELW 802/Red Hymnal** 

# Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus ELW 802 Red Hymnal



Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt. Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

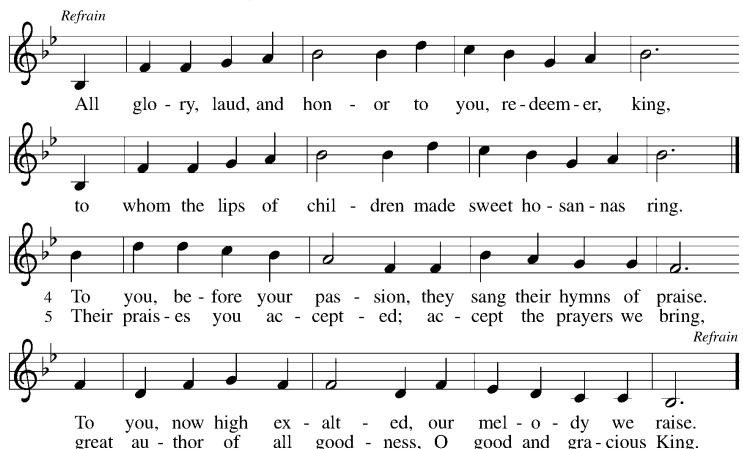
P: Generous God,

C: at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: All Glory, Laud and Honor ELW 344, v.4-5/Red Hymnal

All Glory, Laud, and Honor ELW 344 Red Hymnal



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

# **GOD SENDS US**

#### **BLESSING**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

#### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

All: Thanks be to God

#### **POSTLUDE**

# All Glory, Laud and Honor

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#### ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

**John 12:12-16** (alternate)

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

# 3/24/24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WORSHIP MASKING-Update</u> We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. Please continue Masking at your comfort level.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** There will be no flowers on the altar for Lent.

**THE 2024 FLOWER CHART** is up and on the wall in the Gathering Room. The price for 2024 will be \$20.

**REBECCA CIRCLE FRONTIER SOUP SALE**-every week. See display in Narthex.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP Will be held at on March 28th, 7pm at Grace

**GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP** Will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Lily Lake Congregational Church

**EASTER EGG HUNT** at 10:30am on Sat., March 30<sup>th</sup> at Lily Lake Park. Volunteers can help stuff eggs or help keep watch over the kids the day of the event at the park next to Lily Lake Village Hall. If you are interested in donating candy, please drop it off at the Village Hall during the weekday. Please see Kelly Diehl for more info.

**EASTER WORSHIP** Will be at Grace on March 31st at 9:30am

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be held at Grace between 8:30am – 11:30am. Please see Grace's webpage for more info: <a href="https://www.graceoflilylake.com">www.graceoflilylake.com</a>

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER** will be in Fellowship Hall on Sat., April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm.

**LINE DANCING** continues on Wednesdays, from 6 – 7pm.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Sunday school meets on the first and third Sundays of the month through May 2024.

**LECTORS ARE NEEDED** for readings during our service. Please look for the clipboard. Thank you for your assistance in our service.

**NOISY OFFERING** We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next project we are collecting for is for our office copier repair or replacement. Thank you for your support!

<u>BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS</u> The Vision Team has approved the Noisy Offering collections for the remaining Sundays in March, will go towards a contribution to an *Eagle project* - new fire pit/seating area at Grace. *Thank you for your generous donations!*<u>OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE</u>

We are thankful for your offerings and donations. Offerings collected last week= \$3,532. Our weekly donation needs are ~ \$3,400. Blessings to all for your support of Grace.

Attn: Thrivent Members - March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars - we have received \$208 so far and would welcome your consideration of Grace as the recipient.

# ~ Blessings upon Grace in our 130<sup>th</sup> year of ministry ~

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# Our FACEBOOK PAGE for activities and posts of interest:

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- \* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- \* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- \* Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- \* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

#### FOR THE WORLD

- \* For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- \* For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

#### FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- \* For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- \* As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- \* Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- \* Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

#### **FOR ALL**

- \* The continued support of our members
- \* For all members of healthcare around the world
- \* For those serving as first responders and in the military
- \* For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Bob Acker, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Makenzie Bay, Viola Bradshaw, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Patrick Curley (brother of Cathy Lindquist), Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, David Diehl (Kelly's cousin), Jan Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Ted Ellingsen, Pat Eineke, Marge Granquist, Lucille Hammers (Cathy Lindquist's sister), Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Cathy Lindquist, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, Joan Mortenson, Linda Mowers (sister-in-law to Pat Lindgren), Ray Navarro, Bob Nelson, Alaina Neufeld, Ed Nordwind, Oksana & her sister Maria (friends of Natalia Diehl), Donald Overby, Carol Prevenas, Kirk Reardon, Nancy and John Schaefer, John Schnaitman, Tia Thorne, Shirley and Norm Turner, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Kelly Wilken & her family (Missy Barton's sister), Ron & Sharon Wilken (Missy Barton's parents), Bud Wise, & Barbara Zegiel.

Our thoughts and prayers to the Morris family on the passing of George Morris on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Memorial will be at Grace on March 30<sup>th</sup> visitation 1-3pm with Service following at 3pm

Our thoughts and prayers to the Klingner family on the death of Marlene Klingner on Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be at Yurs St. Charles on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm with a funeral there on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!

**ALSO** - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just see a Rebecca Circle member.

Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.

Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.