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GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCMENTS

GREETING and PRAYER (LBW Ministers Desk Ed. p. 134-5)

Please stand as you are able.

In remembrance of Baptism, we sign a cross on our chest or forehead.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Hosanna to the Son of David!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10

Let us pray... God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

Holy and Gracious God, have mercy on me, a poor sinner. In your compassion forgive me my sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold me by your Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION Matthew 28:19: Luke 7:48

In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

The pastor moves to the entrance of the sanctuary. Please turn and face the processional cross. PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

THANKSGIVING WITH PALMS (LBW Ministers Desk Ed. p. 135) The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord. 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.

Raise your palm branches in remembrance of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them and grant that we may ever hail Jesus 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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" LBW #108

We wave palm branches as we sing and turn to face the cross as it passes by.



SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW Ministers Desk Ed. p. 135)

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray together. Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ^{9a}Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:19-29 Sung responsively with the cantor.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;*

I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the Lord.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the Lord;*

he who is | righteous may enter."

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

 22 The same stone which the build- | ers rejected*

has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³This is | the Lord's doing,*

and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴On this day the | Lord has acted;*

we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

²⁵Hosannah, | Lord, hosannah!*

Lord, send us | now success.

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;*

we bless you from the house | of the Lord.

²⁷God is the Lord; he has | shined upon us;*

form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.

²⁸"You are my God, and | I will thank you;*

you are my God, and I | will exalt you."

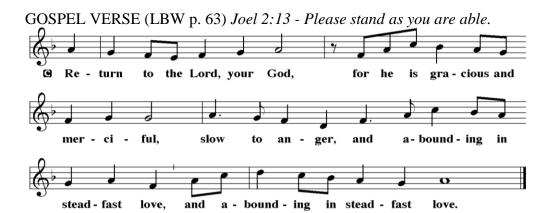
²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;*

his mercy en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

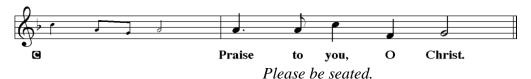
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-sixth chapter.



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 26:1-16

¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²"You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." ³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people." 6Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her." ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk With You" LBW #492



Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918 Tune: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898 MARYTON

NICENE CREED Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2 Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs... *Each petition ends with these words:* Lord, in your mercy. **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERING OF PEACE John 20:19-21

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**.

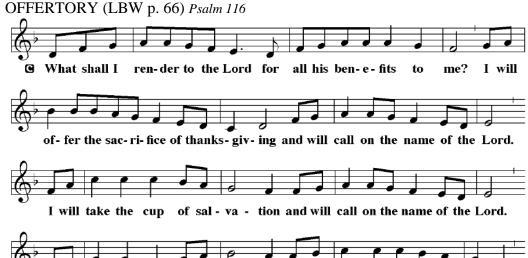
Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

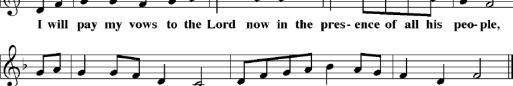
Please be seated.

OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC as available

We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.

Please stand as you are able.



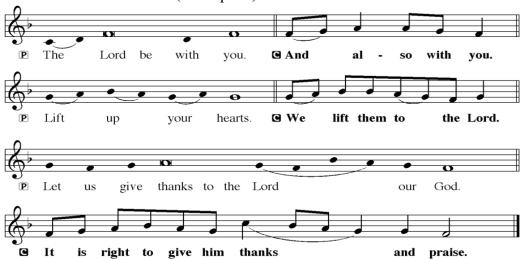


in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

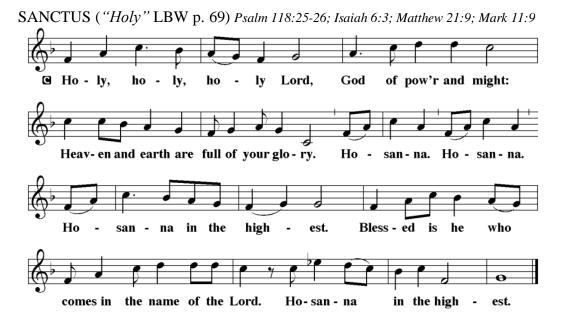
Let us pray... Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





PREFACE (LBW p. 68) Sung or spoken by the pastor.

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; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER and WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW Ministers Desk Ed. pp. 293-5) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20

Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes again.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4 Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray... 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 HYMN ("Lamb of God..." LBW p. 72) John 1:29



GOD COMES TO US IN HIS HOLY MEAL

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may commune. The usher will direct you. Use the side aisle to return to your seat.

- If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.
- To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.
- If you abstain from the Sacrament, trust that you have full forgiveness by God's Word alone.

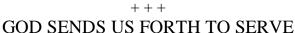
The body of Christ given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ shed for you. Amen.

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, PRAYER, and BENEDICTION (LBW pp. 72, 74) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray together. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.







Text: American folk hymn, alt. Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

WONDROUS LOVE 129 66 129 "Jesus, Remember Me" (WOV #740, Sing 3 times)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name. worship + fellowship + discipleship

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As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we hold four core values, to be: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.



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