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GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*

*Please turn and face the processional cross.*

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.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-19

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

<sup>13</sup>So 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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup>His 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. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So 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.*

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**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD.**

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

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

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness;\*

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

<sup>20</sup>**“This is the gate | of the Lord;\***

**he who is | righteous may enter.”**

<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me\*

and have become | my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>**The same stone which the build- | ers rejected\***

**has become the chief | cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is | the Lord’s doing, \*

and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>**On this day the | Lord has acted;\***

**we will rejoice and be | glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Hosannah, | Lord, hosannah!\*

Lord, send us | now success.

<sup>26</sup>**Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;\***

**we bless you from the house | of the Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>God is the Lord; he has | shined upon us;\*

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

<sup>28</sup>**“You are my God, and | I will thank you;\***

**you are my God, and I | will exalt you.”**

<sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good;\*

his mercy en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

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

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL VERSE (LBW p. 63)

*Joel 2:13*



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  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fourteenth chapter



## GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:1-16

<sup>1</sup> It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup> for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.” <sup>3</sup> And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,<sup>[a]</sup> as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup> There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii<sup>[b]</sup> and given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup> And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.” <sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup> And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him. <sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 63)



*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

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## GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*Please stand as you are able.*

SERMON HYMN: “My Song Is Love Unknown” LBW #94 (verses 1-4 only)

## 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. **Hear our prayer.**

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

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC as available

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY (LBW p. 66)

*Psalm 116*



**What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will**



**of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.**

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#### 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.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)

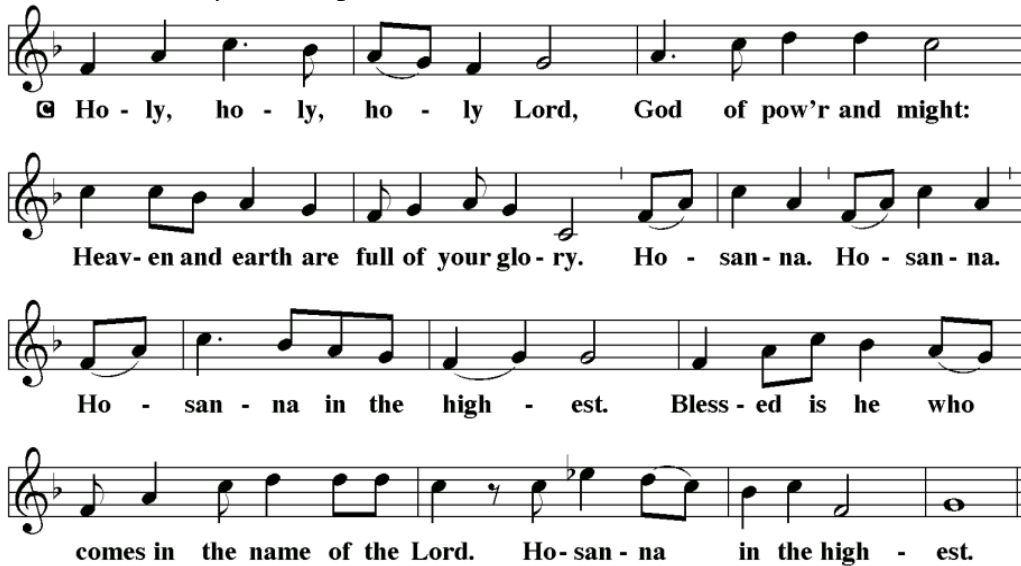


#### PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

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:

SANCTUS ("Holy" LBW p. 69)

*Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*



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 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*

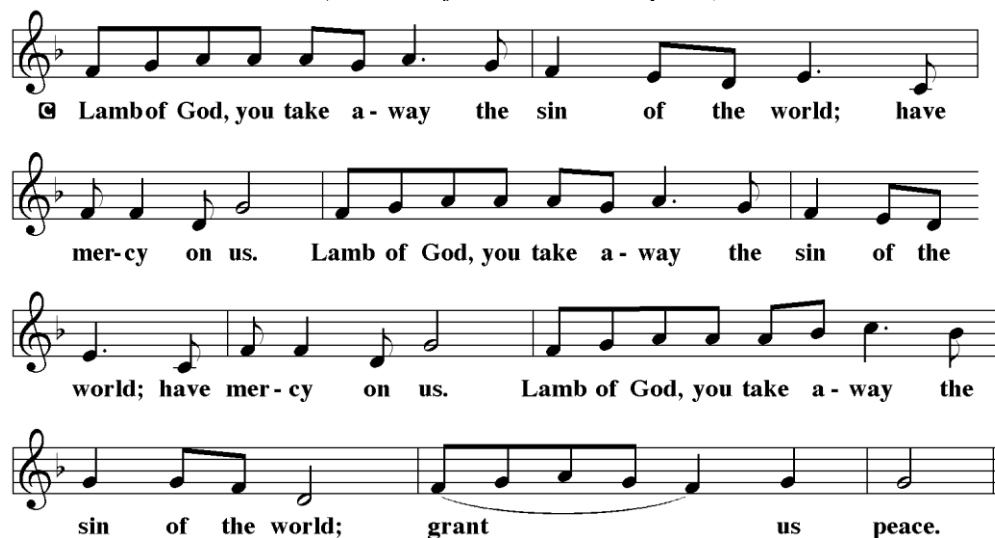
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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*



*Please be seated.*

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**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.**




 Almighty God, Father, † Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever.

**“Jesus, Remember Me” WOV #740, Sing 3 times.**