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# W E L C O M E

Thank you for joining us today for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. We pray your time with us is edifying and enjoyable. May God bless our worship together this day!

## FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

- Restrooms are located down the hallway opposite the entrance to classroom 1, on the right.
- Ushers are here to help. Please don't hesitate to ask them if you have any questions.
- We ask guests to sign the worship register on the pedestal by the front door so that we might have record of who joined us and invite you to upcoming events. Thank you!
- If you have a young one who gets restless during worship, a Family Room is available for parents in the church office. A live feed of the service is available in the room.
- Pastor Wong is available and willing to meet with you anytime. Please give him a call at church, 410-231-2075 or on his cell phone, 507-995-5978. He can also be reached via email, [lusbypastor@gmail.com](mailto:lusbypastor@gmail.com). He would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

*Those processing gather in the foyer and receive palm branches. The minister will begin the service at the entry of the nave and lead the procession. Please process up the middle aisle, place your palm branches anywhere on the step and move down the outside aisles to your seats.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Let us pray. God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of the Lord.**




PROCESSION OF THE PALMS


## Hymn: 412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CW 412

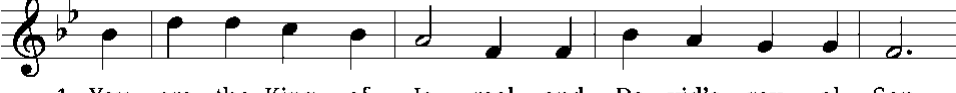
*Refrain*



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 is prais - ing you on high,  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
and we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821

Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

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## Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1–10

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

<sup>4</sup>They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup>some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” <sup>6</sup>They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup>When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others

spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

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

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

## Hymn: 420 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

*CW 420 sts. 1–2*



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.  
bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,



of your suf-f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.  
how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Sigmund von Birken, 1626–1681

Tune: Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615

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## Jesus Anointed and The Lord's Supper

### Reading

*Mark 14:1–31*

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>“But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? <sup>5</sup>It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly.

<sup>6</sup>“Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup>They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup>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?’ <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

<sup>16</sup>The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. <sup>18</sup>While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

<sup>19</sup>They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?”

<sup>20</sup>“It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup>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.”

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

<sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

<sup>24</sup>“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. <sup>25</sup>“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.”

<sup>26</sup>When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>27</sup>“You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written:

“ ‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.’

<sup>28</sup>But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>29</sup>Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

<sup>30</sup>“Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.”

<sup>31</sup>But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

## Hymn: 420 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

*CW 420 st. 5*

5 If my sins give me a - larm and my con-science grieve me,  
let your cross my fear dis - arm, peace of con-science give me.  
Help me see for - give - ness won by your ho - ly pas - sion.  
If for me he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Sigmund von Birken, 1626–1681  
Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615  
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## Gethsemane

### Reading

Mark 14:32–42

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup>He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

<sup>35</sup>Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>“Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

<sup>37</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>39</sup>Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. <sup>40</sup>When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

<sup>41</sup>Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

### Hymn: 425 Go to Dark Gethsemane

CW 425 sts. 1–3



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar - rained. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall,  
at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,



watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his  
oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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## **Jesus Arrested and Questioned**

### **Reading**

*Mark 14:43–65*

<sup>43</sup>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.

<sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup>Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>46</sup>The men seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>48</sup>“Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup>Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup>Then everyone deserted him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, <sup>52</sup>he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

<sup>53</sup>They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. <sup>54</sup>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.

<sup>55</sup>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. <sup>56</sup>Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

<sup>57</sup>Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’ ” <sup>59</sup>Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

<sup>60</sup>Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

<sup>62</sup>“I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>63</sup>The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. <sup>64</sup>“You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death. <sup>65</sup>Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him.

## Hymn: 406 In the Hour of Trial

*CW 406 sts. 1–3*



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me  
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm  
3 Should your mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,



lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.  
or its tempt - ing trea - sures spread to work me harm,  
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,



When you see me wa - ver, with a look re - call,  
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne  
grant that I may nev - er fail your cross to view;



nor for fear or fa - vor ev - er let me fall.  
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.  
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on you.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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## Jesus Stands on Trial

### Reading

*Mark 14:66—15:15*

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.

<sup>68</sup>But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.

<sup>69</sup>When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” <sup>70</sup>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.”

<sup>71</sup>He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

<sup>72</sup>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.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>3</sup>The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.”

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. <sup>7</sup>A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. <sup>8</sup>The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup>“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, <sup>10</sup>knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

<sup>12</sup>“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.

<sup>13</sup>“Crucify him!” they shouted.

<sup>14</sup>“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>15</sup>Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

## Hymn: 432 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

CW 432 sts. 1, 3, 5

1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken  
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness,  
that such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;  
the sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;  
Of what great crime have you to make con -  
yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -  
we for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -  
fes - sion, what dark trans - gres - sion?  
her - it, this I do mer - it.  
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; (sts. 1, 3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 5): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.  
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## Jesus' Crucifixion

### Reading

Mark 15:16–32

<sup>16</sup>The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. <sup>17</sup>They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). <sup>23</sup>Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but

he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The written notice of the charge against him read: The King of the Jews.

<sup>27</sup>They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>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, <sup>30</sup>come down from the cross and save yourself!" <sup>31</sup>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! <sup>32</sup>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.

## Hymn: 426 Were You There

CW 426



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,  
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,  
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,



some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Tune: African-American spiritual, 19th cent., alt.  
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## Jesus' Death and Burial

### Reading

*Mark 15:33–47*

<sup>33</sup>At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

<sup>35</sup>When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

<sup>36</sup>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.

<sup>37</sup>With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

<sup>38</sup>The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

<sup>40</sup>Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>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.

<sup>42</sup>It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, <sup>43</sup>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. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>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. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

# Hymn: 437 Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor

CW 437 sts. 1-3



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -  
2 Peace at last from all your an - guish, wounds in  
3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath as we



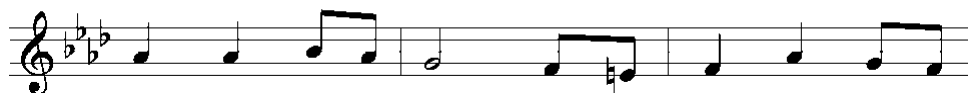
in your bor-rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and  
hands and feet and side. En - e - mies no long - er  
wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark night of sin is



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.  
mock you, scourged, a - ban - doned, cru - ci - fied.  
pass - ing; death's long reign will soon be gone.



Pi - late's guards stand watch-ing, wait - ing where they  
Faith - ful wom - en gath - er spic - es, weep for  
Christ, in whom the new cre - a - tion ris - es



rolled the seal-ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er  
you whom sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who  
bright - er than the sun: may we, as we watch for



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.  
guards you will not let your death be vain.  
morn - ing, trust the vic - t'ry you have won.

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## Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, our gracious and glorious King, on that first Palm Sunday you came in triumph to Jerusalem with people shouting their "Hosannas" and little children singing your praise. But you did not come to reign over an earthly kingdom. You came in peace as the Prince of Peace to lay down your life on Calvary for the sins of the world. We are reconciled to God through you!  
**Savior and King, accept our humble thanks for giving the kingdom of heaven to us sinners.**

O Lamb of God, who came to suffer and die, come now as King into our hearts to reign. Come to stay.

**Rule us with your grace, forgiving all our sins. With your love, change our lives so that we no longer serve sin but only righteousness. Give us faith to trust you, courage to confess you, strength to bear our crosses, and zeal to follow you all the days of our lives.**

O Savior, whose tender heart was filled with such love for lost sinners that you even wept over an unbelieving Jerusalem, knowing the terrible judgment that would befall it, fill us with compassion for all those sinners who because of unbelief are still traveling the broad road to damnation.

**Compel us to witness your saving name at every opportunity, and to join with others in sending missionaries to the far corners of the earth to preach the gospel to every creature.**

Though many who once shouted "Hosanna" later denied you and doubtless joined in crying "crucify him," fill us, we pray, with your Holy Spirit, that we may ever confess and never deny your holy name, glorifying you constantly by holy living.

**Grant that all who make their vows to be faithful to you until death keep their vows unbroken.**

### *Intercessory prayers*

Be with us and help us to fight the good fight of faith and inherit the eternal life to which each was called.

Let all of us who serve you here in faith behold you in your glory. Until that day, direct our prayers through your intercession to the heavenly throne where they are heard because in you the Father is well pleased. Hear us, blessed Jesus, our Redeemer and King. Amen.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Hymn: 783 Abide with Me

*CW 783 sts. 1, 6–7*



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
7 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still if thou a - bide with me.  
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!

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Our soccer camp is designed to improve the soccer skills of all the kids involved, whether they are beginners or already have some soccer experience. Our pastor enjoys the game of soccer and will be joined by high school players to build and improve the soccer skills of all. Our camp is about more than soccer. Pastor Wong will use the game of soccer to teach all the kids something so much more important than soccer - Jesus! Each day the children will hear a Bible lesson about Jesus' love. Besides improving your child's soccer skills with the help of quality, caring coaching, your child will learn life lessons more important than soccer, meet friends, and make memories they'll cherish for a lifetime.

**What:** Shepherd of the Bay Soccer Camp

**When:** June 17-21, 2024 9am- 11/11:30am

**Ages:** 5-12 (All players- beginner or experienced- are welcome!)

**Where:** Southern Middle School Field 3, 9615 HG Trueman Rd Lusby, MD 20657

**Cost:** \$50 per child for the whole week! (pay online [www.shepherdofthebay.com](http://www.shepherdofthebay.com))

**Receive:** A knowledge of Jesus, their Savior, improvement of soccer skills, a snack every day, a water bottle, a soccer shirt, a soccer ball.

**Registration:** Advance online registration (at [shepherdofthebay.com](http://shepherdofthebay.com)) is required!



Join us this Holy Week for unique opportunities to grow in your faith:

Good Friday Worship - **March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Easter Sunrise Worship – **March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30am** under the Calvert  
Marine Museum lighthouse

Easter Festival Worship – **March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am** at Shepherd of the By  
Lutheran church

*- Food and an Egg Hunt following each service -*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*TODAY @ 9:30AM*

### **WORSHIP**

*TODAY @ 10:30AM*

### **BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS**

*TUESDAY, 3/26 @ 7:00PM*

**\*\* NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY\*\***

### **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**

*FRIDAY, 3/30 @ 7:00PM*

### **EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP**

*SUNDAY, 3/31 @ 6:30AM*

Outdoors under the Calvert Marine Museum lighthouse.

**\*\* NO SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY\*\***

### **EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP**

*SUNDAY, 3/31 @ 10:30AM*

Indoors at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church.

### **EASTER BRUNCH**

*SUNDAY, 3/31 @ 12:00PM*

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all that helped with our spring outdoor cleanup yesterday.

### **EASTER BRUNCH**

Please connect with Mattie Scicchitano to sign up for Easter brunch. If you have not been able to see her yet, you are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. You can also sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACA72AAAFEC70-48650187-easter>.

### **HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS FROM MLC**

Two thousand years ago, God's people were expecting the Messiah to be a conquering hero who would rescue them from their Roman oppressors. Instead, he came as a suffering servant who died at the hands of those Romans. This is what Paul called the foolishness of the cross. But the Bible makes it clear that the Jesus those people received—the Jesus we are blessed to call our Savior today—is far greater than any we could ever have designed on our own. These devotions will show us that Jesus truly is the Savior we need. You can view the digital flipbook or listen to podcasts at <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/2024-holy-week/>.

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