



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love*

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*Palm/Passion Sunday | April 2, 2023, 10:00 am*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

*Brian Shivers*

#### PRELUDE

"O Lamb of God, innocent BWV 656 (verse 3)" | *J. S. Bach (1685-1750); Marko Petričić, Organ*

#### \*OPENING SENTENCES

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

**Hosanna! Save us!**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

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

**We bless you in the house of the Lord!**

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" | *VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Carol McDonald*

Merciful God,  
like your children of old,  
we gather with loud praises to Jesus,  
the King of kings and Lord of lords.  
Yet, we acknowledge, while our lips have praised him,  
our steps have often led us away from him.  
We have confessed him to be our Lord,  
yet have turned away from his call  
to lay down our lives for the sake of the Gospel.

Forgive us for living to satisfy our own desires,  
rather than walking in the way of Jesus.  
Empower us by your Spirit to give our Lord more than lip service,  
that we may also honor him with loving obedience,  
staying faithful in every circumstance,  
to the glory of your holy name.

#### \*SILENT CONFESSION

*\*For those who are able, please stand.*



# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

## \*BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

John Bell

slowly

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. He

Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He

takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world.

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## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant . . . and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. (Philippians 2: 2-8)

Friends, hear and believe that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Praise God for new beginnings!**

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

(During Lent, all offerings collected in the Joyful Noise Pail will go toward our One Great Hour of Sharing offering to the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School.)

### ANTHEM

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates" (from Messiah) | George F. Handel (1685-1759); Chancel Choir

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;  
and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty,  
The Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;  
and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

(Psalm 24:7-10)



## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21: 1-11

### SERMON

"Entering Jerusalem" | *Brian Shivers*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Phillippians 2: 5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death –  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### OFFERING

*(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)*

### OFFERTORY

"Communion" | *René Vierne (1878-1918)*

### \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *OLD 100TH*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION



## PSALM 31: 9-16

Shannon Cerneka (b. 1975); Benjamin Plunkett & Sam Spade, Cantors

*Refrain*

Emp - ty, bro - ken, life - less, I give my  
spir - it, Lord. *Fine*

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

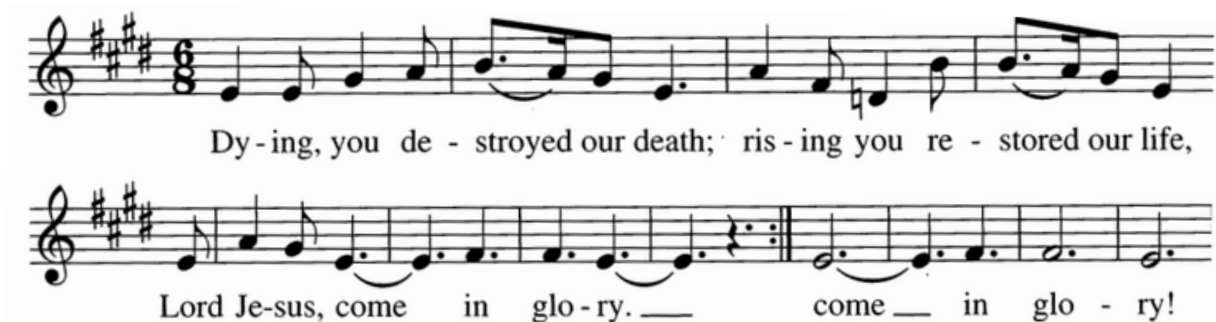
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God \_ of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. \_ Ho - san-na in the high - est!



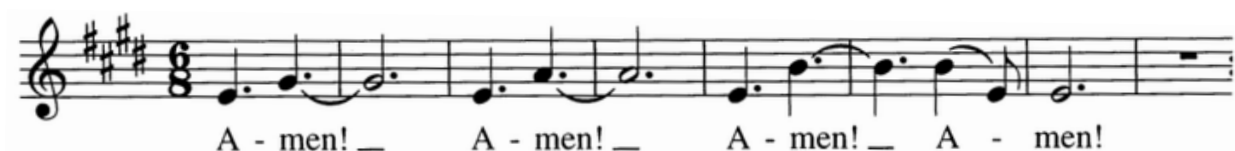
## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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## AMEN

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*(At the direction of the hosts, you are invited to come forward by the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the chalice and receive communion by the ancient method of intinction.  
A gluten-free table is available.*

*Please return to your seats using the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, you will be offered communion in your pew.)*



## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Jesus Remember Me" | *Taize Community*

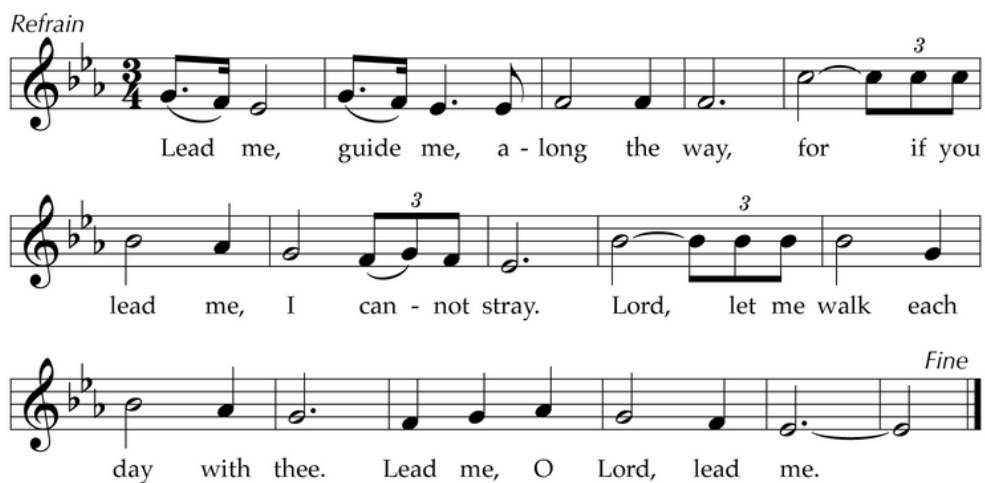


Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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"Lead Me, Guide Me" | *LEAD ME, GUIDE ME*

(Please sing refrain on cue from leader)



*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Fine*

## THANKSGIVING AFTER THE MEAL

God our help and strength,  
you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food.  
Strengthen our faith,  
that through the death and resurrection of your Son  
we may be led to salvation,  
for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.





## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

#### \*HYMN

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" | *THE KING'S MAJESTY*

1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the  
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and  
5 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly

1 tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his  
2 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be -  
3 ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and won - dering  
4 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his sap - phire  
5 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mor - tal

1 road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
2 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.  
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

#### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The way has begun.

**This time next week the world will be different,  
but the journey has to be travelled.**

Go now with the one who has already travelled and  
will travel again.

**The heart will be torn out of the universe,  
but the promise is that it will beat again.**

Go, and all heaven's peace be with you.

**Amen.**

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

"When Jesus Wept" | *WHEN JESUS WEPT*; Chancel Choir





## IN WORSHIP

The hymn we sing during Communion, "Lead Me, Guide Me," was written by the American Gospel musician Doris Akers (1923 – 1995), whose compositions have been recorded by James Cleveland, Elvis Presley, Conway Twitty, Bill Gaither and many others. Written in 1953, the hymn is an earnest plea for an intimate walk with God, who is asked to lead, guide and protect the believer. The deeply personal stanzas emphasize that divine guidance is essential because of our lack of strength, our blindness, and Satan's temptations.

The final hymn, "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty," combines that peculiar combination of tragedy and victory, which draws the singer into the drama. Christ is hailed with "Hosanna" as he rides forth to be crucified (stanza 1). That death spells victory: it is his triumph "o'er captive death and conquered sin" (stanza 2). In stanza 4 Christ rides forth to take his "power and reign." Note how "reign" is subtly offered as both noun and verb. The text unites meekness and majesty, sacrifice and conquest, suffering and glory – all central to Palm/Passion Sunday. The tune, KING'S WESTON, was composed by the English writer Graham George (1904 – 1991) a few days prior to Palm Sunday for his own church in 1939.

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Throughout this season of Lent, we are encountering Christ in solitary moments, intimate conversations, and fantastic celebrations. The swaths of silk framing the chancel imitate mountain peaks or desert sand dunes - topography showcased in our readings, and locations that often inspire personal contemplation. And so, we reflect inward. Just as the cupped hands embrace twisting silks of various hues from week to week, we must hold all of the aspects of ourselves - the shadows and the light - with care and compassion. We remember to call ourselves beloved, as God does.

Many thanks to Mary Boris and Lisa Longo for bringing this vision to life.

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# Events and Announcements

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## **Easter Plant & Decor Donation | Orders Due Apr. 4**

Please consider a \$25 donation for plants and decor used throughout the Lenten season. The plants that decorate the sanctuary will later be used on the westside project! Your personal dedications will be printed in the Easter bulletins.



## **Deacons' Spring Plant Sale | Orders Due Apr. 6**

The Deacons Spring Plant Sale is back! Use the QR code to order online or print an order form to deliver to the office. All orders are due by Thursday, April 6th and Plant pick up is here on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.



## **Share Your Sacred Spaces Art Installation | Apr. 7**

Join in our community worship art project by submitting a photo and description of one of your sacred places, somewhere you had an unexpected encounter or somewhere you often encounter the sacred!



## **Easter Egg Hunt & Tinker Coffee Cart | Apr. 8**

In addition to our 10:30 am egg hunt, we will have activities & snacks (as well as a Tinker House coffee cart) before and after the hunt as well as open tours of the church throughout the morning. Volunteers are needed! Contact Nancy Fortenberry.



## **Indy Fuel Hockey Night | Apr. 14 | 7:00 pm**

Come out and support the Indy Fuel with Northminster for Fan Appreciation night! The first 1,500 in attendance will receive a bobblehead and fans will have the chance to get their hands on prizes throughout the game. Tickets are \$20.



## **Sound & Spirit: John W. Moyer, Organ**

Join us for our season finale with John William Moyer! Sharing organ repertoire from the Renaissance through the 21st century, Moyer's playing has been described by the Baltimore Sun as "ever-expressive, stylish, and riveting."



## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Every year Northminster joins with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing. To learn more, scan the QR code to the right!



## **Family Promise Food Delivery Volunteers | Thursdays in April**

Northminster is preparing and delivering meals to a family in the Apartment Shelter Project every Thursday in April. To learn more and volunteer your time and talents, please scan the code to the right or visit our Events page.



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