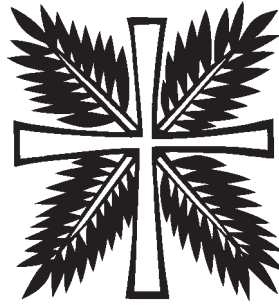


# HOLY COMMUNION

with procession of palms



*Passion Sunday*

April 5, 2009 + 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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*Central - in the heart of the city, welcomes all people to celebrate, discover and share the love of Christ*

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## ***Christ the branch shelters us with mercy***

*The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.*

*The Holy Spirit gathers  
us in unity  
on the first day  
of the week, the day of  
Christ's resurrection*

## PROCESSION WITH PALMS

*The assembly gathers in South Commons so that all may enter in procession. Palm branches are distributed before the service begins. Children are invited to gather around Pastor C for the children's message and blessing. Those who do not desire to join in the procession may meet the assembly in the sanctuary.*

### WELCOME AND BLESSING

**P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All** **Hosanna in the highest.**

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### GOSPEL

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

Mark 11:1-11

**P** The holy gospel according to Mark.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**



When [Jesus and the disciples] were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

<sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
"Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**A** Praise to you, O Christ

### PALM PROCESSION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**A** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for your redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless all who carry palm branches in this city on this day.

Grant us grace to follow him in the way of the cross,

so that, dying and rising with him, we enter into your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

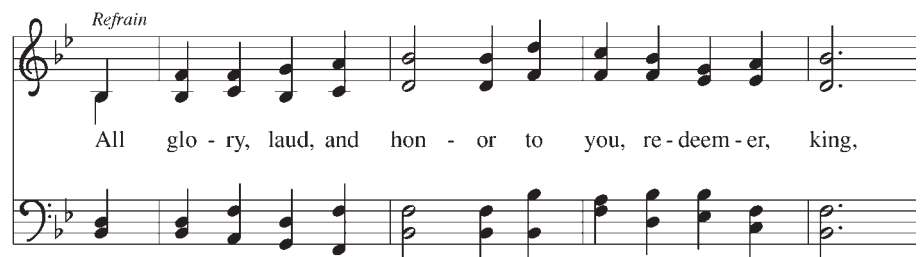
**A** in the name of Christ. Amen.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

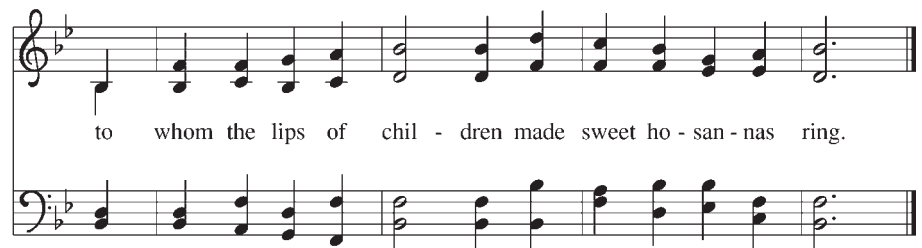
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*The hymn begins as the assembly enters the sanctuary.*

*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.

*The procession outside is accompanied by the carillon and other instruments. The processional hymn begins as we enter the sanctuary.*



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

- P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**A** Hosanna in the highest.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** ...one God, now and forever.  
**A** Amen.

*God speaks to us in  
 scripture reading,  
 preaching,  
 and song*

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*



**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

*The servant submits to suffering*

Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord GOD has given me  
 the tongue of a teacher,  
 that I may know how to sustain  
 the weary with a word.  
 Morning by morning he wakens —  
 wakens my ear  
 to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
 and I was not rebellious,  
 I did not turn backward.

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**AD** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING *Humbled to the point of death on a cross* Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**AD** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR LENT

*Please remain seated for the acclamation and passion reading.*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind,



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Text: Gracia Grindal, based on Joel 2:13  
Music: KAS DZIEDAJA, Latvian folk tune  
Text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress

*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. This year the assembly, Christ's living body in the world, takes the part of Jesus.*



The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**AD** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; <sup>2</sup>for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

<sup>3</sup>While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said,

**AD** **"Let her alone; why do you trouble her?**

**She has performed a good service for me.**

**<sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me.**

**<sup>8</sup>She has done what she could;**

**she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial.**

**<sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance 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>When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

**AD** **"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 owner of the house,**

**'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>So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>17</sup>When it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

**AD** **"Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."**

<sup>19</sup>They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them,

**AD** **"It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me.**

**<sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him,**

**but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!**

**It would have been better for that one not to have been born."**

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

**AD** **"Take; this is my body."**

<sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them,

**AD** "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.  
<sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of 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 the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them,

**AD** "You will all become deserters; for it is written,  
'I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.'  
<sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

<sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." <sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him,

**AD** "Truly I tell you, this day,  
this very night, before the cock crows twice,  
you will deny me three times."

<sup>31</sup>But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

**AD** "Sit here while I pray."

<sup>33</sup>He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them,

**AD** "I am deeply grieved, even to death;  
remain here, and keep awake."

<sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>He said,

**AD** "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible;  
remove this cup from me;  
yet, not what I want, but what you want."

<sup>37</sup>He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

**AD** "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?  
<sup>38</sup>Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;  
the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

<sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup>He came a third time and said to them,

**AD** "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come;  
the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.  
<sup>42</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>43</sup>Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

<sup>45</sup>So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to them,

**AD** "Have you come out with swords and clubs  
to arrest me as though I were a bandit?"



**<sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."**

<sup>50</sup>All of them deserted him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

<sup>53</sup>They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup>Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" <sup>59</sup>But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" <sup>61</sup>But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" <sup>62</sup>Jesus said,

**AI "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"**

<sup>63</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

<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 stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup>But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." <sup>72</sup>At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,



**AI "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."**

And he broke down and wept.

<sup>15:1</sup> As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him,

**AI "You say so."**

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests

stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, "Crucify him!" <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

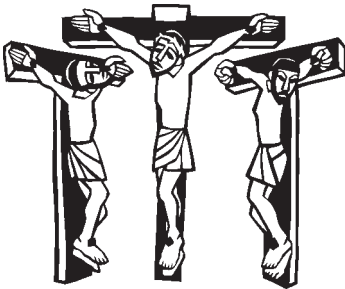
<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"



**AD** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The gospel of the Lord.

**AD** Praise to you, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing; Re -  
to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be. Oh,  
sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
"Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they  
flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die? \_\_\_\_\_  
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry. \_\_\_\_\_

Text: Samuel Crossman, c 1624-1683  
Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

## REFLECTION

Pastor Rick Nelson

"Something Worth Shouting About"

*silence for reflection*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*final stanza*

Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine! Ne -  
ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief like thine. This  
is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could  
glad - ly spend, I all my days could glad - ly spend.

## FOUNDERS' DAY PROCLAMATION

Congregation President-Elect Bill Masche

## APOSTLES' CREED

☩ We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we 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 Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,

*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

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

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A** Led by Christ in our journey of repentance  
and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church,  
those in need, and all of God's creation.

*after each petition:*

Lord in your mercy,

**All** hear our prayer.

**P** Into your hands, merciful God,  
we commend these and all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your guidance and your grace; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All** Amen.

## MEAL

#### PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All** And also with you.

*The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.*

#### GATHERING OF GIFTS

*While the collection is received lay ministers prepare the table.*

*The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.*

#### Anthem

"Worthy the Lamb"

*American, arr. Parker/Shaw*

*Glory to God on high; Let earth and skies reply; Praise ye his name.*

*His love and grace adore who all our sorrows bore; Sing aloud evermore:*

*Worthy the Lamb. Jesus, our Lord and God, bore sin's tremendous load;*

*Praise ye his name. Tell what his arm has done, what spoils from death he won;*

*Sing his great name alone: Worthy the Lamb. While they around the throne*

*cheerfully join as one, praising his name. Those who have felt his blood sealing*

*their peace with God, sound his dear fame abroad: Worthy the Lamb.*

#### Offertory Prayer

**A** Together let us pray.

**All** Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious  
love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



All are invited to receive these gifts of God.  
Grape juice is available upon request.  
Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.  
Communion at this service is served kneeling (as you are able) by individual chalices around the communion rail.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**A** And also with you.

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:  
Lord's Prayer (1975)*

- A** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
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.

## Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

### Communion "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Anthem

"Vere languores nostros"

*Tomás Luis de Victoria*

*Surely he bore our sorrows, and our sufferings, torments sore enduring,  
himself he carried: by his chastisement and stripes he healed us. Wood of sweetness,  
nails of sweetness, sweet is the weight thus borne on thee, who only wast counted  
worthy to support the world's king and master, and Lord of all.*

### Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**A** Amen.

- A** Let us pray.  
O God, our beginning and our end,  
you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety  
throughout the days of their pilgrimage,  
and you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea.  
Protect and guide us in our journeys.  
Make our ways safe and our home-comings joyful,  
and bring us at last to our heavenly home,  
where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- A** Amen.

# SENDING

## BLESSING

**P** May the Lord turn his face toward us,  
and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**A** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

(hymn) 811

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

## DISMISSAL

*Please face the entrance for the dismissal.*

**A** Go in peace. Christ goes with you.

**A** Thanks be to God.

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

## POSTLUDE

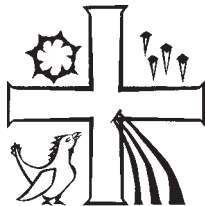
“Toccatina and Fugue in d minor”

J. S. Bach

*Today's much requested  
postlude is offered in a belated  
celebration of J. S. Bach's  
birthday (March 21). Healing  
rites concluding our service on  
March 22 precluded its  
inclusion in worship  
that morning.*

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 9	7 p.m.	Holy Communion with individual forgiveness and first communion
Good Friday, April 10	noon - 3 p.m.	Tre-Ore Service, with meditations, hymns and choral anthems on the seven words from the cross
	7 p.m.	Adoration of the crucified, prayer around the cross
Holy Saturday, April 11	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Labyrinth available for prayer
Easter Sunday, April 12	6 a.m.	Sunrise Holy Communion with choir, brass and bells
	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Festival Holy Communion with choir, brass and bells
	7 p.m.	Holy Communion for Easter Evening



## SERVING TODAY

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>	
Pastor Rick Nelson	<i>preaching</i>	
David West	<i>assisting minister</i>	
Cory Bryan	<i>intercessor</i>	
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>	
Jane Lien	<i>associate cantor</i>	
Cantorei	<i>choir</i>	
Shirley Flachman, Kris Schoephoerster, Mariel Wolter, Phil Ranheim, Dave West, Carney Meekins		<i>readers, 8:30</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator, 8:30</i>	
Ron Fiscus, Verne Melberg, Barb Hoernemann, Christy James, Jamey Grafing, Christopher Haug, Mark Brodin		<i>readers, 11:00</i>
Richard Stegall		<i>sound operator, 11:00</i>
Debra Thelen		<i>sacristan</i>
Rod Richter, Earl Carson		<i>radio announcer</i>
Bob Boldt		<i>lead ushers</i>
Zee & Larry Gregerson, Bruce Bergeson, Barb Hoernemann, Ann Oyen, Allison Winblad, Rick Johnston		<i>bulletin cover art</i>
Pastor Kristen Jacobson, Mark Forsberg, Joan Van Wirt, Carol Reiger & Randy Holm, Phil & Eve Overby		<i>communion ministers</i>
		<i>hosts and greeters</i>

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Today as part of our gathering rite we dedicate our refurbished and new spaces: South Commons, Restrooms, Nursery, and Restoration Center, funded by *Forward in Faith* contributions.

**Altar flowers today** are given by Nancy Gruber in loving memory of her husband Laurence Lunden, Jr., his parents Laurence and Anne Stub Lunden, his brother John Lunden, aunts Didrikke Stub Hubbard and Bertha Stub Lysen, uncle J.A.O. Stub, Jr., and as a tribute to his grandparents the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J.A.O. Stub. Dr. Stub was Central's first pastor, as well as influential in Luther Seminary's history. To donate chancel flowers, contact Gloria Hahn at 952-545-6109.

**Sunday worship** is broadcast locally on WDGY 740 AM at 11 a.m.; or listen online from anywhere at [wdgyradio.com](http://wdgyradio.com). To sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast or refreshments in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion, contact Julie Pinomaki at 612.767-9212.

## WORSHIP LIFE

### *Pilgrims, Palms, Processions*



Today is Palm Sunday, and we meet outside of our normal place of worship. We will ask God's blessing on all who carry palm branches. Then like the children of Jerusalem we will walk and sing in procession. We walk behind the cross to our holy table — Jerusalem in our own neighborhood. We will hear about how Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph before his passion, death and resurrection. This gospel that we have been listening to all year long now has been leading us to this journey to Jerusalem, this procession to the supper table, the cross, and the tomb.

We hear the story of Jesus' passion all at once, read out by an ensemble of readers, each taking a part. We take the part of the Jesus... his words in our mouths... our bodies becoming his... our lives taking the shape of his.

When we accept the palm branches today, we promise to live as pilgrims, to move through this life with and to Jesus. Like the Israelites in the desert, we are only passing through. Like Christ himself, we go about carrying good news, even when we walk the way of tears.

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## WELCOME!



**Everyone is welcome.** As a community of the people of God, the members of Central Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. We invite guests to complete the “Welcome to Central” card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please speak to a staff member or call the church at 612-870-4416.

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances. If you would prefer to use Central’s nursery (available for children ages four and younger), you will find it on the second floor of the Education Building. An usher will be glad to assist you.

**Welcome to the Lord’s Table.** All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. If you are not in a designated access seating area and desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**We envision** becoming a thriving, vibrant model of urban Lutheran ministry for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This lofty vision requires us to ask each day if our goals for worship, learning, and service are clearly reaching a diverse neighborhood and city in language and action that reflect the world as well as our heritage.



Large print service folders,  
assisted listening devices, and access seating  
are available to aid your participation in worship.  
Please inquire with an usher.

