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# Sunday of the Passion + April 2, 2023

## PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

After meditating on the passion and death of Jesus in our readings, we conclude our worship this morning in silence.

#### **GATHERING**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **ACCLAMATION**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

## **Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11**

Jesus enters Jerusalem

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

5"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

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## **BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. We ask that You bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Him 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

## **PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

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HYMN # 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

## Silence is kept.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

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.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
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.

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;

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

9aIt is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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## **PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16**

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

- <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I <sup>1</sup> am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat <sup>1</sup> and my belly.
- <sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.
- <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to <sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;
  - when they see me in the street I they avoid me.
  - <sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>1</sup> out of mind;
    - I am as useless as a | broken pot.
  - <sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>1</sup> all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>1</sup> take my life.
  - <sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
    - I have said, "You | are my God.
  - <sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>I</sup> in your hand;
    - rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who I persecute me.
  - <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love."

# **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

A reading from Philippians.

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

<sup>5</sup>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,

8he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

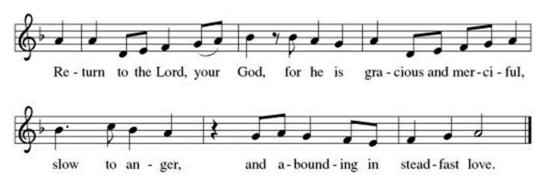
even death on a cross.

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9Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **WORD**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



# + The Passion According to Matthew +

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## \*HYMN # 345 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



Reading: Matthew 26:1-30

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## Hymn #488 Soul Adorn Myself (Verse 1)



Reading: Matthew 26:31-56

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## Hymn #347 Go to Dark Gethsemane (Verses 1-3)

## Go to Dark Gethsemane



Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

**Reading: Matthew 26:57-27:26** 

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## Hymn #349 Ah, Holy Jesus





Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Reading: Matthew 27:27-27-54

**Silence for Meditation** 

ANTHEM - "Father Forgive Them"

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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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

#### A brief silence.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. We pray for all those suffering from global disasters especially those impacted by the earthquakes in Ecuador, Syria and Turkey. Bring peace to Ukraine. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful. Nurture all in need especially Bill M., Leslie H., Andrew, Bill F., Bill D., Luke and Emilie; those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19; and those we name before you now (pause). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

## Here other intercessions may be offered.

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

(PASTOR) We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

#### **OFFERING**

Thank you for continuing to make your contributions in support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, particularly during these challenging times, by mail or by visiting our website to set up online giving.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

#### Amen.

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## **MEAL**

# \*GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

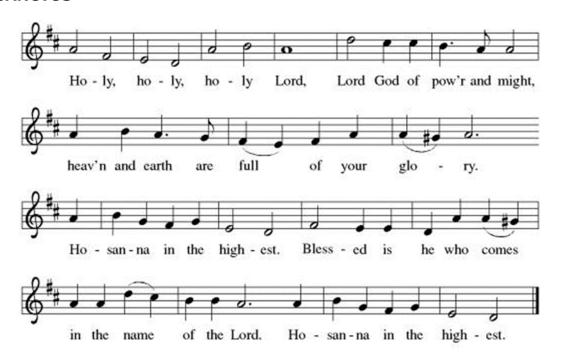
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**



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## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

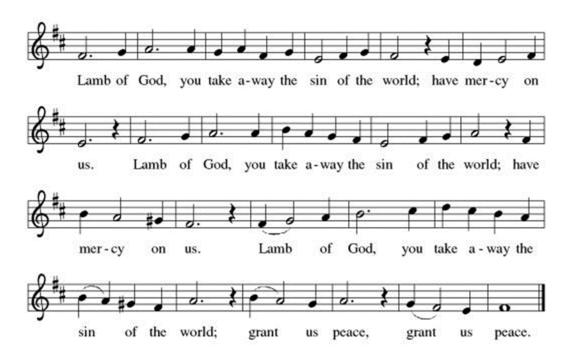
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

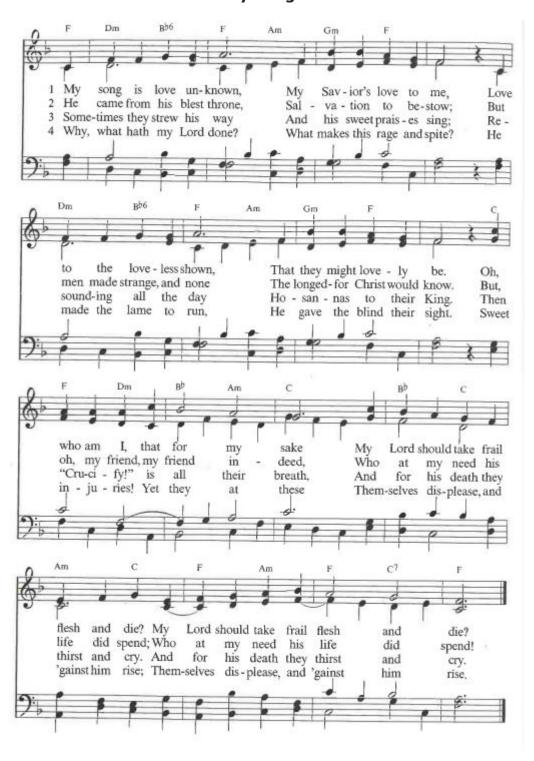
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# **LAMB OF GOD**



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## **COMMUNION HYMN #343 My Song Is Love Unknown**



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- 5 They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save, The prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, That he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life, no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death, no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home; But mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing— No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

#### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

## **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

God, the giver of love,

+ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

#### **DISMISSAL**

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in this nation, peace in our town, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go in peace. Serve in love

## Thanks be to God.

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## This morning we welcome Pastor Bruce Kaifler.

#### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Maundy Thursday April 6 7:30 pm

Good Friday April 7 12 Noon or 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil at St. Thomas April 8 5pm

Easter Sunday April 9 8:45 am or 11:15 am

## Voter's Assembly Meeting - April 16th 11:45am

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER (2 April 2023)

#### THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Agnes VanWinkle, Robert & Pat Richards, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Catherine Pernice, Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]

Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann]

Jack & Adam Souza [requested by Laura Kostecki]

Ellen Bell [requested by Dorothy Graf]

Gavin Lahann[requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]

Luke Meyveci [requested by Dana Sanzone]

Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]

Sara Larson [requested by Julie & Michael Francis]

Leslie Hansen, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]

John Stabile [requested by Lydia Moser]

Amy Gabelman, Chris Peck, Bob Widmer, Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

Tracey Parisi, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]

Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]

Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]

Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]

Chris Kelly, John Sullivan [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]

Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]

Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]

Zach Hills [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]

Bernadette Uneberg [requested by John Hinsch]

Pete Gambitsky, Pastor Roger Schleef, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]

The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]

Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]

Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen]

Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]

Amy Kitay [requested by Diana Smiloff]

#### **THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:**

Sgt Eric Hodosky

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]

Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]

Corporal August Detting

Major William Fortin

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