Holy Week 2023

Palm Sunday • Maundy Thursday • Good Friday • Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023 Ten-Thirty O'Clock in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary Processional William Mathias

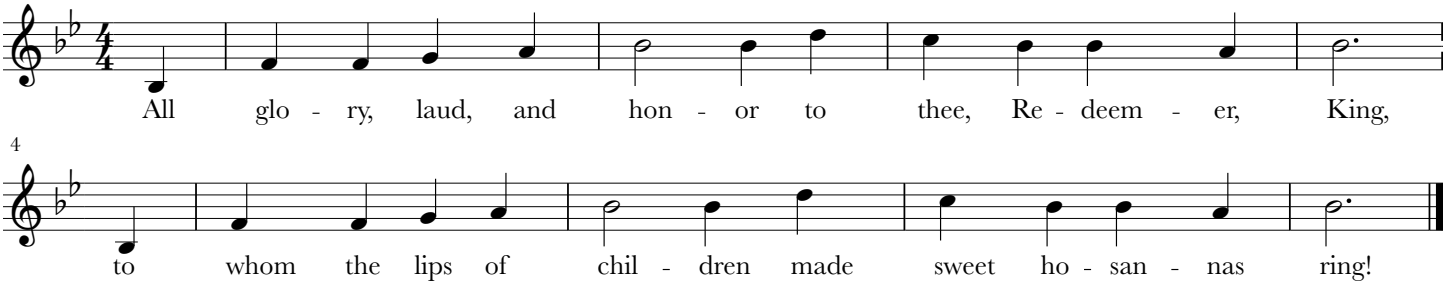
Introit "Lift Up Your Heads" William Mathias

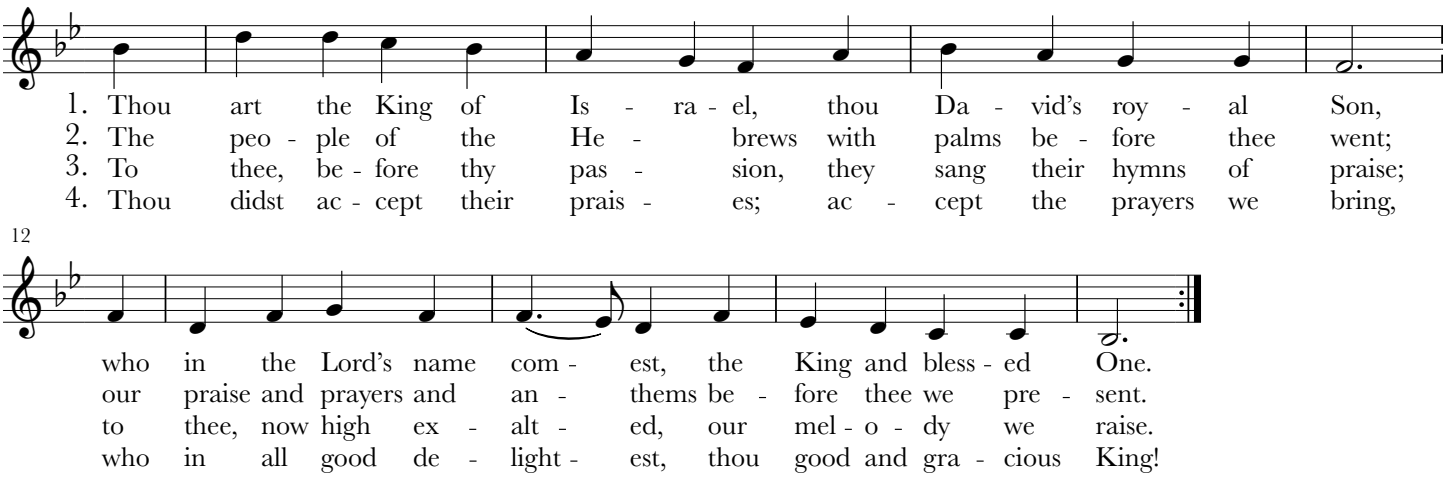
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Litany for the Palms *The Covenant of Peace, a Liberation Prayer Book*

Leader: Who is this riding among us?
People: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: Hosanna, his way is victorious.
Leader: Who is this riding the animal of peace?
People: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed be the coming Kingdom of David.
People: Hosanna, his way be victorious.
Leader: Who is the Liberator of Israel?
People: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed be the freedom he brings.
People: Hosanna, his way be victorious.
Leader: Who is this carrying the palm of peace?
People: Hosanna, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed is our leader, the Prince of Peace.
People: Hosanna, his way be victorious.
Leader: Who is this that frees the oppressed from prison?
People: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed is the One who releases all captives.
People: Hosanna, his way be victorious. Amen.

***Processional Hymn #196** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Valet Will Ich Dir Geben





Prayer of Adoration** ***(in unison)

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week,
strengthen us to move beyond
the festive parade of palms
and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross,
that united with him and all the faithful,
we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness *Psalm 118:19*
into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, *Revelation 21:2*
where we may praise you with Christ
and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

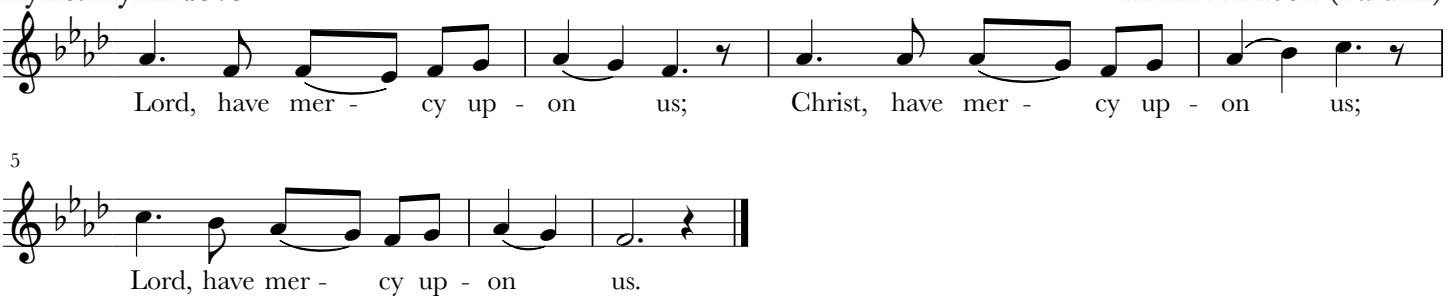
Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin to God, *Psalm 118:2*
Trusting that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Confession ***(in unison)***

God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. *Luke 19:38*
Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. *Luke 22:61*
Forgive us and heal us, we pray.
Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,
but only in the Prince of Peace. *Psalm 118:9*
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

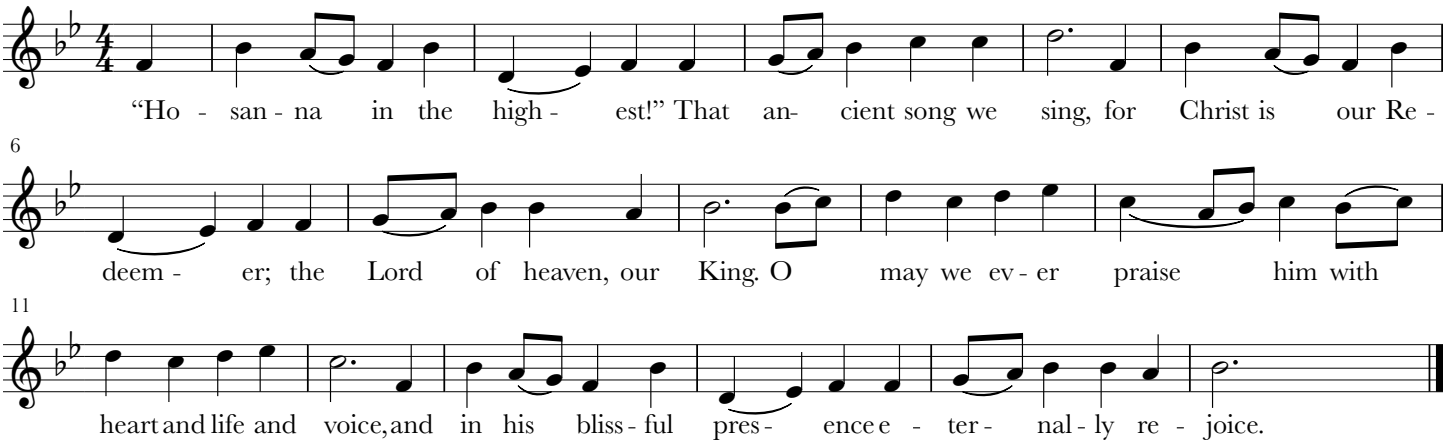
Kyrie: Hymn #575 Kyrie Eleison (Pardini)



***Assurance of Pardon**

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty? *Isaiah 50:9a*
Because of the grace we received in baptism,
we have nothing to fear.
Forgiven and freed, we give praise to God.

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon: Hymn #197, vs. 3** ELLACOMBE



Children are now invited to come forward.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Following the children's message, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit-side door for Kids' Church. They can be picked up in the lower level following the service.

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, *Psalm 118:8*
that through the story of the passion and
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, *Philippians 2:5*
in whose name we pray. **Amen**

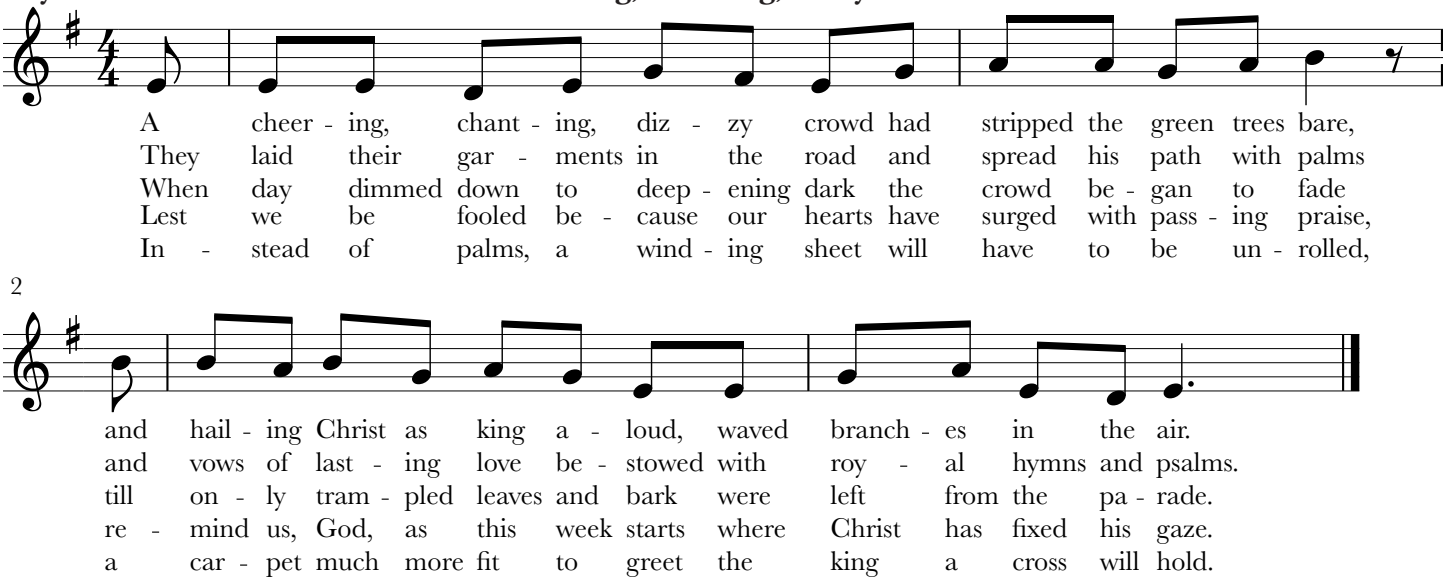
Epistle Reading *"Humility and Exaltation"* Philippians 2:5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, 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 should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: The Word of the Lord — Pew Bible p. 954
People: Thanks be to God — Large Print Bible pp. 240–41

***Hymn #200** **"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"** Christian Love



Gospel Reading *"Getting Ready for Jerusalem"* Matthew 21:1–11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"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."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!"

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

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord — Pew Bible p. 802
People: Thanks be to God — Large Print Bible pp. 27–28

Sermon "Making Ready" Rev. Benjamin George

"The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them"

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene' Creed,* p. 34

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.

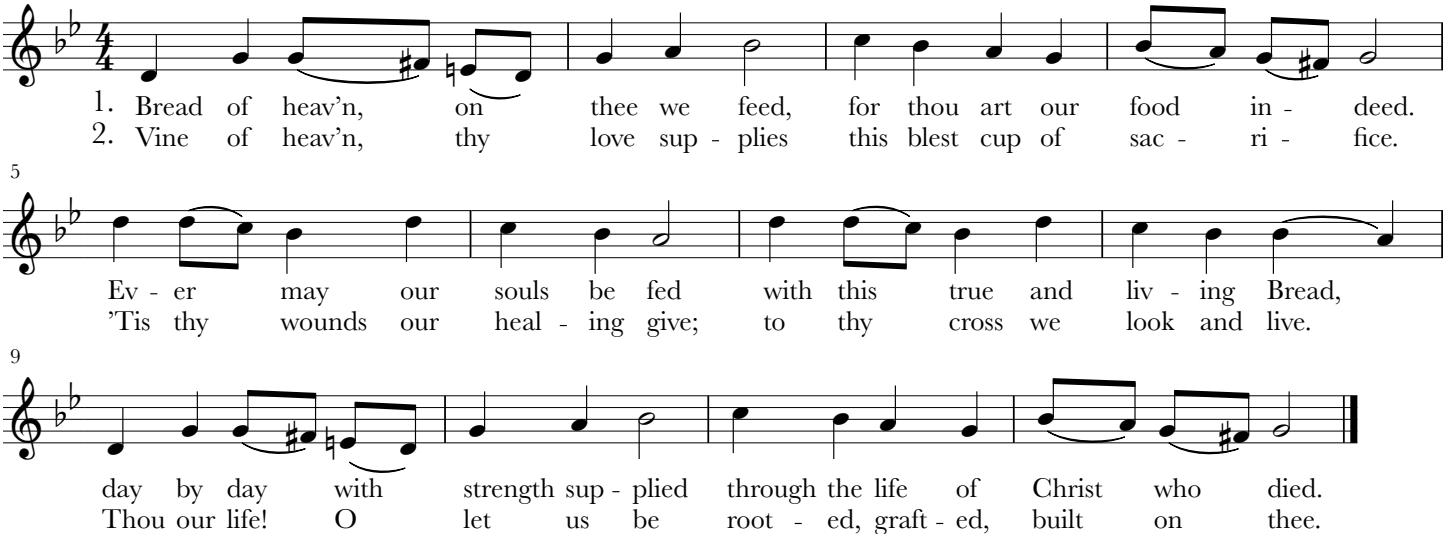
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The bread used for Holy Communion is free of nuts, gluten, egg, dairy, and preservatives

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

***Communion Hymn #496** "Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed" ARFON



***The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

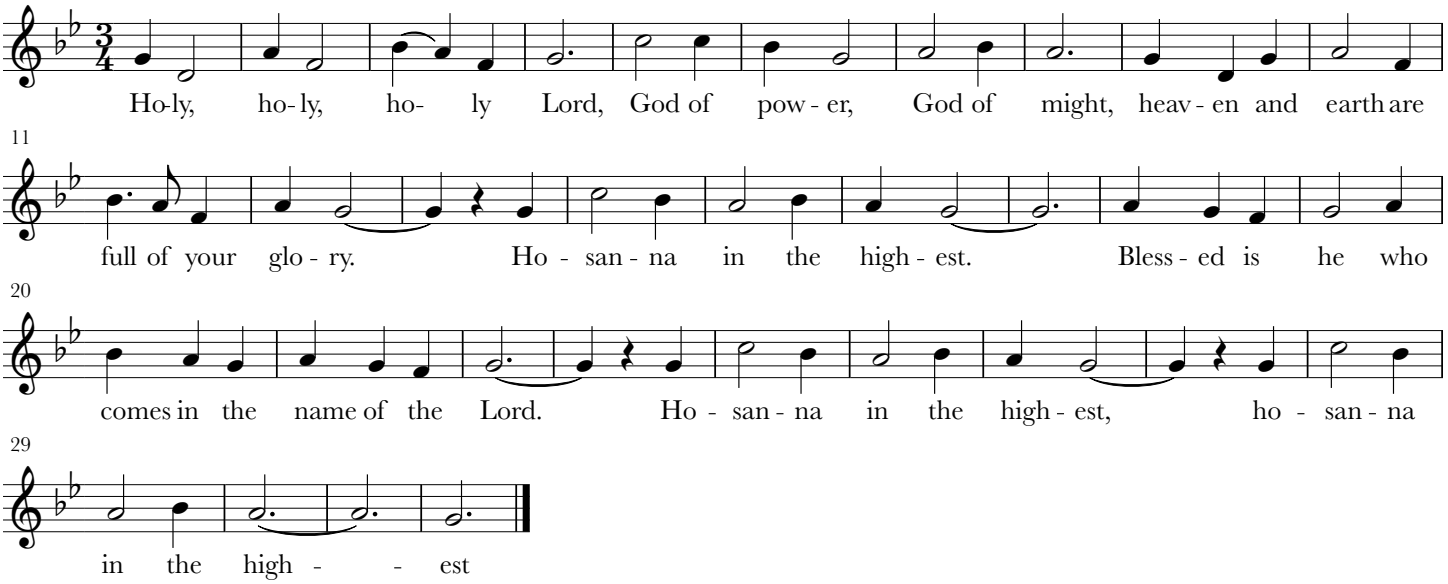
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power.

People: You made us in your image, setting us in your world to love and serve you and to live in peace with your whole creation. From generation to generation you have guided us, sending prophets to turn us from wayward paths into the way of righteousness.

Leader: Out of your great love for the world you sent your only Son among us to redeem us and to be the way to eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus: Hymn #565 SANCTUS (HAUGEN)



Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. As one of us, he knew our joys and sorrows, and our struggles with temptation. He was like us in every way except sin. In him we see what you created us to be. Though blameless, he suffered willingly for our sin. Though innocent, he accepted death for the guilty. On the cross he offered himself, a perfect sacrifice, for the life of the world. By his suffering and death, he freed us from sin and death. Risen from the grave, he leads us to the joy of new life. We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

People: Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

People: As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him.

Leader: Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, demonstrating that love in deed and word in the power of your Spirit. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

People: Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

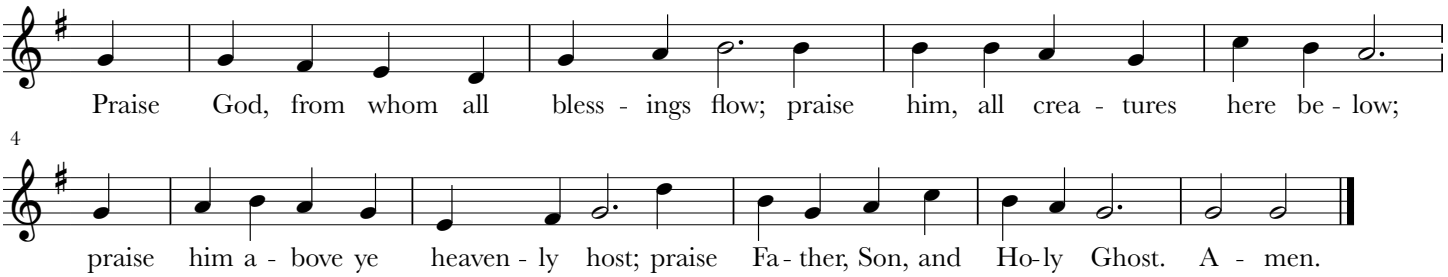
Prayers of the People *and* the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Solus ad victimam" Kenneth Leighton

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
Giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who know that for our sings this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds,
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,
That very suffering may thy mercy win.
This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ,
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
That they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter, the laughter of thine Easter Day.

***Doxology: Hymn #606** OLD HUNDREDTH



Prayer of Dedication** ***(in unison)

Holy One,
we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation
that you have done and continue to do.
Bless these offerings of thanksgiving
that they may further your kingdom in this world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Closing Hymn #209** "My Song Is Love Unknown" LOVE UNKNOWN

***Benediction**

Response: Hymnal #218, vs. 5 "Therefore, Kind Jesus" HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Voluntary Improvisation on "My Song Is Love Unknown" Paul Manz

The Cathedral Hour this morning is given in loving memory of Vera and Elizabeth Yoder.

The Chancel vases are given in loving memory of Mrs. Mildred S. Gibbs from the Gibbs Trust Investment Fund.

Acolytes
Bible Bearer: Nathan Skolnik
Chalice Bearer: Ava Skolnik
Crucifer: Perry Randau

Liturgist
Byrdie Stocker
Guest Organist
Dr. John Schwandt

Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 Six O'Clock in the Evening

Grace

Leader: Covenant God, we bless and thank you for the gift of the meal that Jesus commanded us to share.
People: **We thank you for this sign of your presence with us and your love for the world that Jesus came to redeem.**
Leader: We long to feast with Jesus in the fullness of the coming kingdom.
People: **May our worship today deepen our anticipation of that glory. Amen.**

Dinner & Fellowship

Instrumental Music "Give Me Jesus"
Christ Church Ringers

The Passover Meal & Communion
Beginning in Westminster Hall *at* 7:00 pm

Call to Worship

Leader: I give you a new commandment,
People: **That you love one another.**
Leader: Just as I have loved you,
People: **You also should love one another.**
Leader: In worship on this day,
People: **We testify to God's love shown perfectly in Christ, and we recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith.**
Leader: Then let us worship God.

Call to Confession

Leader: Christ shows his self-giving love by washing his disciples' feet.
People: **Surely we do not live up to Christ's example.**
Leader: We confess now our sin and our need of a Savior.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Loving Lord, you taught us compassion.
People: **You took a servant's role and knelt at the feet of your friends.**
Leader: Merciful God, we have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Loving Lord, you gave us a meal to remind us of your life-giving love.
People: **You called us to love one another too.**
Leader: Merciful God, we have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Loving Lord, you led us to the garden and demonstrated prayer in times of trial.
People: **You prayed that we would be one.**
Leader: Merciful God, we have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for not practicing the compassion you modeled.
People: Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to be served rather than to serve.
Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for not loving as you called us to love.
People: Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Prayer for the Washing

Leader: May this symbolic act not only teach us but also form in us a deeper desire to follow Jesus, to embody his love, to practice his humility. Lord Jesus, teach us what it means to live as members of your body. **Amen**.

Hand & Foot Washing "Meditation on Beach Spring" Karen Buckwalter

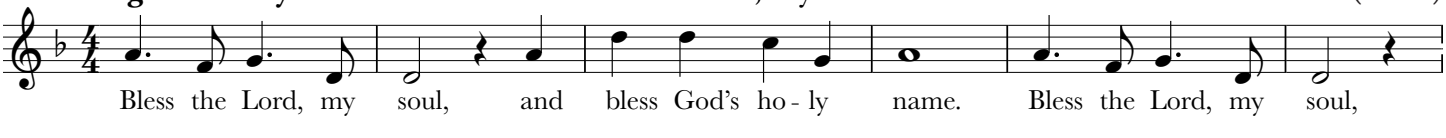
The Community Follows Christ into the Garden of Gethsemane

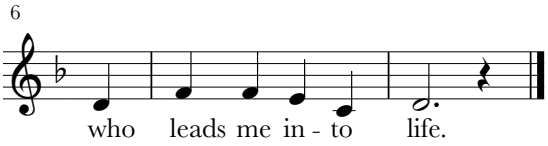
All who are able process together through the church courtyard:
(Some worshipers may wish to walk through Cloister Hall and through the front of the sanctuary.)

SILENCE IS OBSERVED

A Service of Taizé and Communion

Gathering Music: Hymn #544 "Bless the Lord, My Soul" Bless the Lord (Taizé)





Cantor: verses from Psalms for All Seasons, #103c

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.
People: God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.
Leader: So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.
People: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world. In Christ, we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn "The Kingdom of God" from *Christe Lux Mundi*

First Scripture Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 491–92
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p. 694

Short Silence (2 minutes)

Second Scripture John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

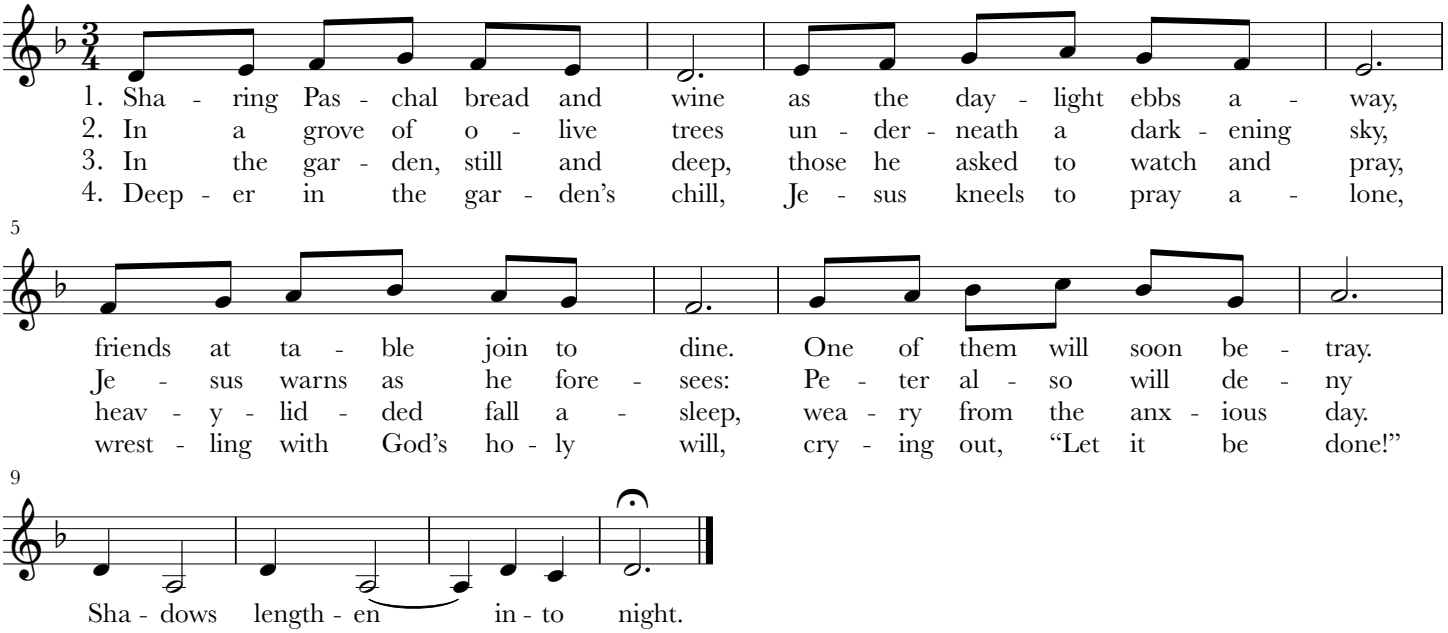
When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,

'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord — Pew Bible pp. 876–77
People: Thanks be to God — Large Print Pew Bible pp. 131–32

Longer Silence (10 minutes)

Hymn #207 "Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine" TENEBRAE



Remembering and Thanksgiving

Child: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?
All: We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.
Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise:
All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Minister: All glory and blessing are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins for the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.
Child: Why do we eat bread at this table?
Minister: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Child: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?
Minister: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Child: What do we remember at this table?

Minister: We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Minister: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another. Amen.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

All: 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 debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn #204 "Stay With Me" STAY WITH ME

Closing Prayer

Minister: O Jesus, our ever-living Teacher, Friend, and Master:

People: We have heard your new command to love one another;

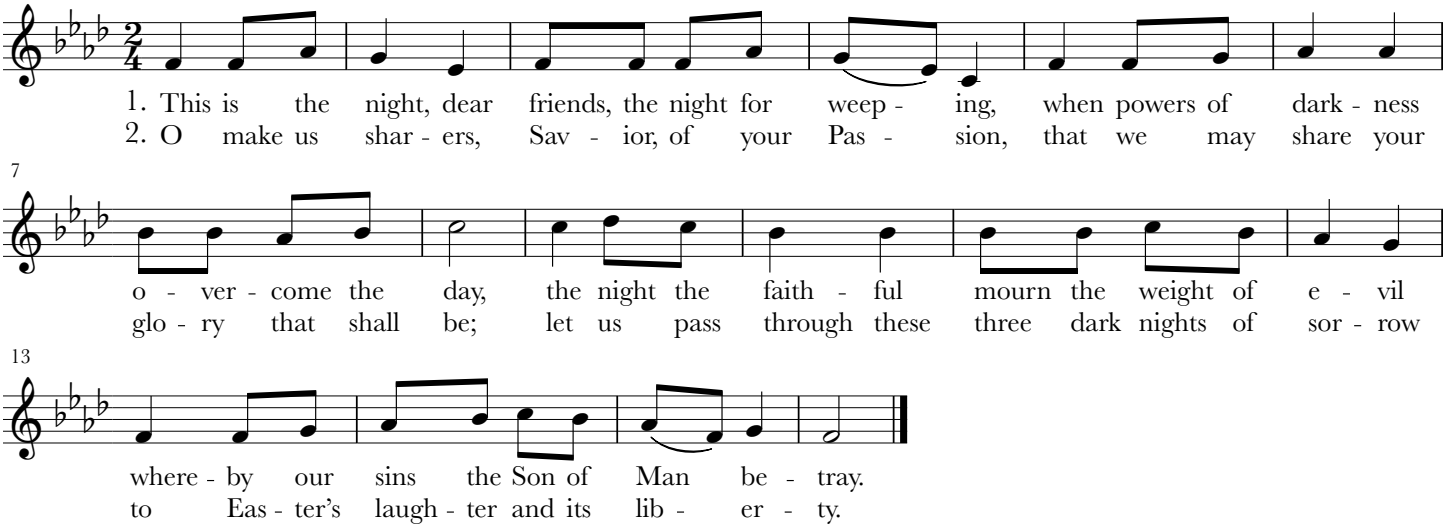
Minister: We have seen your example of how to serve humbly—you, their leader and Lord, bent down to wash your disciples' feet;

People: We have received bread and wine, signs of your presence and power within us.

Minister: By your Spirit, prompt us now, we pray, to do as you command, to imitate your willingness to serve, and to live as your children, fed and nourished for the journey by Jesus, our Lord.

People: Draw us closer and closer, our Savior, to your cross. Help us to ponder with wonder your great sacrifice. Move our hearts to love you more and more. Amen.

Hymn #206 "This Is the Night" MY NEIGHBOR



Stripping of the Chancel

All symbols, paraments, and decorations are removed from the worship space, signifying the barrenness of God's people during the three days of Christ's passion and death. The light of Christ remains.

Remain for Meditation or Depart in Silence.

Good Friday

April 7, 2023 Seven O'Clock in the Evening

The Gathering

Gathering in Silence

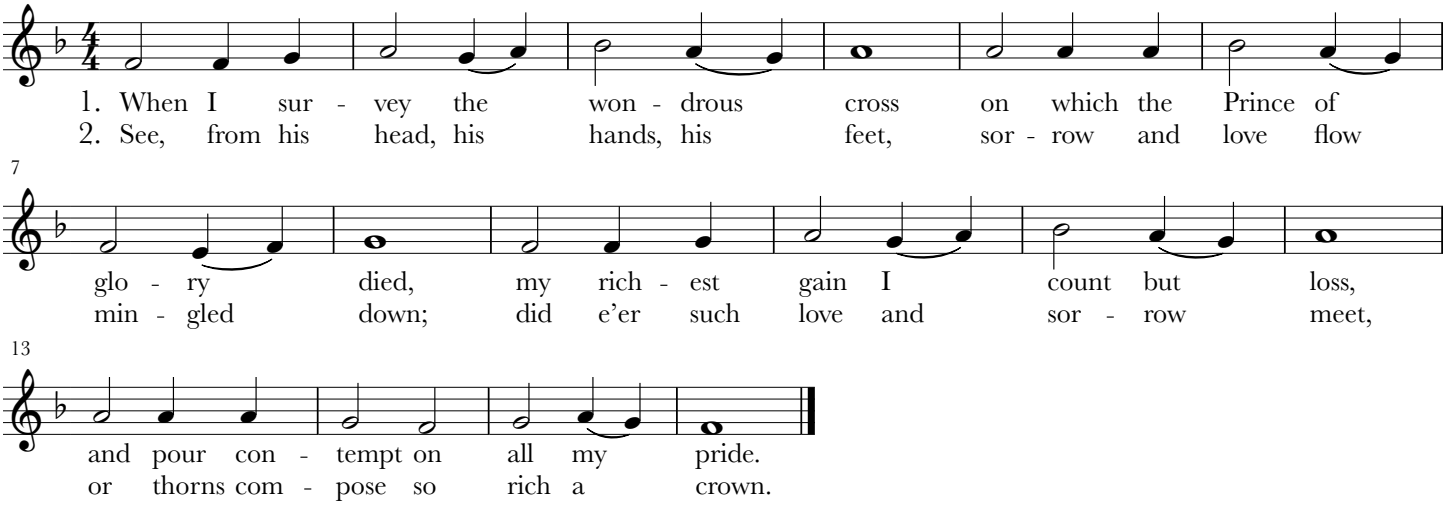
Introit "Lamb of God" F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by Thee were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

Call to Worship

Leader: Who has believed what we have heard? *Isaiah 53:1, 4–5*
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
People: Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we account him stricken,
struck down by God and afflicted.
Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
People: and by his bruises we are healed.

Hymn #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hamburg



Call to Confession

As we sing and pray together *Kyrie Eleison*,
we cry out Lord, have mercy
on behalf of ourselves and the world
in need of God's gracious care.

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross Joe Orin

Leader: O my people, what have I done to you? How have I grieved you so? Answer me!

People:

Leader: I freed you from slavery, I engulfed your enemy: you handed me over, you jeered at me!
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I grieved you so? Answer me!

People: Kyrie eleison

Leader: I opened the sea before you: you opened my side with your spear!
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I grieved you so? Answer me!

People: Kyrie eleison

Leader: I moved before you in the pillar of cloud: you led me to Pilate!
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I grieved you so? Answer me!

People: Kyrie eleison

Leader: I watched over you in the desert and fed you with manna: you struck me and scourged me!
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I grieved you so? Answer me!

People: Kyrie eleison

Leader: I gave you from the rock living waters of salvation: you gave me gall to drink, you quenched my thirst with vinegar!
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I grieved you so? Answer me!

People: Kyrie eleison

Leader: I struck down kings for you: you struck me with a reed!
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I grieved you so? Answer me!

People: Kyrie eleison

Leader: I put the sceptre into your hand, I made you a royal people: you crowned me with the crown of thorns!
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I grieved you so? Answer me!

People: Kyrie eleison

Leader: I made you great by my boundless power: you hanged me on the gallows of the Cross!
O my people, what have I done to you? How have I grieved you so? Answer me!

People: Kyrie eleison

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, *1 Peter 2:24*
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds you have been healed.

Anthem "What Wondrous Love" Traditional
arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
When I was sinking down, sinking down, O my soul,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I Am"
While millions join the theme I will sing.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

The Service of Tenebrae

Jesus is condemned to death

Opening Response:

Leader: We adore you, O Christ,
People: because you have redeemed the world by your holy cross.

Gospel Reading Mark 15:1–5,11–15

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. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

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

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 828–29
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible pp. 64–65

First Candle is Extinguished

Meditation

Pilate asked what crime Jesus had committed. It was a good question.
Jesus had annoyed the religious leaders, of that there was no doubt.
He had been critical of social and religious structures. He had healed the villagers;
he had told stories to the crowds;
he was probably a threat to public law and order;
but was that enough to condemn him, to end his life?
But he would not defend himself—
the storyteller was silent now
and the crowd was noisy,
and Pilate handed him over to be crucified.

Prayer

Leader: For those on trial this week and for those appointed to judge them:
God in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Anthem: "Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle" Pange Lingua

Sing, my tongue the glorious battle; of the mighty conflict sing;
tell the triumph of the victim, to his cross thy tribute bring.
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, from that cross now reigns as King.
Thirty years among us dwelling, his appointed time fulfilled,
born for this, he meets his passion, this the Savior freely willed:
on the cross the Lamb is lifted, where his precious blood is spilled.

Faithful cross! above all other, one and only noble tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be:
sweetest wood and sweetest iron! sweetest weight is hung on thee.
Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One:
one in might and one in glory while eternal ages run.

Jesus takes up his cross

Opening Response:

Leader: We adore you, O Christ,
People: because you have redeemed the world by your holy cross.

Gospel Reading: Mark 15:16–20

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 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.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 829
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p. 65

Second Candle is Extinguished

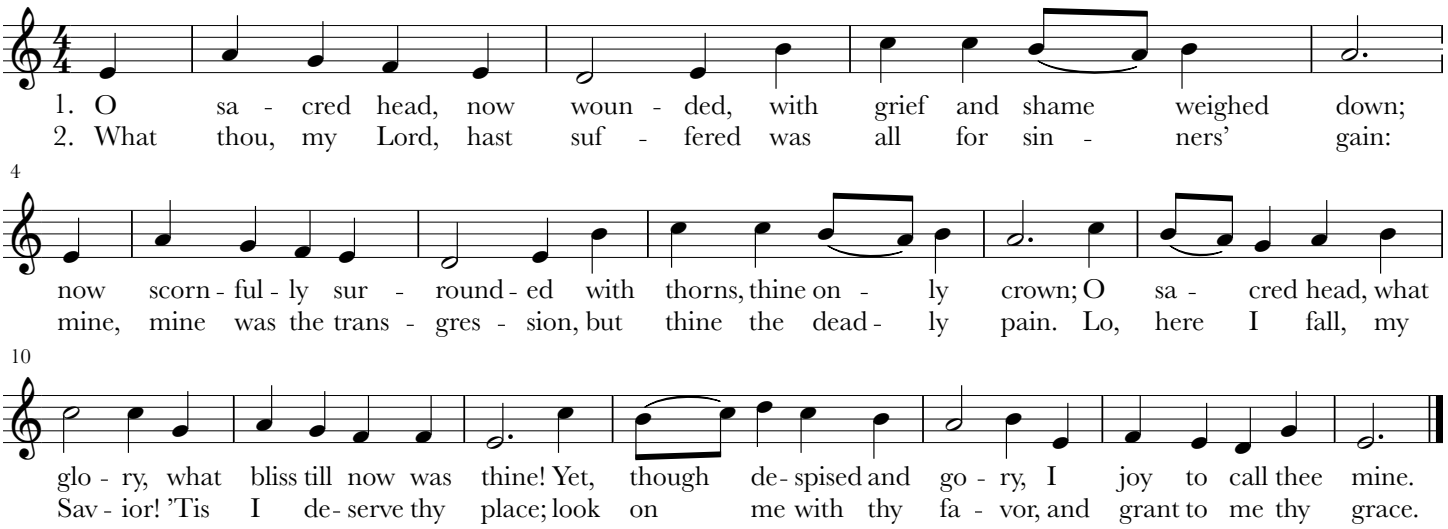
Meditation

Soldiers
taking the chance for a bit of fun.
They had a heavy day ahead.
Soon they would have to put on their public face—
disciplined, controlled, efficient.
But for now a bit of a lark with the lads
with no risk of recrimination.
Dead men tell no stories,
and Jesus was going to his death.

Prayer

Leader: For those appointed to keep public order,
and for those tempted to abuse their power:
God in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Hymn #221 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Passion Chorale



Jesus meets his mother

Opening Response:

Leader: We adore you, O Christ,
People: because you have redeemed the world by your holy cross.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22, 25, 34–35

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord… Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed… so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 833
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible pp. 71–72

Third Candle is Extinguished

Meditation

She was going to be there at his end—
she who had been there with God at his beginning.
She was his mother.
She had fed him and cradled him
and watched over his growing.
Whatever he had said and done,
he was still her son
and she would not desert him now
Whatever pain of his she could embrace she would.
And in the meeting of their eyes
there was love,
suffering and shining.

Prayer

Leader: For parents whose children are in pain or in trouble:
God in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Anthem: "Ave Verum Corpus" William Byrd

Ave verum corpus	Hail, O hail true body,
natum de Maria Virgine:	spotless virgin's virgin birth
vere passum immolatum	Thou who truly hangedst weary
in cruce pro homine:	upon the cruel cross:
Cuius latus perforatum	Thou whose sacred side was riven
unda fluxit sanguine:	whence the stream of water and blood did flow:
Esto nobis praegustatum	O may'st thou, dear Lord be given
in mortis examine.	at death's hour to be my food.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae	O tender, O loving, O Jesus Son of Mary
miserere mei. Amen	Show on me thy mercy. Amen.

Jesus is nailed to the cross

Opening Response:

Leader: We adore you, O Christ,
People: because you have redeemed the world by your holy cross.

Gospel Reading Luke 23:35, 49

And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 859–60
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible pp. 108–9

Fourth Candle is Extinguished

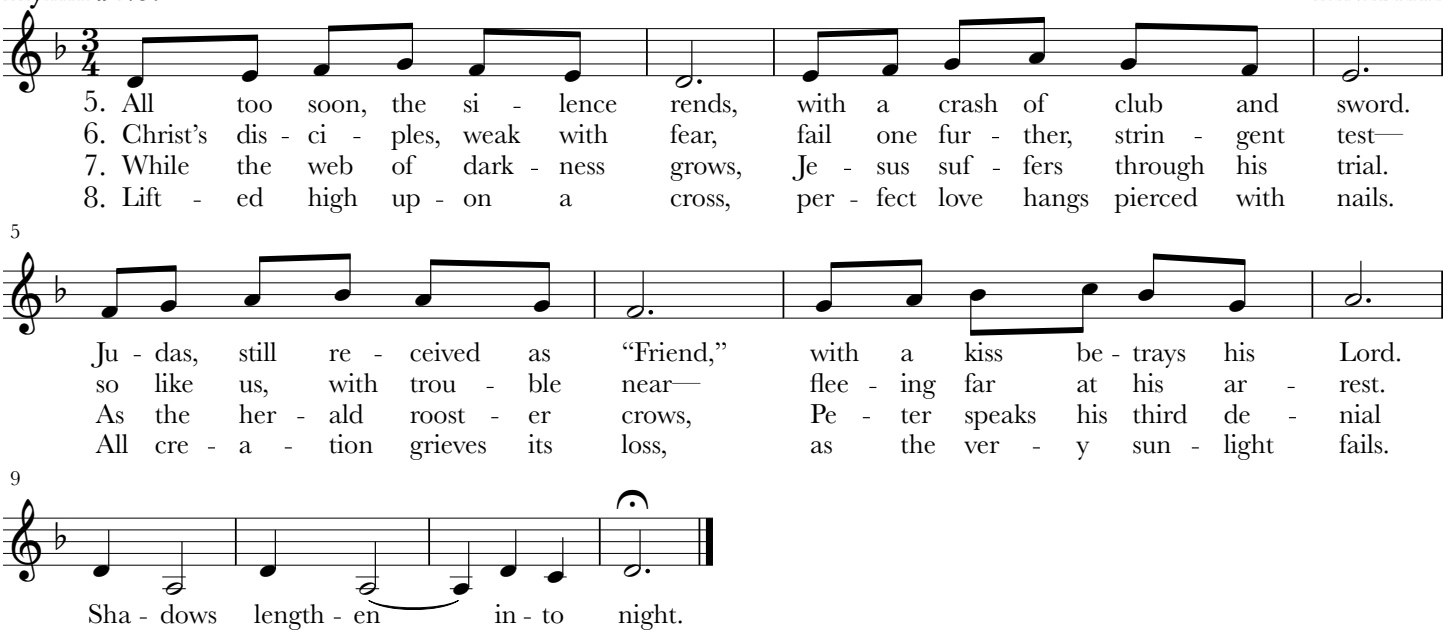
Meditation

We look on from a distance:
a distance of time and space and culture,
a distance of a Friday evening in Ohio.
And for us it hurts to watch Jesus dying,
even at a distance.
It hurts to know that we are being rescued.
It hurts to know how much we are valued and loved.

Prayer

For those deserted by friends,
for those who are alone and vulnerable:
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Hymn # 207 TENEBRAE



Jesus dies on the cross

Opening Response:

Leader: We adore you, O Christ,
People: because you have redeemed the world by your holy cross.

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:44–46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 860
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p. 109

Fifth Candle is Extinguished

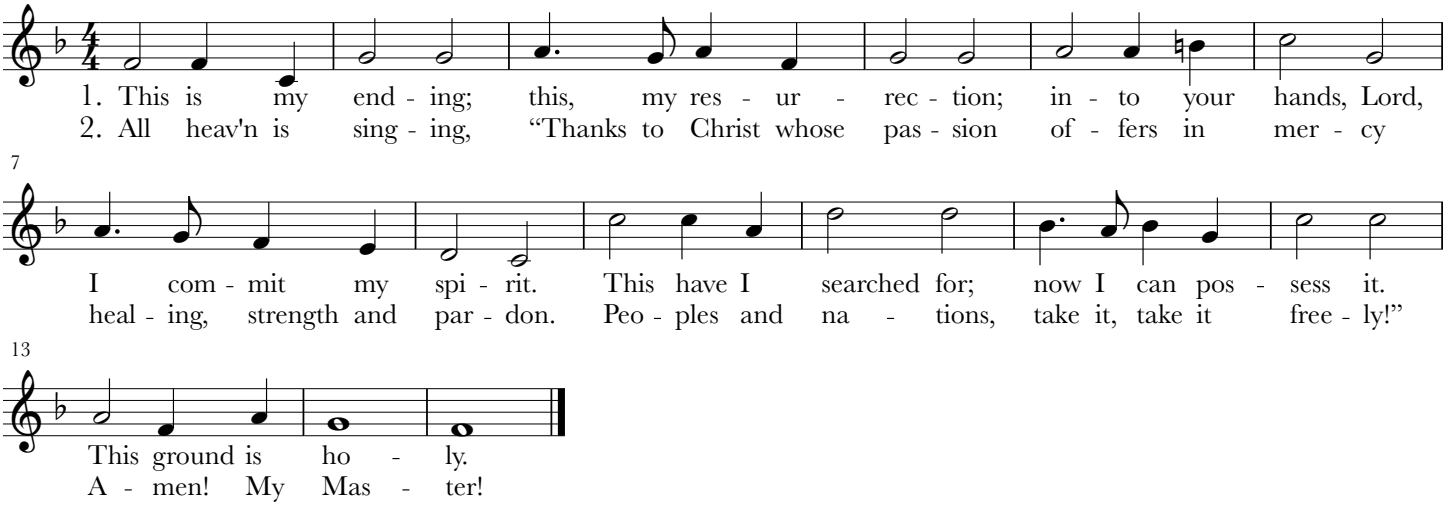
Meditation

In your hands he placed himself:
all that he was,
all that he had ever been,
all his beauty,
all his obedience,
all his loving.
In God's hands he placed himself.
He was returning to the father,
he was going home.

Prayer

Leader: For all who have died today,
for all who love them and will miss them:
God in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Hymn # 226 "There in God's Garden" Shades Mountain



Jesus is taken down from the cross

Opening Response:

Leader: We adore you, O Christ,
People: because you have redeemed the world by your holy cross.

Gospel Reading: Mark 15:42–46

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 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. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead, and summoning the centurion he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth…

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 829
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p. 66

Sixth Candle is Extinguished

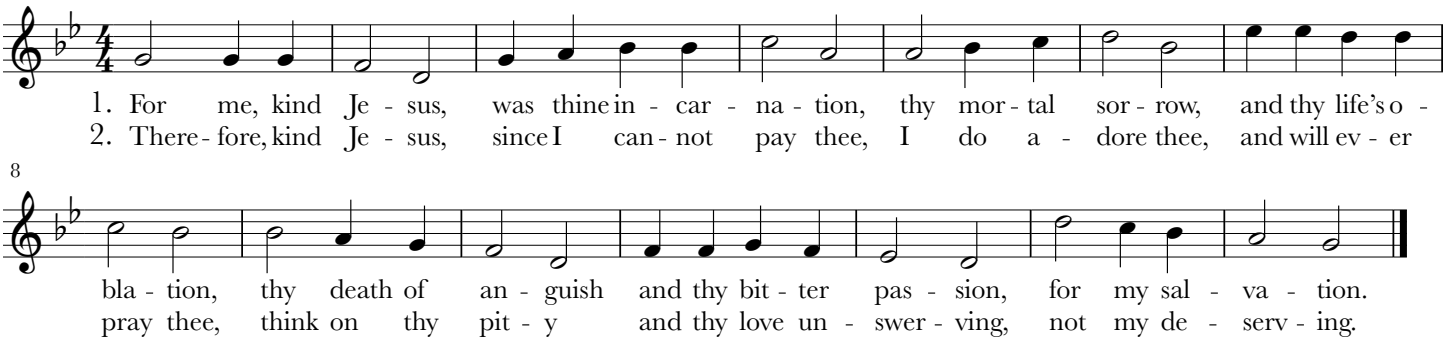
Meditation

Pieta.
Jesus is dead and lies in the arms of his mother.
Death is hard and final
and yet, whatever happens on this earth, children never die to their mothers.
In the memory of those who loved them, loved ones remain.
And for us, and for all God's people, our hope is safe in God.
From swaddling bands to grave clothes, all the days of our living and dying,
we are cradled and wrapped in love.

Prayer

Leader: For the depth of your love for us, we thank you.
God in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Hymn #218 "Ah, Holy Jesus" Herzliebster Jesu



Jesus is laid in the tomb

Opening Response:

Leader: We adore you, O Christ,
People: because you have redeemed the world by your holy cross.

Gospel Reading: Mark 15:46–47

Next, Joseph laid the body in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 829
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p. 66

Seventh Candle is Extinguished

Meditation

The door is shut now,
and the world sighs and waits.
And we wait in night's darkness,
longing for the morning,
longing for the light.

Prayer

For all who are waiting.
For all who are longing for light:
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

(Silence is kept)

Anthem "Beautiful Savior" F. Melius Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, Fairer the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forever more be Thine!

[Relight the central candles from the Christ candle during the last minutes of the anthem]

Even though tonight we commemorate the death of Jesus, we realize that death had no ultimate power over him. The light of the world would never be fully extinguished. Even in the night, the light of Christ illuminates our lives, casting out our fears and giving us hope that joy comes in the ultimate morning.

The Celebration of the Resurrection

April 9, 2023 Ten-Thirty O'Clock in the Morning

Choral Introit "Christians, to the Paschal Victim" Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal victim offer your thankful praises!
A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest, wayfaring:
"The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection;
bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.
Yea, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he will go before you."
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining, have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia!

Invocation *Luke 24:1; John 20:1*

Early on the first day of the week,
the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried
only to find that the stone had been rolled away
and the tomb was empty.
Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, on the first day of the week,
to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead

The Easter Procession "Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

Representatives of the Body of Christ bring symbols of our Resurrection Faith and worship leaders process to the chancel.

1. The Paschal Candle: The Light of Christ
2. Acolytes transmit the light to all of the chancel area candles
3. The waters of baptism are brought forth and poured into the font.
4. Banner of Christ the Sacrificial Lamb is brought forth in procession
5. Resurrection Banner is brought forth in procession
6. Easter floral array is completed with crowning glory
7. The Word of God is placed on the Communion Table
8. The Chancel Choir
   ***The Congregation Stands as:**
9. The Processional Cross is brought forth, representing the whole Body of the Faithful
10. Pastors and Lay Leaders

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.
People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.
People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Leader: Let this place resound with joy.
People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

Give Praise to God

***Hymn #232** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Easter Hymn

***Prayer of Adoration**

Leader: Almighty God,
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life.

People: As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death,
make your church to be a bold testimony
to his enduring victory in life,
that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!"
Through Christ,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness *Ps. 118:19*
that we may enter through them.
Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit
we have been raised from the waters of baptism
to share in your glorious resurrection. *Col. 3:1*
Yet we have not lived as Easter people.
We are unsure of your promise,
confused about your will,
and afraid in the face of danger.
Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. *John 20:11*
Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. *John 20:16*
Whenever we are tempted to fear death,
give us courage to confess your Easter victory.
Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts,
keep our minds on your reconciling love.
Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,
reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.
Forgive us our sin
and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Listen, church:
God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to sin and death. *Ps. 118:18*
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon: Hymn #238** JUDAS MACCABEAS

Children are now invited to come forward.

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Message for Children

Children will remain in worship following the Children's Messsage

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God,
by the power of your Spirit
roll away the stone *John 20:1*
and reveal to us the Word of Life. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 65:17–18

"Isaiah Proclaims a New Heaven and a New Earth"

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p.
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p.

Anthem "This Joyful Eastertide" William Harris

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen
My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in slumber.
Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen
Death's flood hath lost his chill, Since Jesus cross'd the river
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen

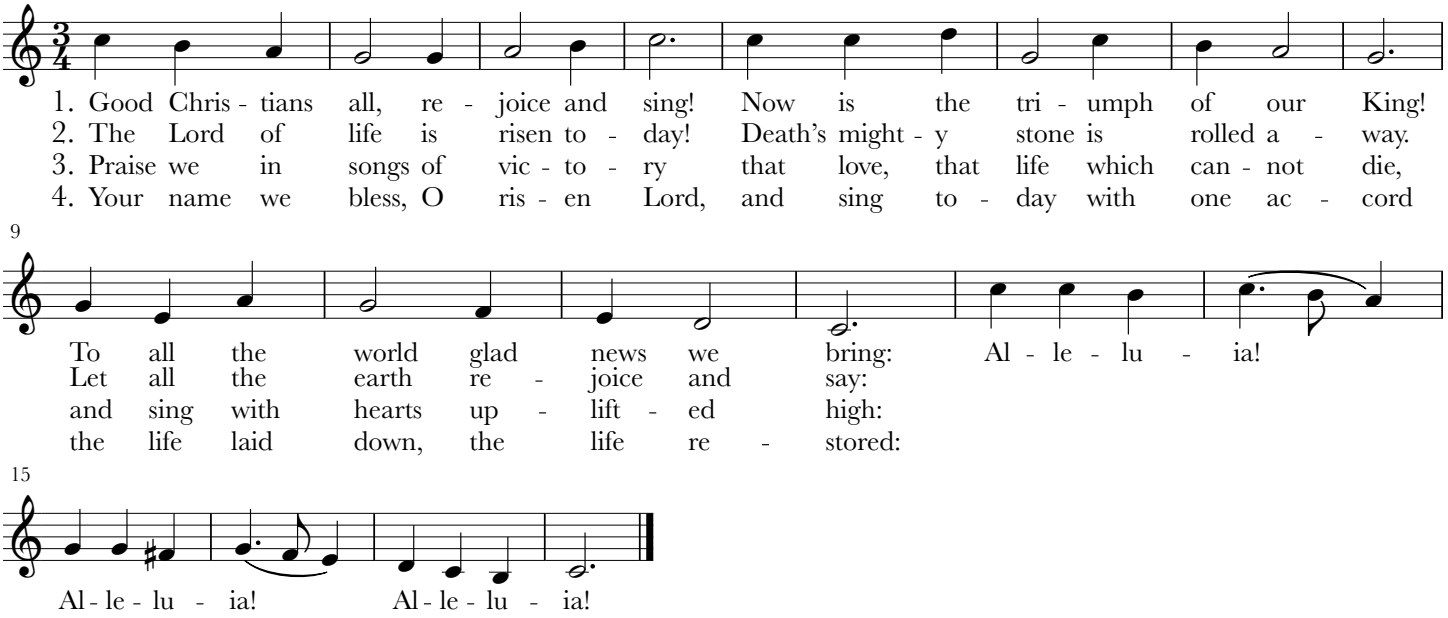
Epistle Reading Colossians 3:1–4

"New Life in Christ"

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 957
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p. 246

***Hymn #239** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" Gelobt Sei Gott



Gospel Reading Matthew 28: 1–10

"The Resurrection of Jesus Christ"

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 811
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p. 41

Sermon "New Heaven and New Earth" Rev. Dave de Vries

"He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him."

Our Response to the Word

Affirmation of Faith *(in unison) *The Apostles' Creed*, p. 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen

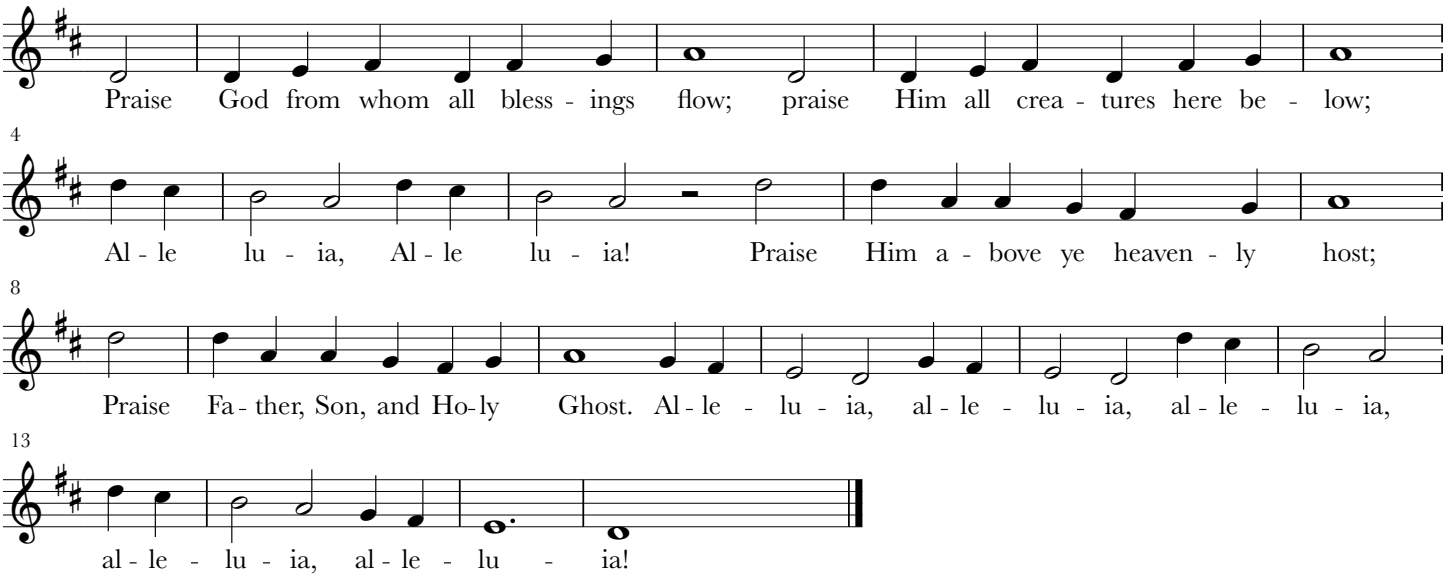
Prayers of the People *and* The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Christ, Victorious; Christ, Now Reigning" Stephen Caracciolo

Christ, victorious; Christ, now reigning; Christ, your Lord and King, commands!
Shouts of triumph, praise unceasing, "Holy, holy to the Lamb."
Alleluia, alleluia, Christ by heav'n and earth adored.
Alleluia, alleluia, Righteous King and mighty Lord.
Christ, the Image; Christ, the Dawning; Christ, the first of God's commands
All things through him, all things for him, Stars and all of heav'n's expanse.
Alleluia, alleluia, Light and Source and Holy One.
Alleluia, alleluia, Christ who was and is to come.
Christ, the Victim; Christ, the Healing; Love anoints his hands and feet.
Christ, the dying; Christ the rising, God's own sacrifice complete.
Alleluia, alleluia, Hail the Chosen One of God!
Alleluia, alleluia, Great Redeemer, saving Lord.

***Doxology** Lasst Uns Erfreuen



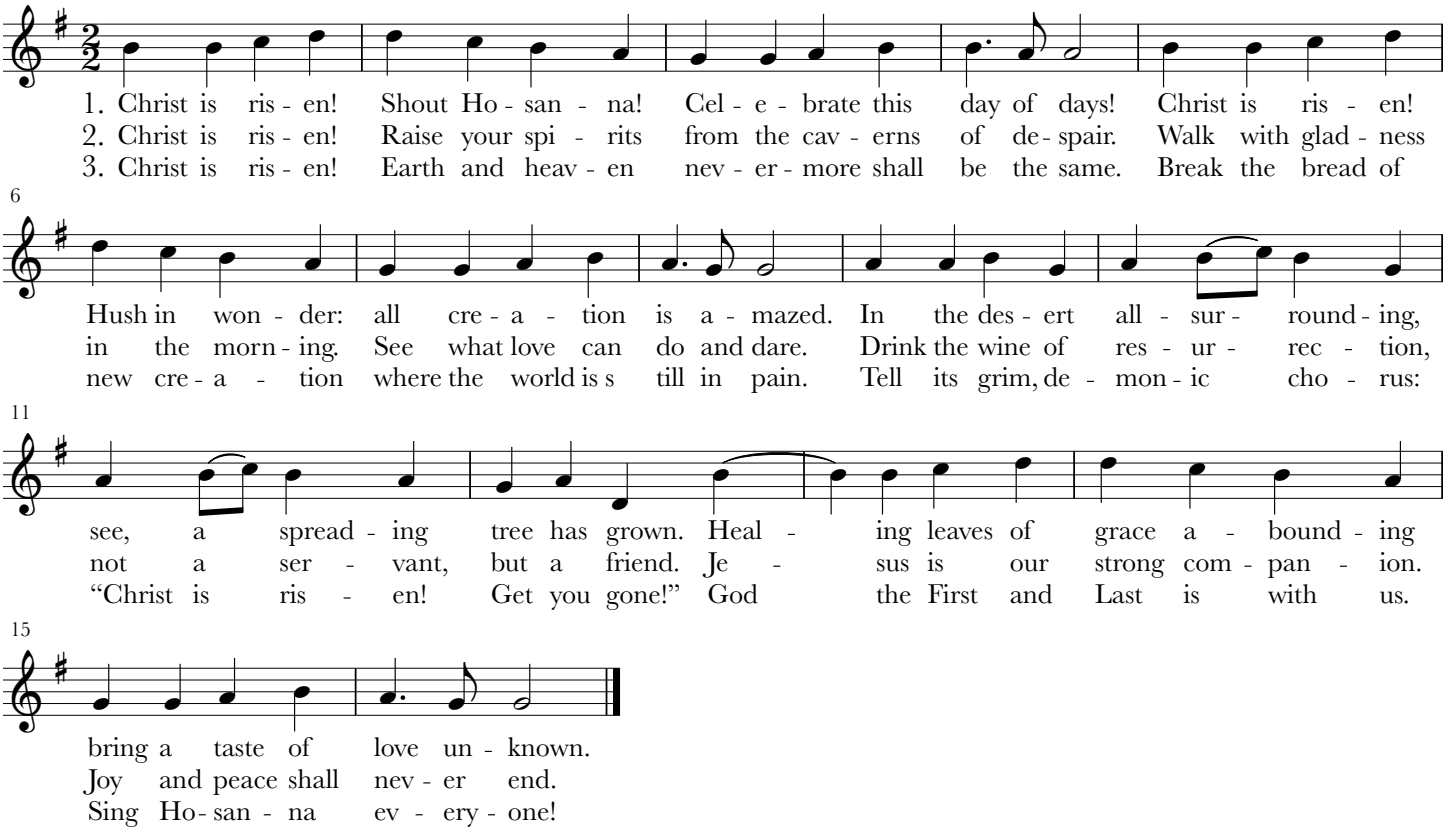
Prayer of Dedication** ***(in unison)

Almighty God,
by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor
and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord
who lives and reigns with you forever.
Amen.

Re-Entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church

***Hymn #248** "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" Hymn to Joy



Charge *and* Benediction

***Congregational Acclamation** Chorus from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever,
Kings of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!

Voluntary "Carillon Sortie" Henri Mulet

The Cathedral Hour this Easter Sunday is given in praise of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Christ is Risen, Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

We deeply appreciate those whose gifts and memorials have provided the Easter flowers for our service. Flowers may be removed from the Chancel after the conclusion of the Organ Voluntary.

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