The Order for Morning Worship

Palm and Passion Sunday
April 13, 2025
10:30 AM

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Palm Sunday is the day on which Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem on a donkey, as part of his journey to the cross. The crowd welcomed Jesus by waving palms, celebrating his arrival. King David's heir Solomon rode on a donkey on the way to be anointed King. The prophet Zechariah foretells that a future King like Solomon would come into Jerusalem on a donkey, as well. In our service, we also anticipate the events of the week, especially the passion of the Lord. Coming from the Latin word meaning "to suffer," passion refers to the suffering and death of Jesus.

Reflecting on this day, theologians Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan write, "Two processions entered Jerusalem on a spring day in the year 30…One was a peasant procession, the other an imperial procession. From the east, Jesus rode a donkey down the Mount of Olives, cheered by his followers. Jesus was from the peasant village of Nazareth, his message was about the kingdom of God, and his followers came from the peasant class… On the opposite side of the city, from the west, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Idumea, Judea, and Samaria, entered Jerusalem at the head of a column of imperial cavalry and soldiers. Jesus's procession proclaimed the kingdom of God; Pilate's proclaimed the power of empire. The two processions embody the central conflict of the week that led to Jesus's crucifixion." (*The Last Week*)

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Palm *and* Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025 Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service*

Nursery is available in the Children's area on the lower level.
Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Fanfare" (Psalm 81:1–3) John Cook

Welcome and Worship Notes

***Litany for the Palms**

Leader: Hosanna, blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: When Jesus and his disciples
were approaching Jerusalem, *Mark 11:1–6*
at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples 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.
If anyone says to you,
People: 'Why are you doing this?'
Leader: just say this, 'The Lord needs it
and will send it back here immediately.'"
They went away and found a colt tied near a door,
outside in the street.
As they were untying it,
some of the bystanders said to them,
People: "What are you doing, untying the colt?"
Leader: They told them what Jesus had said;
and they allowed them to take it.

Hosanna, blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Then they brought the colt to Jesus
and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. *Mk. 11:7–11*
Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches
that they had cut in the fields.
Then those who went ahead
and those who followed were shouting,
People: "Hosanna! Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest!"

Welcome & Worship Notes
"Worship begins as the people gather—greeting one another, praying in silence, sharing announcements, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world." (BCW) As we gather, we are intentional with what we do and how we do it, understanding each element to have purpose and meaning.

Litany
A series of petitions for use in church services, usually recited by the clergy and responded to by the people.

Hosanna
This liturgical word comes from the Hebrew of Psalm 118:25 "Save us, O Lord!" In the Gospels (which are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), this word seems to take on another meaning of jubilation and celebration, which is shouted by the crowd at Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem.

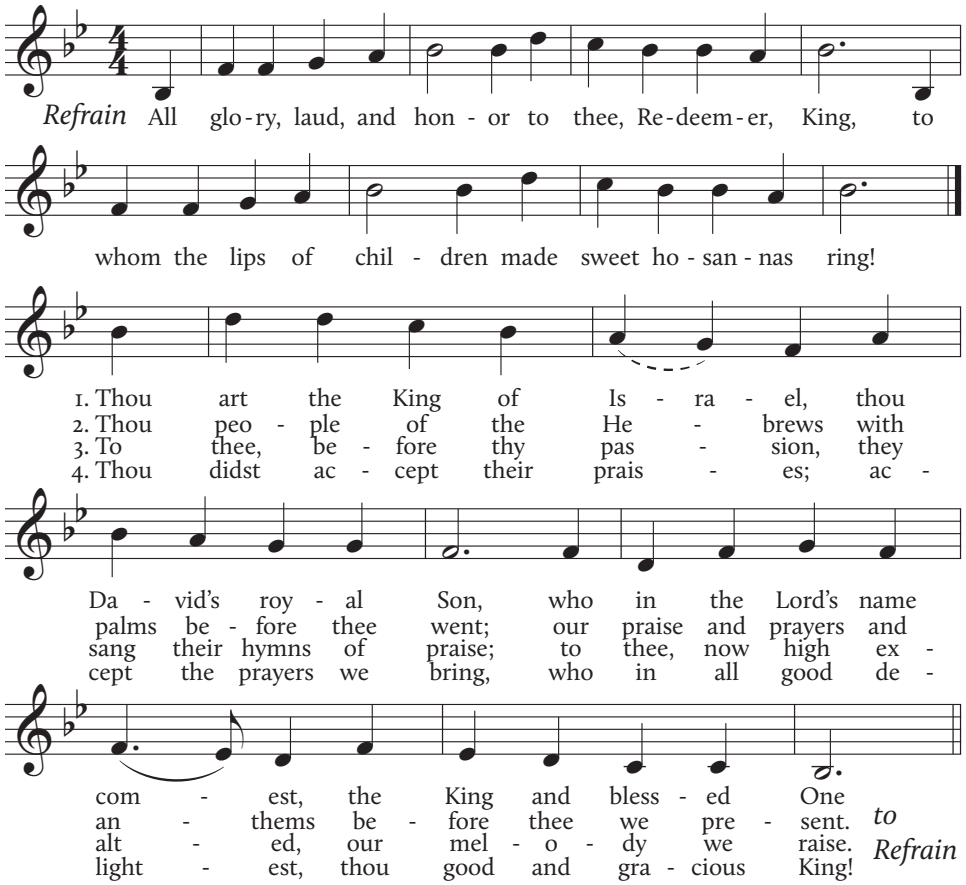
King David
David was the most highly respected and regarded king of ancient Israel and Judah. He made Jerusalem the capital city and is an ancestor of Jesus.

Leader: 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.

Hosanna, blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Music in Worship
"For millennia the people of God have sung psalms, hymns, canticles, and spiritual songs…We draw from this rich repertoire in the Service for the Lord's Day, singing glory to God." (BCW)

***Hymn 196** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Prayer of the Day
"The opening prayer serves to give thanks and praise to God, to express joy in the presence of Christ, and to call for the gifts of the Spirit to be poured out upon the gathered community. This prayer may employ themes and images that are drawn from the biblical readings for the day or from the setting in the Christian year." (BCW)

Prayer of the Day (*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
into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem,
where we may praise you with Christ
and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin to our God,
trusting that God's steadfast love endures forever.

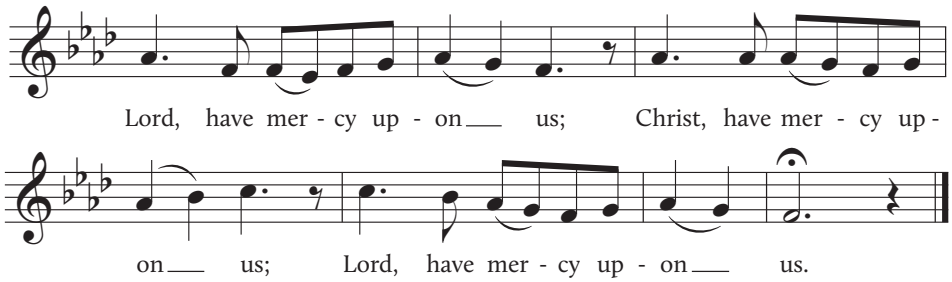
Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name.

Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.

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.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 575 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us" KYRIE ELEISON



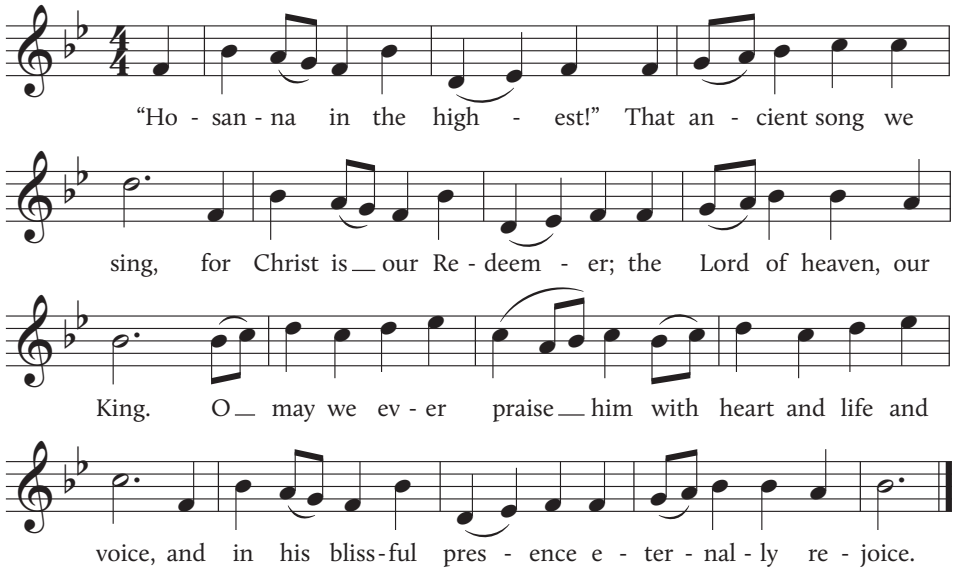
***Assurance of Pardon**

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty?
Because of the grace we received in baptism,
we have nothing to fear.
Forgiven and freed,
let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Response: Hymn 197** "Hosanna in the Highest" ELLACOMBE



LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Leader: Now let us bless each other.
Adults: God be with you as you go.
Children: God be with you as you stay.

Confession and Pardon

"Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition…A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name." (BCW)

Message for Children

We are sensitive to the varied needs of our children and have a special time in our service during which children are invited forward to hear a distinct message for them as they grow and develop in their own faith. After the message, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to continue a hands-on and interactive worship experience aimed for their development in the chapel and children's classrooms, but they are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary with their families. Nursery continues to be available starting at 9 AM until the conclusion of worship.

Prayer for Illumination
"A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's word." (BCW)

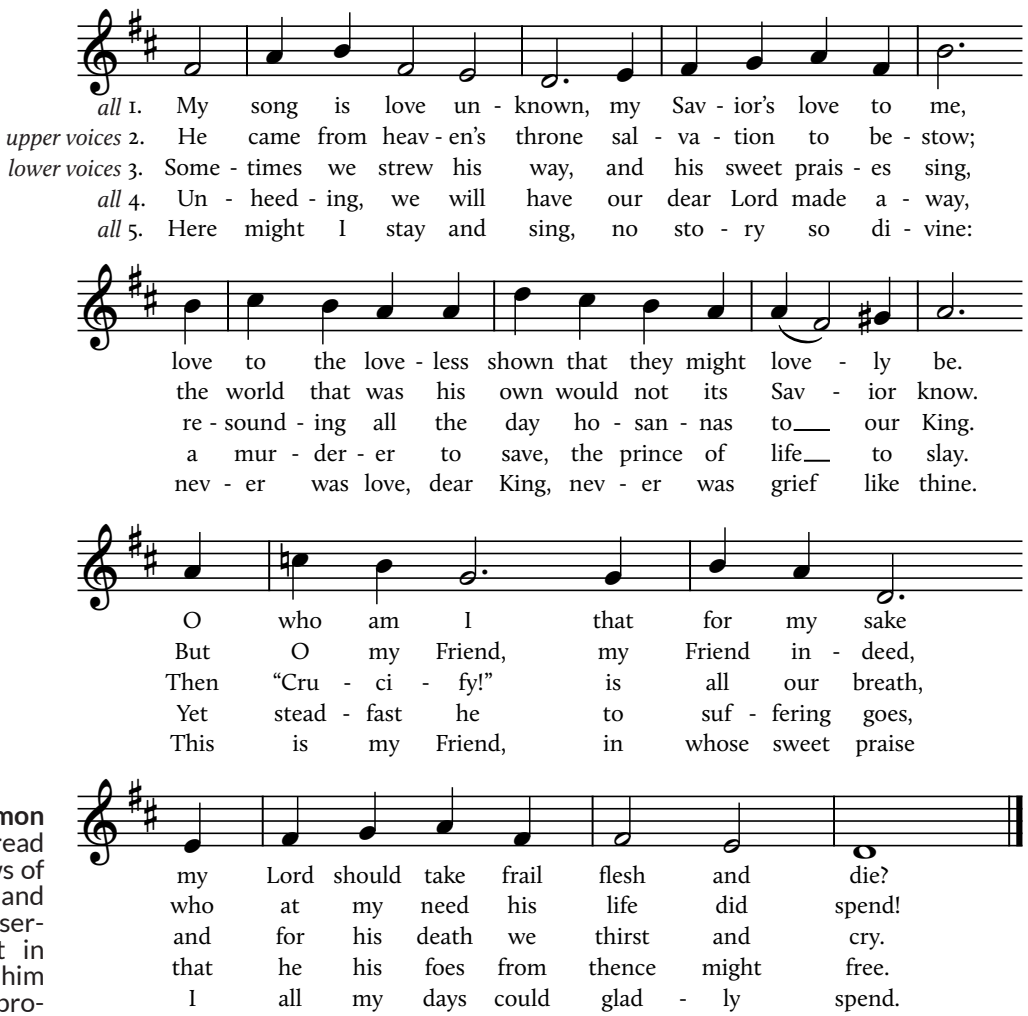
Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices,
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,
in whose name we pray. **Amen**.

Psalm
The Psalms of the Hebrew Bible are a diverse collection of poems, prayers, and songs that have been treasured by the church from its inception.

A Reading from the Psalter Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p.
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp.

Sermon "My Cornerstone" Rev. Benjamin George

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

Sermon
"A sermon, based on the scripture read in worship, proclaims the good news of the risen Lord and presents the gift and calling of the gospel. Through the sermon, we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the gospel to others through our words and deeds." (BCW)

A Reading from the Psalter Psalm 31:9–16
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p.
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp.

Sermon "My Deliverer" Rev. Michael Wallace

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.**

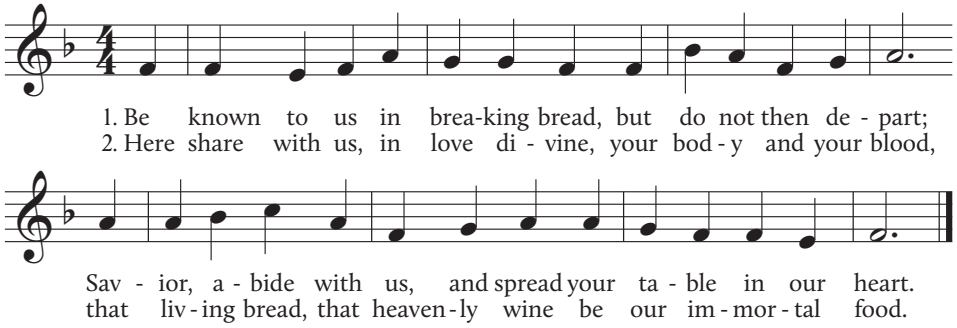
Nicene Creed
This summary of faith was developed and finalized in the fourth century church and is universally affirmed by Christians across the world. Nicaea was the city where it was developed, which was part of Ancient Greece. As a congregation, we stand in body or in spirit and respond to the word read and proclaimed by declaring how we trust in God's promises.

Catholic
The word catholic just means "universal" and does not mean that we are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Great Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Lord's Table

***Hymn 500** "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" St. Flavian



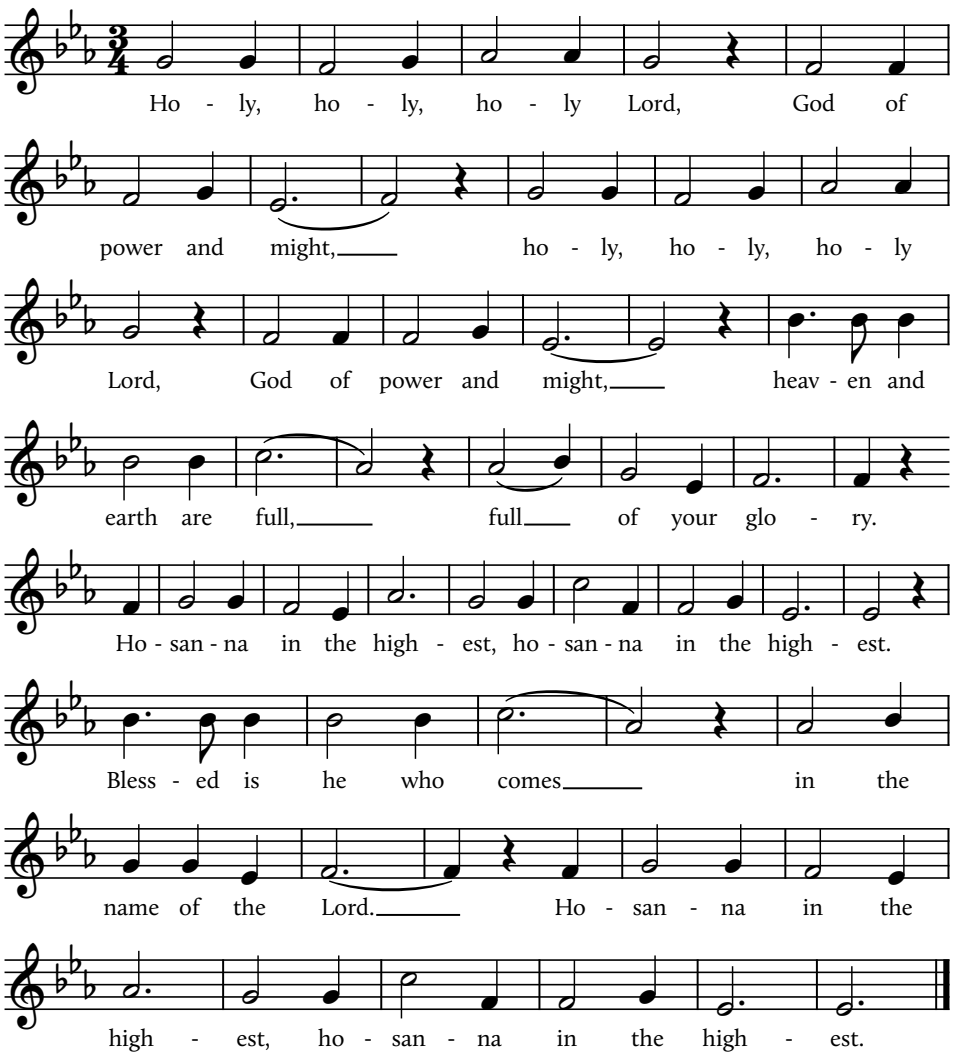
The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: We praise you, O God, source of all creation…
And so we praise you as we say:

Communion
"The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord…On the night before his death, Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples. He spoke of the bread and wine as his body and blood, signs of the new covenant, and told the disciples to remember him by keeping this feast-…When we gather at the Lord's Supper, the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites with the Church in every time and place. We join with all the baptized faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God…The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding." (BCW)

Sanctus
For many centuries, the church used Latin as the primary language of worship. Sanctus is Latin for "holy," and this makes reference to the books of Ezekiel and Revelation, in which various beings are praising God with the thrice holy.

Sanctus: Hymn 562 SANCTUS (Schubert)

Receiving Communion
You are invited to come forward by the central aisle, to take the bread and dip it into the juice. For persons having difficulty handling the communion elements, a small cup containing both the gluten free bread and grape juice is offered by the communion servers. **As always the bread is free of gluten, nuts, dairy, and preservatives.**

The communion servers will say something to you like, "The body of Christ broken for you" or "The cup of salvation for you." You may choose to respond (or not) with something like, "Thanks be to God," "Glory to you, Lord Christ," or some other acclamation of praise.

Prayers of the People
In response to the word, we pray for the world God so loves—joining Christ's own ministry of intercession and the sighs of the Spirit, too deep for words. These prayers are not the work of a single leader, but an act of the whole congregation as Christ's royal priesthood. We affirm our participation in the prayer through our "amen" and other responses. (BCW)

Leader: On the night before he died for us…
do this in remembrance of me.

People: Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come in glory.

Leader: Remembering his cross and resurrection…
All this we pray through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Savior,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen**.

Music During Communion

"Pange Lingua" Mary Beth Bennett

"Ubi Caritas" Alan Bullard

Prayers of the People *and* the 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.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

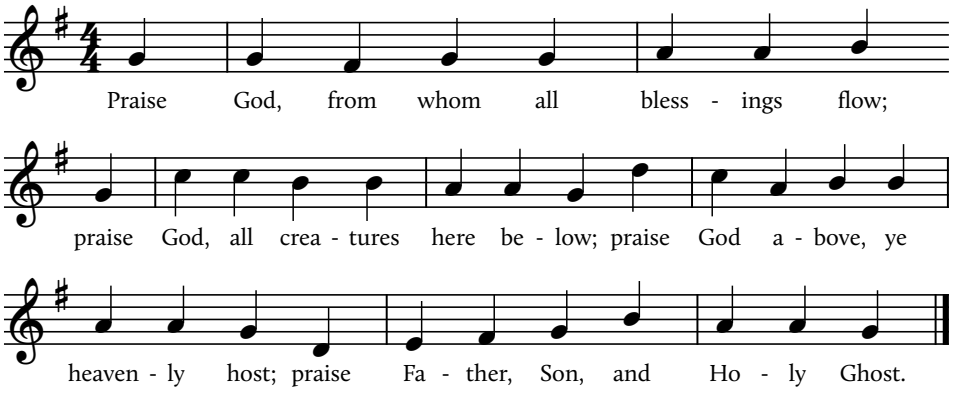
Offering
"As those who have been claimed and set free by God's grace, we respond with gratitude, offering him our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods. Every service of worship shall include an opportunity to respond to Christ's call to discipleship through self-offering. The gifts we offer express our stewardship of creation, demonstrate our care for one another, support the ministries of the church, and provide for the needs of the poor… All these gifts are received with a prayer of dedication to God."(BCW)

Offertory Anthem "Solus Ad Victimam" 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 sins 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 of thine Easter day.

***Doxology: Hymn 675** Tallis Canon

Doxology
"Doxology comes from the Greek words meaning "glory" and "word," and is often a short hymn of praise to God.

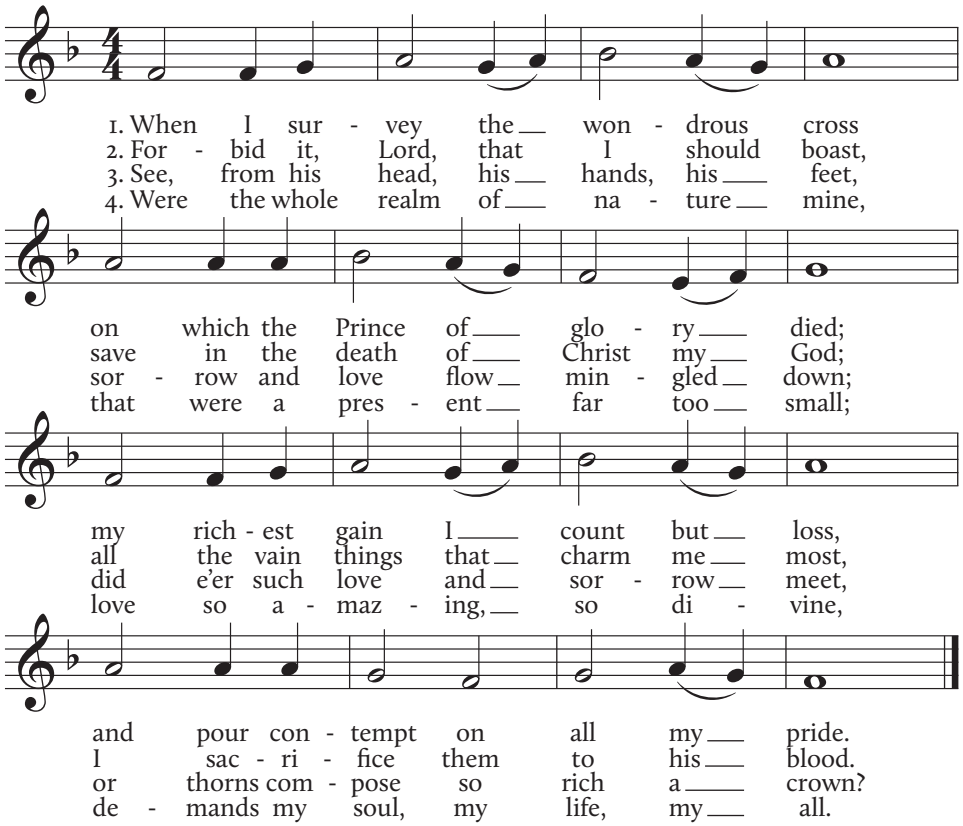


Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)
Holy One,
we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation
that you have done and continue to do.
Bless these offerings of thanksgiving
that they may further your kingdom in this world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Preparing for the Passion of Our Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

Being Christ's Church
This is the time when we announce events and ways that the community can gather for fellowship, worship, or service in the coming days and weeks.

***Hymn 223** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

Closing Poem Josie Smith

"Flight into Egypt" alludes to the story of Jesus' birth in Matthew 2 and how, following his birth, Jesus and his parents had to flee to Egypt. King Herod had wanted to kill children born in Bethlehem to squash any potential royal rivals.

This time
there will be no flight into Egypt.
This donkey has too much to carry,
too far.
The shadows wait for me:
around the table at Passover,
among those in high places,
in the condemned cell,
on the hill outside.
Fear haunts my waking moments
and I cannot sleep.
Why has God forsaken me?
The crowd today is with me,
but not for long.
They are the powerless ones
(the ones who matter).
The ones who count
are counting.
Time is running out.
This time
there will be no flight into Egypt.

***Benediction**

Benediction

"The Service for the Lord's Day concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God… We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others. The charge calls the church to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world." (BCW)

We invite the congregation to remain standing following the benediction and to join the choir in the benediction response if you wish, then to listen quietly while Youth Resound concludes the worship service.

***Response:** "What Wondrous Love" WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Voluntary "Were You There" arr. Kevin McChesney
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Activities for the Week of April 13, 2025

Sunday, April 13, 2025 ✢ Palm/Passion Sunday
- 9:00 AM Children's Music Classes (various locations)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (various locations)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
- 10:30 AM Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 AM Church Family Luncheon and Egg Hunt Service Project (West. Hall)

Monday
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 4:00 PM Property Ministry Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:30 PM G.I.F.T.S. Small Group (Parlor)

Tuesday
- 9:30 AM Pastors' Bible Study (Parlor and Zoom)
- 11:15 AM Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday • Tydings Deadline
- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
- 1:30 PM Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)

Thursday ✢ Maundy Thursday
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
- 6:00 PM Communion Meal and Worship (West. Hall)

Friday ✢ Good Friday • Church Office Closed
- 6:00 PM Worship (Sanctuary)

Saturday
- 8:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Meet
- 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Eric Snow YMCA)

Sunday, April 20, 2025 ✢ Easter Sunday
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
- 10:30 AM Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Holy Week at Christ Presbyterian Church

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13
10:30 AM Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 17
6:00 PM Communion Meal and Worship

Good Friday, April 18
6:00 PM Worship*

Easter Sunday, April 20
10:30 AM Worship†

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† please note that there will be no childcare available on Easter Sunday so that everyone may join in worship together