

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ~ LBW p. 110

Eucharistic Prayer #33 and Words of Institution ~ LBW p. 111

(The pastor leads us in prayer, followed by the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted communion. With these words, the bread and the wine are consecrated or “set apart” for God’s use in this special meal).

Pastor: Blessed are you ... in his holy supper.

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed ... remembrance of me.

Lord’s Prayer ~ LBW p. 113

(Staying standing, we pray the prayer given by Christ himself.)

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ~ LBW p.114 *Lamb of God, you take away the sins*

(We stay standing as we sing about Jesus, the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.)

Holy Communion

Please be seated until an usher invites you forward. Those who prefer to drink from an individual cup may take one from the tray as they proceed into the half-circle; a few cups are prefilled with grape juice. Those who prefer the common cup may drink directly from the chalice, or dip the bread into it. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing any empty cups in the tray provided there. All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Post-Communion Canticle ~ LBW p. 116 *Lord, now you let your servant*

+WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD+

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction ~ LBW p. 117

Assisting Minister: Let us pray ... Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor (chanting): Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Congregation (chanting): Amen.**

Recessional Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #121 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

(As the cross is carried out, we turn to follow it as we sing. Now nurtured through God’s word and sacrament, we are ready to go forth into the world again.)

Dismissal

Assisting Minister: Let us go in peace. The Word has been fulfilled.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday and Thursday

9 am – 2 pm First Friends

Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Service

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

9:30 am Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am

11:00 am Worship Service with Eucharist

CHURCH STAFF

Evan McClanahan, Pastor

Mario Aschauer, Organist/Choir Director

Amanda McClanahan, Director of First Friends

Cheri Santibanez, Office Administrator

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WORSHIP ENABLERS TODAY

Karen Douglass

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Pastor Evan McClanahan

Assisting Minister

Server, Crucifer

Acolyte

Usher

Altar Guild

Edward Scott

Organist/Choir Director

Liturgist/Preacher



PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 29, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Procession with Palms

The congregation gathers outdoors near the entrance to the church.

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

The Processional Gospel is Read

Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front 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, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: 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 Kings 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. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

The procession into the church begins, the congregation following the ministers.

Processional Hymn LBW #108 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day ~ LBW p. 19

+WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD+

First Lesson ~ Isaiah 50:4-9

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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 (chanted responsively)

The choir will chant the odd numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even numbered (bolded) verses.



⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;*

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;***

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.

¹¹ I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of | my acquaintance;*

when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹² **I am forgotten like a dead man, | out of mind;***

I am as useless as a | broken pot.

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;*

they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.***

I have said, “You | are my God.

¹⁵ My times are | in your hand;*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶ **Make your face to shine up- | on your servant,***

and in your loving- | kindness save me.”

Second Lesson ~ Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do

nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 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.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Assisting Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual (choir / congregation)

Gospel ~ Matthew 27:1-31

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 27th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

(This week’s Gospel lesson is quite long so it is not printed here.)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ~ LBW Hymn #105 – *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

The Nicene Creed ~ LBW p. 105

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 the People

Assisting Minister: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(Each petition will end with the response:)

Assisting Minister: Lord, in Your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

(We repeat this greeting to those around us, along with a nod, handshake, or hug.)

Offertory Hymn ~ LBW Hymn #107 vs. 1, 3 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

(Once the offering is collected, we stand and sing together as the usher brings the plates forward to the altar. Once the offerings have been received, we pray:)

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

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

+WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR+

Great Thanksgiving and Proper Preface ~ LBW p. 109

(We stay standing, as the pastor leads us in preparation for celebrating communion.)