

He humbled Himself
to death on a cross

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Thoughts as we gather

Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified

“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming.” He comes in gentle humility, “sitting on a donkey’s colt,” yet also as the King of Israel “in the name of the Lord” (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service “to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, “God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face “from disgrace and spitting” (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that “after His resurrection” we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52–53).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high.
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring.



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless You from the house of the LORD.

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

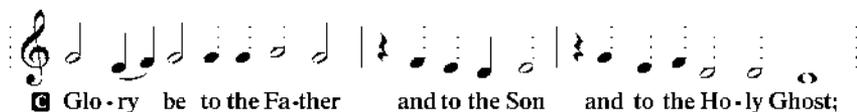
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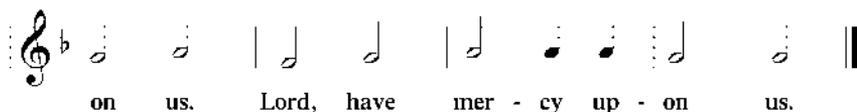
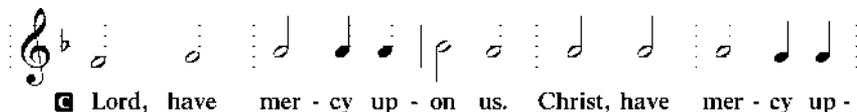
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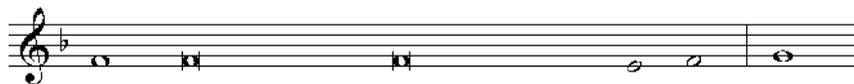


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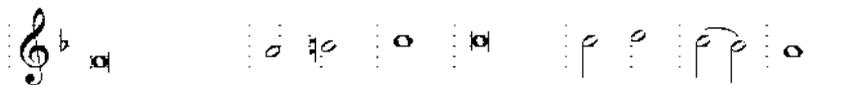
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



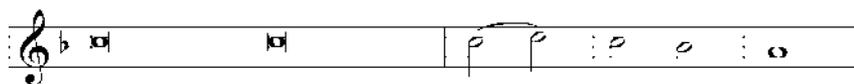
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



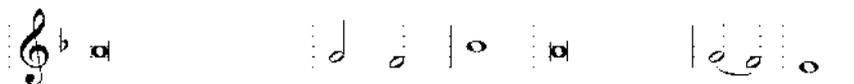
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



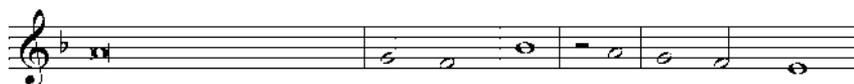
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



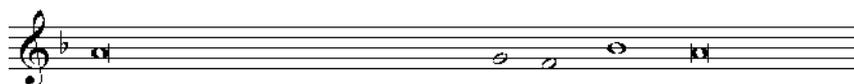
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



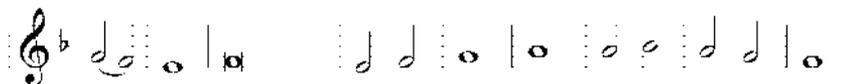
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning He awakens;
He awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened My ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
⁶I gave My back to those who strike,
and My cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not My face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps Me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set My face like a 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 is My adversary?

Let him come near to Me.
⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me;
who will declare Me guilty?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon: v. 26

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰**This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶**Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷The LORD is God,
and He has made His light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!**

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God; I will extol You.

²⁹**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 2:8b

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-66

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹²But when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" ¹⁴But He gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of Him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let Him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."²⁵ And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him.²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him,²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"³⁰ And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head.³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry His cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots.³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there.³⁷ And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.³⁹ And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying,⁴² "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him."⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him."⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with Him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him,⁵⁶ among whom were Mary

Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while He was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples go and steal Him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint. To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth. My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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SERMON

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For pardon and renewal, that the blessed Son of God would lift up the gates of our hearts and be glorified as the Savior of sinners, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

P That the merciful Lord would continue to provide faithful pastors and church workers, that their work would bring the light of Christ to those living in darkness; that their acts of mercy would extend His love to the disabled, wounded and forgotten throughout the world; and that His Church would serve Him in faithful service and witness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Christian fathers, that receiving Christ and trusting His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our leaders and those who serve in law enforcement and the armed forces, that they may acknowledge God, before whom the might of man is nothing, and so serve honorably and well, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who suffer in this world, [*especially* _____,] that they would not fear but fix their eyes on Jesus as they await the fullness of their salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune, that the Lord, who humbly rode into Jerusalem for our salvation, would give us hearts that confess our sin and rejoice in His presence in the Holy Communion for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For ears that are open to the voice of God, that hearing the precious Gospel of Christ, we would follow Christ in doing the will of the Father, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things; save us, O Lord, faithful God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

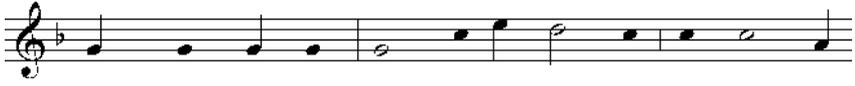
C **Amen.**

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



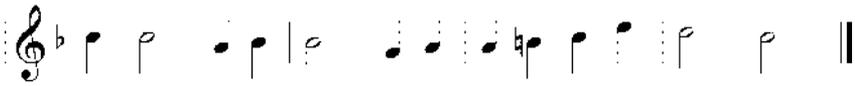
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

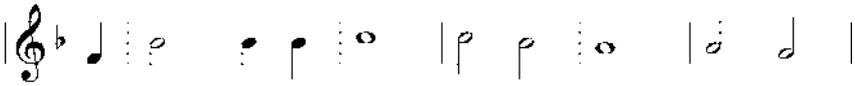


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LORD'S PRAYER

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P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
“Given and shed for all your sins.”
- 6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

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631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God;
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

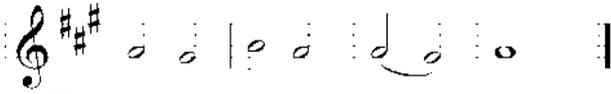
P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer:
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
The palms. how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
A - stride a colt He pass - es by
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri-umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, April 5, 2026 are:

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 16 (antiphon: v. 10)

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

March 29 – Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.



THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (03/29) <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Thurs. (04/02)	1:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri. (04/03)	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Sun. (04/05) <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Pancake Breakfast

ATTENDANCE:

03/22/2026	9:00 a.m.	65
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	\$ 54,012.00
Rec'vd. 03/22/2026	<u>\$ 3,017.60</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 56,543.48</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (1,483.40)	Over YTD	\$ 2,531.48

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you and invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service. Be sure to check in with Debbie in the Narthex before service. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

There will be NO Confirmation Classes this week due to Holy Week.

LENTEN SERVICES

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) Service will be held on Thursday, April 2 at 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service will be held on Friday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m.

EASTER BRUNCH

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 5, 2026. This year we are having a pancake breakfast for our Easter brunch. Breakfast will be served after the Church service in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking for some egg casseroles to go with the pancakes and sausage. Also, we are asking for donations for our missions. Please contact Kathy Benzow, Lynn Fairgrief, or Kathy Valvo for more information. Thank you.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT MISSIONS

Today is the last day to donate to PSD Missions. Thank you to everyone who contributed, we appreciate your support.

UPCOMING Events

Sunday, April 5th – Easter Pancake Breakfast – immediately after service in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 9th – Ladies Gathering “Garden of Friends”

Saturday, June 13th – Men’s Gathering “Bicycling Along”

Sunday, June 28th – Annual Summer BBQ at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 5th - Parish Nurse event “Fall into Cleanliness”

Saturday, September 26th—LWML Zone Celebration at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 18th – Oktoberfest Potluck at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 29th – Advent by Candlelight - immediately after service at approximately 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 13th – Congregational Christmas Party- at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Prayer and Praises” is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at www.ascensionav.org. Otherwise, names will be removed after **TWO** months.

ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder	Mary Beuerle	Charles Blake
Tricia Blake	Devin Coole	Judy Cutler
Durfee Family	Jennifer Millgate	Beverly Moglich
Gaylon Pastella	Mildred Sears	Kevin Smith
Gwen Strasburg	Rory Tighe	Mike Adams
Bob Albert	Brendan Anderson	Dave Anderson
Red & MaryAnn Beck	Marilyn Belka	Vivian Bingnam
Bill Blanton	Grayson Blomberg	Sue Boers
Sue Brooks	Karrie Burke	Kyle Burton
Gabrielle Butcher	Marcia Byron	Mari Caroland
Dan Catherwood	Lane Ceballos	Maddie Cervantes
Carolyn Chaney	David Chavez	Cathy Connors
Robert Coole	Scott Crawley	William Creek
Kathy Davis	Nick & Julie DeRose	Matt DeWitt
Mary Diaz	Christine Dunne	Kelley Dunne
John & Ann Duran	Egger Family	Don Eliason
Leland Eudy	Heidi Evans	Lynn Fairgrief
Charity Frash	Christian Frash	Chrissie Gates
Faigie Gawn	Zoey Gilman	Grace Glass
Government	Raquel Gudino	Roger Hall
Pastor Harris	Kelly Havens	Jace Haynes
Jeanne Hecksel	Harry Heike	Stephen Hodges
Kareem Jacobs	Emma Kraus	Randy Lam
Addison Lange	Debbie Lange	Melody LeGray
Anthony Lopez	Kelly Marscheider	Tom & Joan Mason
David McDonald	Brian McMahan	Linda Merkle
Dave Meyer	Military	Grace Miskimen
Adam Nieto	David Parker	Glenn & Nancy Pastella
Richard & Alice Pastella	Tim & Marguerite Pastella	Seung-Hee Pastella
Mel & Mary Quicke	Michele Rawlins	Dave Riffel
Bill Robertson	Ronnie	Pam Scott
Noreen Selle	Bea Shelby	Short Family
Curtis & Cyndy Todd	Joshua Todd	Richard Torres
Sheryl Truslow	Brandon Vess	Donna Wagers
Joni Wangeman	Curtis Wise	John Worstell
Cynthia Yancho		



About the Cover: Christ came to us in humility, taking the form of an obedient servant. On Palm Sunday, He again came in humility, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Then, the ultimate sign of His humility was shown on Good Friday. Paradoxically, it was His being lifted up on the cross that was the greatest sign of His glory and exaltation. It is through His death on the cross that Christ has won for us the forgiveness of sins. This alone is the power of God for salvation for all who believe (see 1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 1:16). We proclaim today, “Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:11).