# SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Sunday of the Passion March 24, 2024

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

# GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

The congregation gathers on the plaza in front of the church. Those with mobility issues may take their place in the Sanctuary.

#### ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.** 

#### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

#### Jesus enters Jerusalem

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>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.

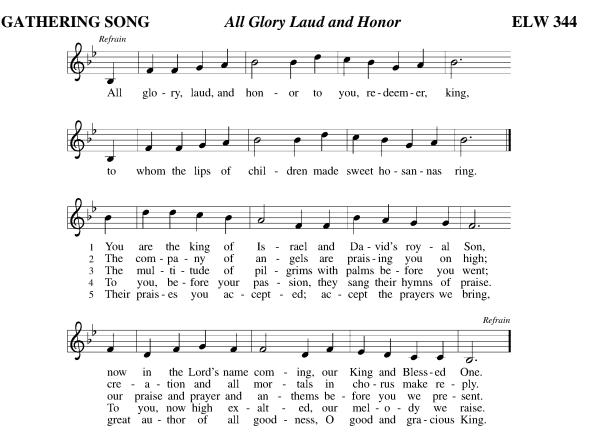
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

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



The congregation processes into the sanctuary.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

resurrection, let us pray.

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

Please Sit

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

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

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every

name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Please Stand



#### THE PASSION Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion according to St. Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

Due to the length of the reading, the congregation may be seated.

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

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

Silence for reflection

Please Stand

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

Go to Dark Gethsemane

**ELW 347** 

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the wellbeing of creation, and a world in need.

#### A brief silence.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Give energy and joy to our pastors, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel and comfort those who are ill or suffering especially.... Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.

#### Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

Please Sit

# THANKSGIVING AND MEAL

We give in grateful response for all God's gifts; God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

#### **OFFERING**

We offer the convenience of **secure online giving** through Tithe.ly. Please see the back page for more information about online giving. Offering plates are currently located at each entrance/exit for your convenience. If you need an envelope, please ask an usher.

SPECIAL MUSIC Where Charity and Love are Shown Karen Shevenell, solo

Please use this brief time for silent reflection while Pastor prepares the table for Holy Communion...

Please Stand

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **Amen.** 





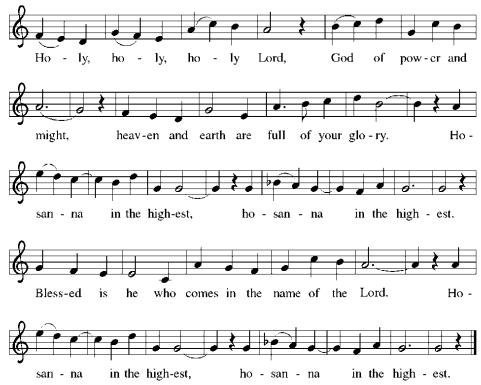
Turn now, and seek God's face,

now be-hold God's in-vi - ta-tion.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Sung responsively) The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God, Creator of our wilderness world, O God, Savior of the lost,

O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering, we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood. We praise you, O God: **We praise you, O God.** For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law. We praise you, O God: **We praise you, O God.** For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven. We praise you, O God: **We praise you, O God.** 

You became truly human in Jesus our brother. For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We extol his life. Amen: **Amen.** We lament his death. Amen: **Amen.** We celebrate his resurrection. Amen: **Amen.** 

Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit.
Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son.
Save us, O God: Save us, O God.
Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance.
Save us, O God: Save us, O God.
Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.
Save us, O God: Save us, O God.
Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.
Save us, O God: Save us, O God.
At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen. **Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

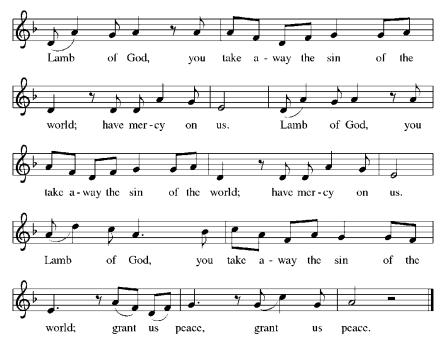
Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Please Sit

#### COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. For those who are able, an usher will instruct the congregation when to come forward using the center aisle; please return to your pew using the side aisles. Wine, juice (white), and gluten-free wafers are available. Please alert an usher if you require assistance so communion can be brought to you.

#### LAMB OF GOD



**COMMUNION MUSIC** 

Were You There

**ELW 353** 

Please Stand

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.** 

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

#### BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. **Amen.** 

SENDING SONG

There in God's Garden

**ELW 342** 

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. Thanks be to God.

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#### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

Lector: Karla Maloney Sacristans: Carolyn Cook & Karla Maloney Ushers: Bill Smoak & Mike Burgess

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mark & Blakeley Payne's birthdays, our daughter and son-in-law, by Scott & Maya Hoffman.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL 4:55 pm Mon & Fri Update Calls from Pastor Frank! TODAY, March. 24 **Passion Sunday** 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Choir Warmup 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming—Gather on Plaza Tuesday, March 26 AA Meeting (Back to Basics Group) FH 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study: Passion Narratives - Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Maundy Thursday, March 28 10 00

12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (Back to Basics Group) FH
12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion

<u>Good Friday, March 29</u> 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.	Worship
Saturday, March 30	11 a.m $-1$ p.m. EGGstravaganza! Egg hunt & activities for children
Next Sunday, March. 31 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Sunrise Service—East Parking Lot Easter Breakfast NO Sunday School Choir Warmup <i>Worship with Holy Communion—also streaming—Gather on Plaza</i>

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Restrooms located in both the Administrative and Christian Education Buildings.

**Children are always welcome** in our worship service, but for those who desire it, a nursery is located in the Administrative Building. We stream via Facebook Live.

Large Print bulletins available from an usher.

## The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor Karen Shevenell, Cantor Kris Esgar, Parish Administrator

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