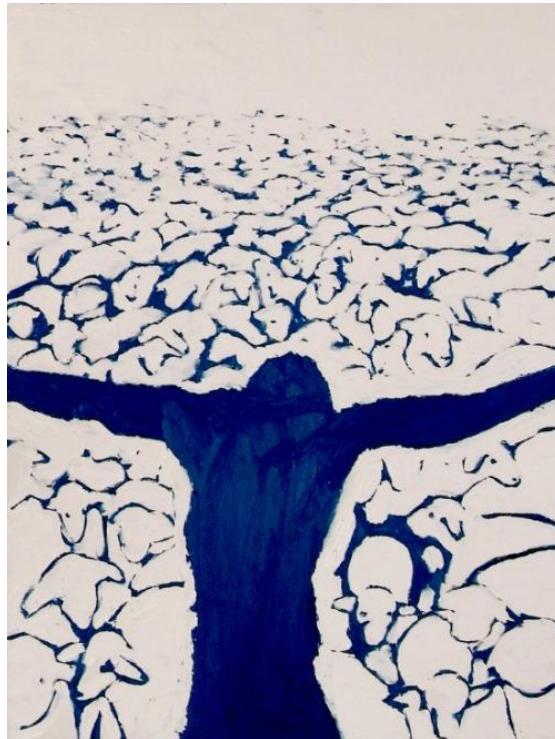




# Palm Sunday



**The Holy Eucharist, Rite One**  
**April 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

Celebrant: The Reverend Matthew McDermott  
Deacon: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs

## **WELCOME!**

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Passion Readers	Casey McKibben, Sarah Halsey, Mary Paine, and Julie Knowles
Prayers of the People	Vinie Miller

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Celebrant*      Blessed be the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, 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 and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Leader*      A Reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus 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, ‘Why are you doing this?’ 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, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 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,

“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 heaven!”

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.

*Leader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*The People raise up their palms as they are blessed with the following prayer:*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the 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 proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*During the following hymn, the People process into the Sanctuary.*

**HYMN 154** All glory, laud, and honor

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*Refrain*

*Repeat Refrain*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5-11*

*Reader* A reading from Philippians.

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM** 31:9-16 (*chantered by the choir*) *Melchior Vulpius (c. 1570-1615)*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

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.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

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.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.  
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

*Please remain seated until the place indicated.*

**THE PASSION** *Luke 22:14-23:56*

*Reader 1* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Reader 1* When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.  
He said to them,

*Jesus* "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you,  
I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

*Reader 1* Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

*Jesus* "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will

not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

*Reader 1* Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus* “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

*Reader 1* And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

*Jesus* “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

*Reader 1* Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

*Jesus* “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.”

*Reader 1* And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” Jesus said,

*Jesus* “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

*Reader 1* He said to them,

*Jesus* “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”

*Reader 2* They said, “No, not a thing.” He said to them,

*Jesus* “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”

*Reader 2* They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He replied,

*Jesus* “It is enough.”

*Reader 2* He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

*Jesus* “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

*Reader 2* Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

*Jesus* “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”

*Reader 2* Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

*Jesus* “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

*Reader 2* While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

*Reader 2* When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, “Lord, should we strike with the sword?” Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

*Jesus* “No more of this!”

*Reader 2* And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

*Jesus* “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

*Reader 3* Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!” At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny

me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied,

*Jesus* "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer."

*Reader 3* All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them,

*Jesus* "You say that I am."

*Reader 3* Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!" Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered,

*Jesus* "You say so."

*Reader 3* Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together,

*People* **"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

Reader 3 (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**People** “Crucify, crucify him!”

Reader 3 A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

### ***The People stand, as able.***

Reader 1 As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Reader 1 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Reader 1 And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 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!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied,

Jesus “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Reader 1 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 with a loud voice, said,

Jesus "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Reader 1 Having said this, he breathed his last.

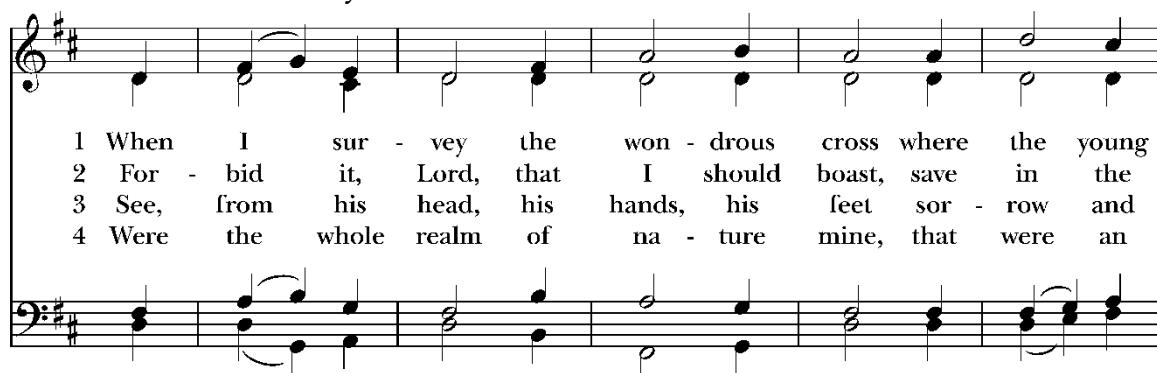
### **[Long silence]**

Reader 2 When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*Please be seated. A period of silent reflection follows the Passion.*

**HYMN 474** When I survey the wondrous cross

*Rockingham*



1 When I survey the wondrous cross where the young  
2 For I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* In this holy season let us turn to God in prayers, saying: Lord, Hear our prayer.

*Reader* For our divided and restless world, that those who hold power over others may be troubled and transformed by the demands of justice and peace, we pray:

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For this nation and all nations, that we may generously share the produce of the land, both in plenty and in want, we pray:

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For the church, that during this holy season God's grace may produce in us the fruit God seeks, we pray:

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For this congregation, that we take this time to read, ponder and cherish the Scriptures, we pray:

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For our own needs and those of others especially *William Mack, Betsy Alexander, Mary McCann, Mark McNulty, Collins Anderson, Bruce McCombs, Caroline Huntley, Anne Wittine, Marina Bermudez, Joan Klappert, David Riggs, Alyssa Hardbarger, Tyler Britton, Dede Jamison, Catherine Aragon, George Mallinckrodt, Peggy Dubes*, and those we now name either silently or aloud [pause], that God may be our hope and consolation, we pray:

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader* For all who have died, especially *Charles Park, Margaret Carver, George Griffin* and those

we now name, silently or aloud [pause], that they be at peace, we pray:  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant God of mercy and compassion, bring us back to you when we stray, and give us again the joy of proclaiming among the nations your saving deeds. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: *Ed Jennings, Tim McAdam, Ellie Gardner, Stu Langs* Wesley Holthaus  
Anniversaries:

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Solus ad Victimam*

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.

*Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)*

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.

*At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand as you are able.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People And with thy Spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People We lift them unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**People It is meet and right so to do.**

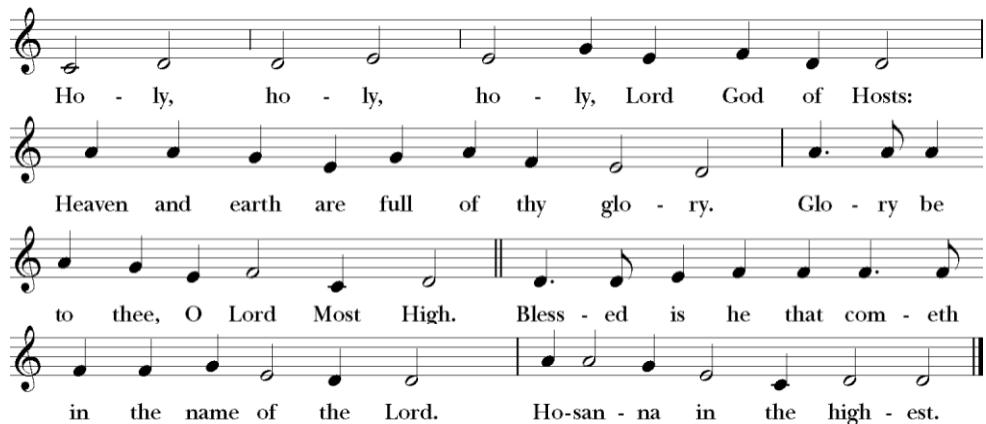
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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*John Merbecke (1510?-1585?)*



*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you

these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**  
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## THE COMMUNION

*All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive:*

- *the consecrated bread, or*
- *both the bread and the wine, or*
- *a blessing.*

**To receive the bread, hold out your crossed hands and the clergy will place it in your palm while saying the words of administration: "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven."**

**To receive the wine** simply help the chalice bearer to guide the chalice to your mouth. **Please do not receive by intinction**, that is, dipping the bread in the wine. (Some congregants choose not to drink from the cup and simply touch the base of the chalice, as an act of reverence, while the chalice bearer says the words of administration: "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.")

**If you prefer not to receive either bread or wine**, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.

All are invited to respond to these reverent options by saying "Amen", translations of which include "It is true!" or "May it be so!".

## COMMUNION HYMN 458 My song is love unknown

*Love Unknown*



*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy

Son, the blessed company of all faithful people;  
 and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.  
 And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,  
 so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy  
 fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to  
 walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the  
 Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**THE BLESSING** *The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We welcome all visitors and newcomers! Please join us in the parish hall for coffee after the service.*

**CLOSING HYMN 458 (CONT.)**

6. In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in  
 7. Here might I stay and sing, no sto- ry so di- vine: ne-

6. death no friend- ly tomb but what a stran- ger gave. What  
 7. ver was love, dear King, ne- ver was grief like thine, this

6. may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb where- in he lay.  
 7. is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad- ly spend.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Jesus Accepts His Suffering

*Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)*