



**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026**

WELCOME!

You are invited to be a part of this community whether you're arriving for the first time or returning. This bulletin is intended to encourage and enable your enthusiastic participation.

The staffed Nursery is available for little ones, during and following the 9:30 service.

St. David's Welcomes You

St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith.

St. David's Mission Statement

We at St. David's Episcopal Church are devoted to loving and serving God, one another and the world. Honoring the dignity and freedom of all to seek God at their own pace, we connect our life stories with the teachings of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we believe our actions transform the world and ourselves.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Liturgy of the Palms

Prelude

Welcome and Introduction to the Service

Please bring your order of service to the Narthex as we gather for the blessing of the palms.



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord;
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Collect

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.
People **Amen.**

Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead 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, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Deacon The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Blessing over the Branches

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.**

Celebrant Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Procession

All Glory, Laud and Honor

The congregation follows the cross into the sanctuary.

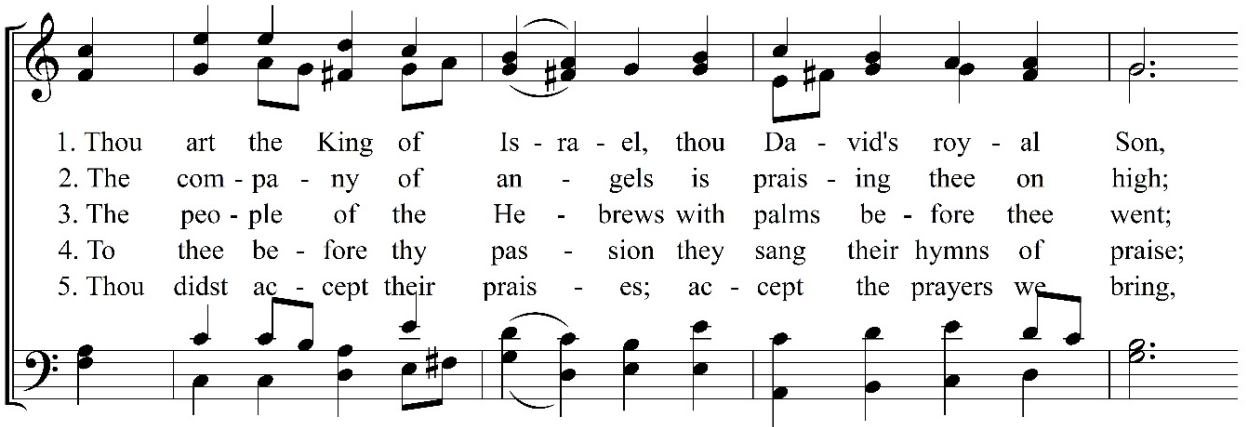
Children ages 7-11 are invited to process out for The Peace Table, returning at the time of communion distribution.

Refrain

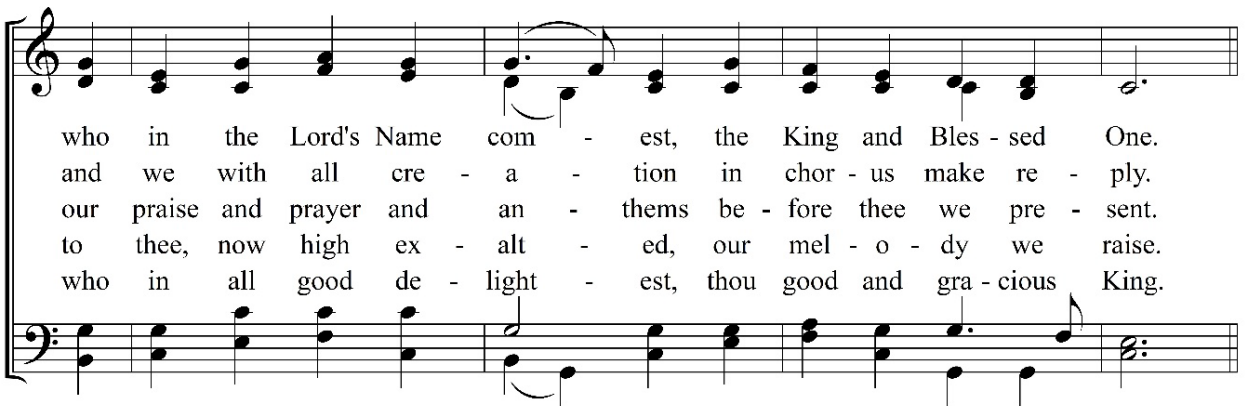
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of child - ren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

Verses



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bles - sed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in chor - us make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans (9c), trans. J.M. Neale Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, arr. William Henry Monk

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you**
Celebrant 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.

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

First Reading

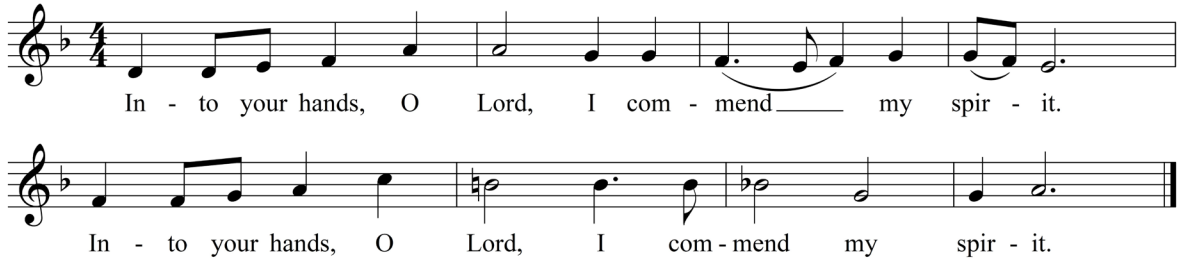
Isaiah 50:4-9a

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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31



In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.

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In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free, Into your hands I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, Lord. R

In the face of all my foes I am a reproach,
an object of scorn to my neighbors and of fear to my friends. R

Those who see me in the street run far away from me.
I am like the dead, forgotten by all, like a thing thrown away. R

But as for me, I trust in you Lord; I say: "You are my God."
My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me. R

"Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love."
Be strong, let your heart take courage, Sall who hope in the Lord. R

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Second Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11

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.**

Gospel Hymn

May We Have the Mind of Christ

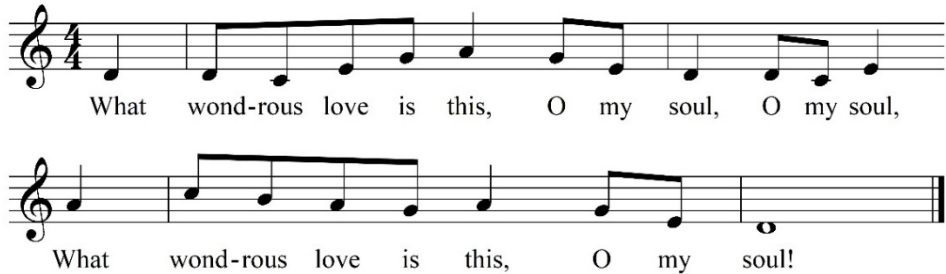
Please remain seated.

May we have the mind of Christ, who emp-tied him-self, O -
be-dient un-to death, e-ven death up-on a cross, May we have the mind of Christ, who
emp-tied him-self, O - be-dient un - to death, e - ven death up-on a cross.

Text: based on Philippians 2:5-11 Music: Marty Haugen, ©2006 by GIA Publications, Inc.

The Passion According to Matthew

... and prepared the Passover meal.



What wond-rous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wond-rous love is this, O my soul!

... they went out to the Mount of Olives.

All sing: **What wondrous love...**

... my betrayer is at hand.

All sing: **What wondrous love...**

... all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled.

All sing: **What wondrous love...**

... Peter went out and wept bitterly.

All sing: **What wondrous love...**

... handed him over to be crucified.

All sing: **What wondrous love...**

... Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Pause for silent prayer, then the reading continues.

Prayers of the People

Please stand as you are able.

Leader God of love
hear the cry of those who yearn for love;
communities in conflict, those who feel
neglected, unwanted, alone.

All God of love,
Hear our prayer

God of justice
hear the cry of those who yearn for justice;
refugees and immigrants,
all who are persecuted and oppressed,
exploited, ill-treated, broken.

God of justice,
Hear our prayer

God of peace
hear the cry of those who yearn for peace;
in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Sudan, Mexico, Iran
and other battle zones,
frightened, fearful, anxious.

God of peace,
Hear our prayer

God of healing
hear the cry of those who yearn for healing
of body, mind or spirit.

We pray for...

(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

God of healing,
Hear our prayer

God of mercy
Hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy;
convicted, in need of your grace,
contrite, humble, bowed down.

We pray for those who have died, especially...

(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer

Celebrant Faithful God,
you know our needs before we ask
and our weakness in asking:
Receive the prayers we offer this day,
and work in us and through us
the healing of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

You are invited to be seated, to kneel or to remain standing.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the
grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power
of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We Share in Holy Communion

Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are brought forward.

Offertory

Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs

Lloyd Larson

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
Surely he was wounded for us, bruised for our iniquities.

The chastisement of our peace fell upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.
Surely he has borne our griefs...

Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and yet he opened not his mouth.
Surely he has borne our griefs...

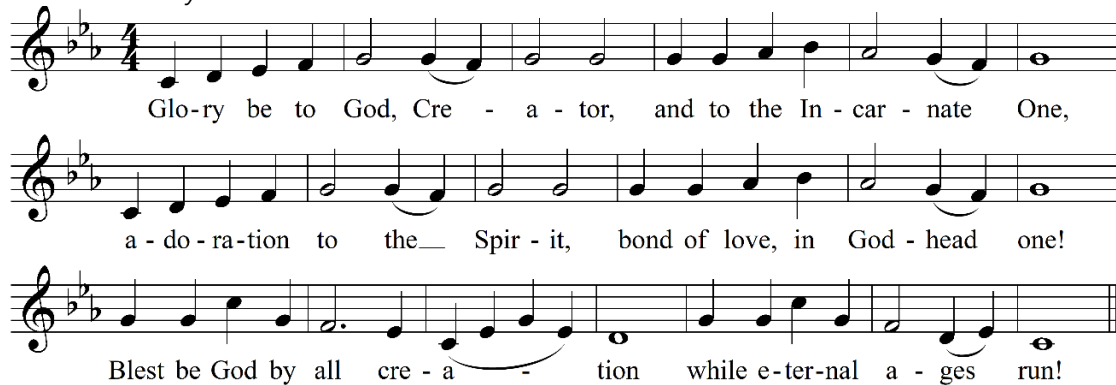
Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended, that mortal judgment has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted.

Surely he was wounded for us, bruised for our iniquities, for our iniquities.

Text: Isaiah 53:4-6 and Johan Heermann, tr. Robert Bridges, alt.

Doxology

Please stand as you are able.



Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, and to the In - car - nate One,
a - do - ra - tion to the Spir - it, bond of love, in God - head one!
Blest be God by all cre - a - tion while e - ter - nal a - ges run!

text ©1969 James Quinn, SJ, alt. music: PICARDY

The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

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.

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 and Creator 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.

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:

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

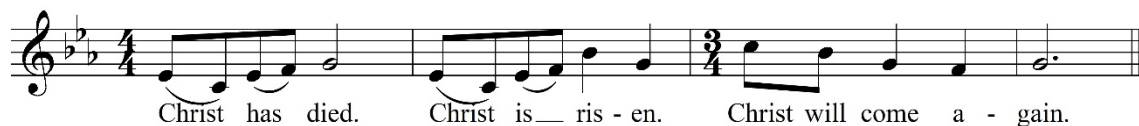
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upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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 Father, now and for ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

1,2 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.

3 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff continues the melody for the next two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Communion

Everyone, without exception and regardless of age or faith tradition, is invited to share in Holy Communion at the Lord's table. If you wish, please come forward to receive the bread and wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

Gluten-free wafers are available. The wine is shared from a common cup; feel free to receive only the bread if you prefer. (For health reasons, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, you can indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

A prayer station is available in the All Saints' Chapel (Narthex) during the distribution of communion. Any who wish may ask for prayers for themselves or on behalf of others.

Communion Hymns *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* **Hymnal #474**

My Song Is Love Unknown

1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2. He came from hea - ven's throne sal - va - tion to be -
3. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might
stow; the world that was his own would not its
vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was

love - ly be. O who am I that
Sav - ior know. But O my Friend, my
grief like thine. This is my Friend, in

for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
Friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

Text: Samuel Crossman Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

On those days when the parish sends out Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those who cannot attend the liturgy, the Bread is presented to the Visitors at the altar, using this form.

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share the one bread and the one cup.**

Prayer after Communion

All **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

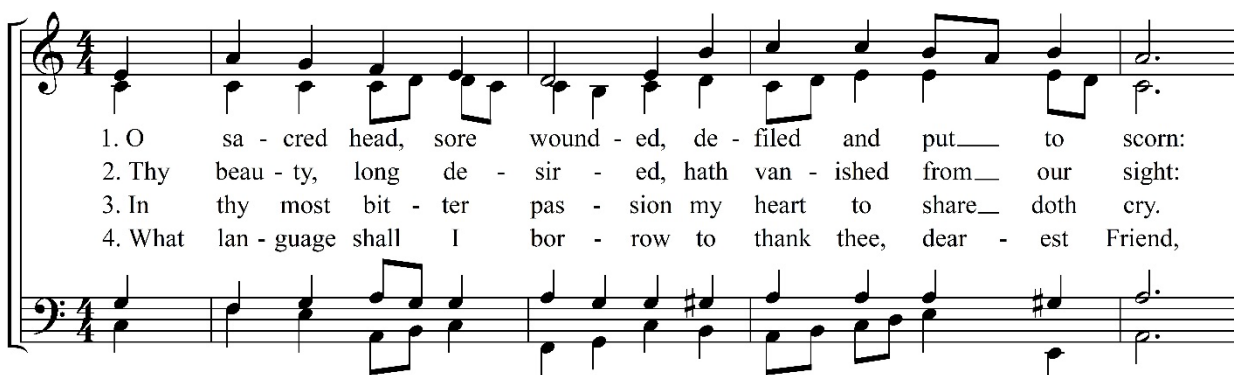
We Go into the World in God's Name

The Blessing

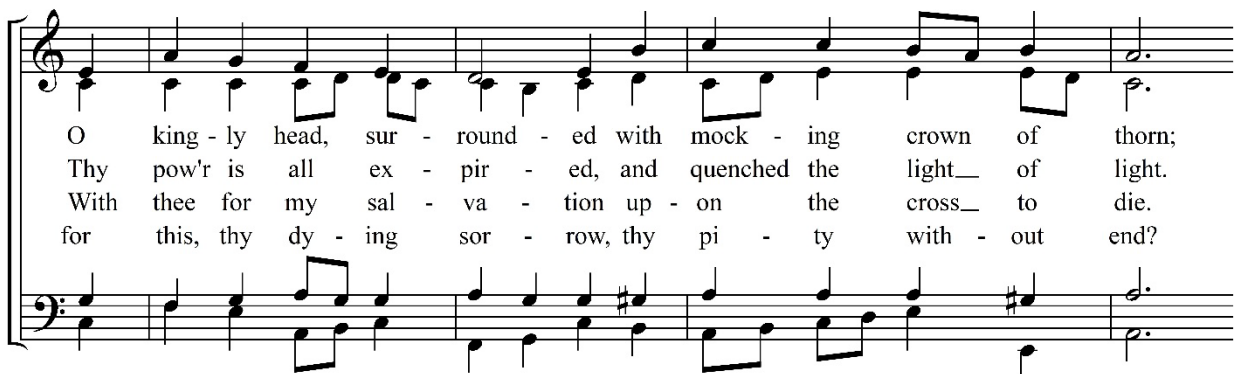
Celebrant May the cross be the sign in which we begin again to undo the cords of violence, the misery of exclusion, and proclaim the love without conditions; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, the Sustainer, be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Departing

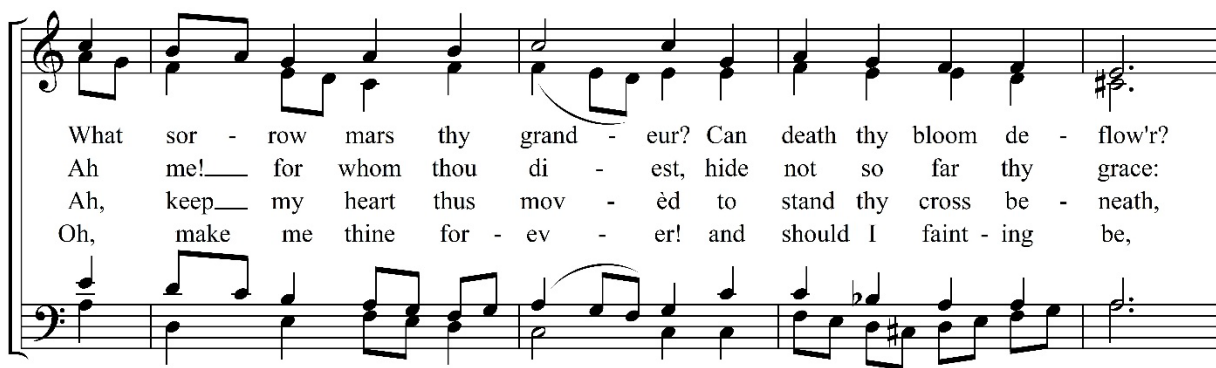
O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded



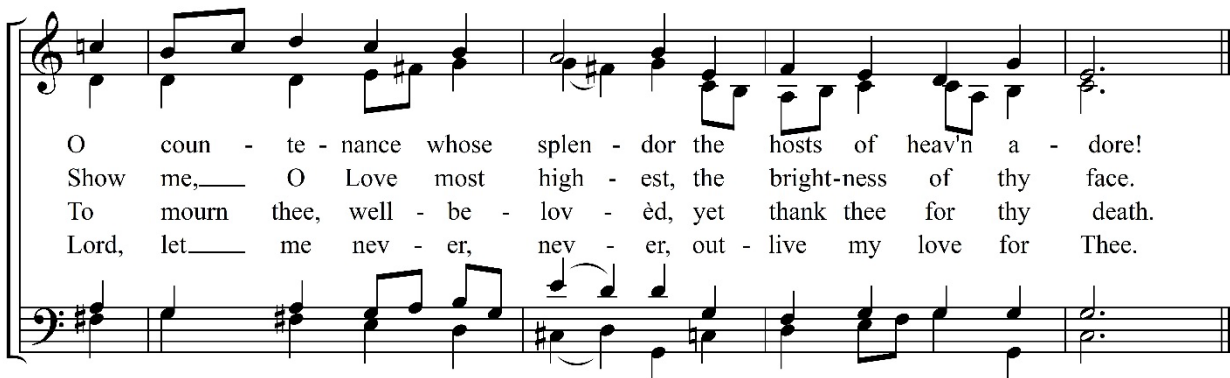
1. O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put__ to scorn:
2. Thy beau - ty, long de - sir - ed, hath van - ished from__ our sight:
3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share__ doth cry.
4. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,



O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn;
Thy pow'r is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light__ of light.
With thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross__ to die.
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?



What sor - row mars thy grand - eur? Can death thy bloom de - flow'r?
Ah me!__ for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
Ah, keep__ my heart thus mov - èd to stand thy cross be - neath,
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,



O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heav'n a - dore!
 Show me, O Love most high - est, the bright-ness of thy face.
 To mourn thee, well - be - lov - èd, yet thank thee for thy death.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for Thee.

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.
 Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, harm. J.S. Bach

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Please stay after the service for coffee and refreshments in the Undercroft.



This afternoon, we will celebrate and embody our faith's call to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves and reject authoritarianism, cruelty and greed. We will gather at 2:30pm for a joyful worship service and public action on the Capitol Mall. Bishop Loya will be one of the speakers. This is the flagship event of at least 34 similar faith actions in 17 states. Join us and bring your family and friends! Register now and invite others!

St. David's folks will gather at St. James AME Church in St. Paul for the procession to the capitol. (See address below.) Those who wish to attend the program but not participate in the procession should proceed directly to the capitol. See below for key information for participating from St. David's. For more details about the overall program, music, choir practice, guidelines for signs, etc., enter this link or scan the QR code:

www.bit.ly/PalmSundaySTP

1:30pm - Meet for gathering, prayers and Song at **Central Village Park** (457 Central Ave. W., St. Paul)

***Parking is available at,**

- St. James AME Church (624 Central Ave W, St. Paul)
- Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (285 Dale St. N, St. Paul)
- Camphor Memorial UMC (585 Fuller Ave, St. Paul)

2:00pm - Procession begins - Route is 1.3 miles

**If skipping the procession, park by the capitol and gather on the lawn by 2:00pm. Bring your own chair.*

2:30pm - Program at Minnesota Capitol Mall



Holy Week and Easter

April 2, Maundy Thursday

Agape Meal at 6:00pm

Gather in the Undercroft for a soup supper, foot washing and Eucharist, ending the evening with the stripping of the altar and contemplative prayer.

April 3, Good Friday

Noon: Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary

7:00pm: Prayer around the Cross in the sanctuary, with hymns, choral music, veneration of the cross, and a reading of the Passion according to John.

April 4, Easter Vigil at Church of the Epiphany, Plymouth

8:00 pm, with Bishop Craig Loya presiding and preaching.

A light reception will follow the service.

April 5, Easter Sunday

One service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30am with festive music.

Resurrection egg hunt following the service

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