



**Service of Holy Communion  
Palmarum  
April 2, 2023**

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*Vertrau Auf Gott!*  
***[Trust in God]***

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## **Announcements**

### **The Liturgy of the Palms**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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.**

### **A Reading of Matthew 21:1-11**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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!

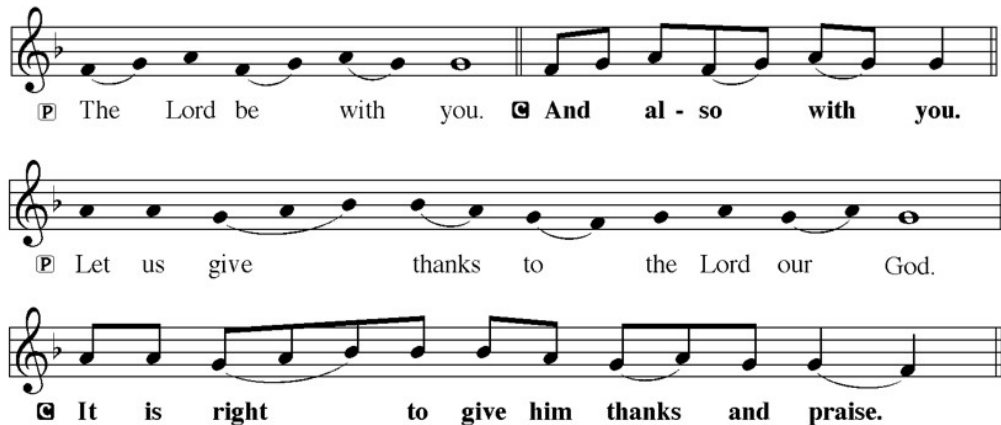
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Blessing of the Palms



*The Celebrant blesses the palms with this prayer.*

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.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us go forth in peace.

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

The Hymn in Procession *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* #344, v 1-2

The Procession Station

*The Procession stops in the middle of the church.*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that

we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**The Hymn in Procession “*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*” #344, v 3-5**

**The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

**WORD**

***The assembly is seated.***

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<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 awakens—  
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.**



**Psalm 31:9-16**                      *In te, Domine, speravi*

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 con-sumed.

**I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
 a dismay to those of my ac-quaintance; \*  
 when they see me in the street they a-void 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 a-round; \*  
 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."**

**Second Reading**                      **Philippians 2:5-11**

<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.

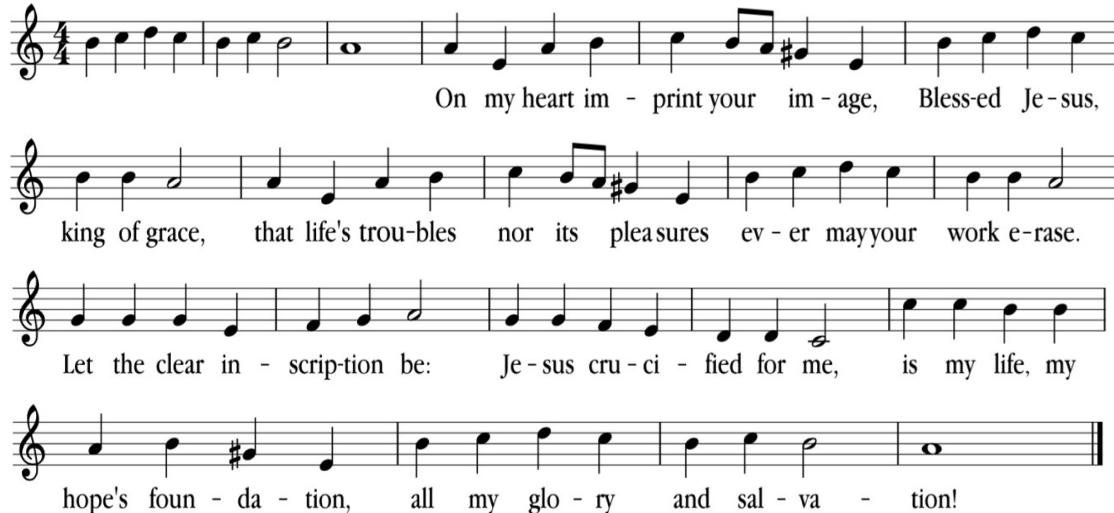
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point of death—  
 even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should 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.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”**



On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,  
 king of grace, that life's trou-bles nor its plea-sures ev - er may your work e-rase.  
 Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus cru - ci - fied for me, is my life, my  
 hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**

*Please use insert for Gospel lesson.*

**Sermon**

**Reverend Jonathon Moyers**

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## Hymn of the Day     *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* #335

### Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, (Merciful God,) the congregation responds: **Receive our prayer.**

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

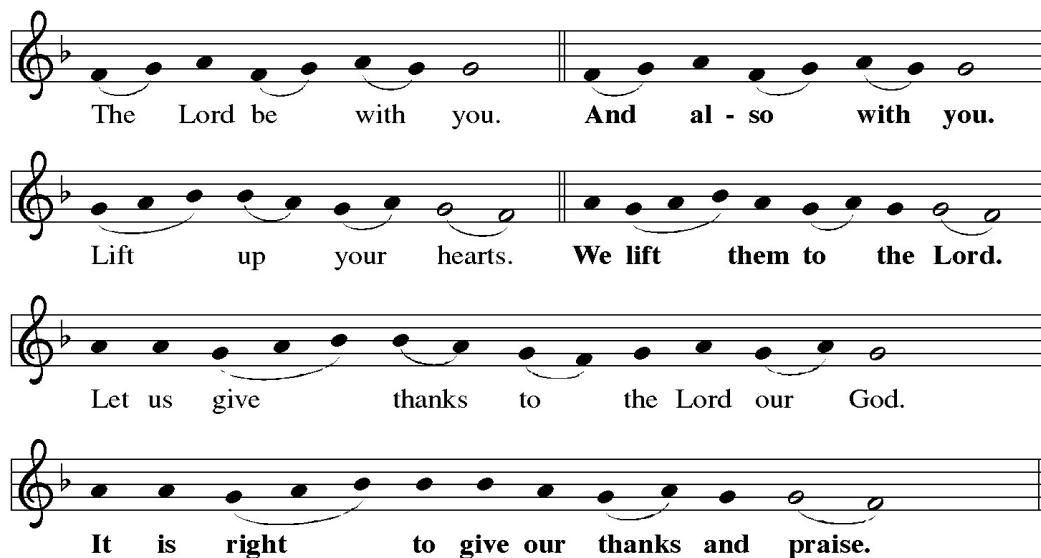
### Choral Music

### Prayer before Communion

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life

might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with angels and archangels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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## Eucharistic Prayer

Praise be to you, Lord of heaven and earth. You have revealed your mercy towards your people in giving your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through him.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also, after supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying: "Drink of it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Heavenly Father, we celebrate this supper in remembrance of your Son's passion and death, his resurrection and ascension. We will eat the Bread of Life and drink the Cup of Blessing until the day when he comes again in glory. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Let your Holy Spirit come into our hearts to enlighten us with a living faith. Sanctify by your Spirit this bread and wine, which earth has given and human hands have made. Here we offer them to you, that through them we may partake of the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask you: remember the perfect and eternal sacrifice through which, in Christ, you have reconciled us with yourself. Grant that we may be united with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul the Apostle\*, and all the saints, into one body, and be made a perfect living sacrifice in Christ.

By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

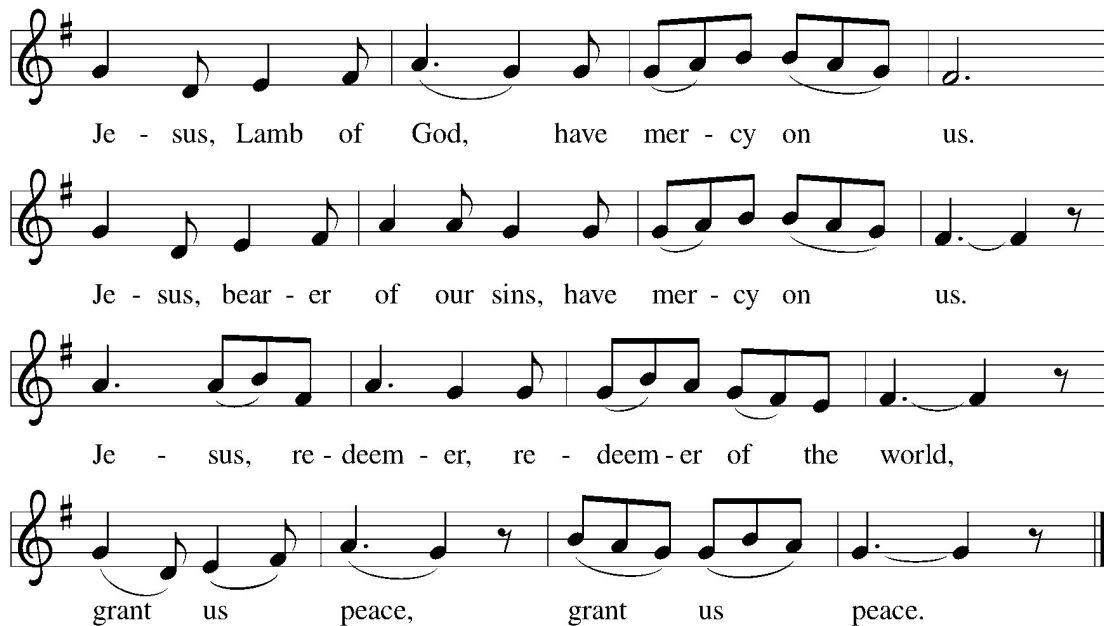
### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

## The Agnus Dei

## *Jesus, Lamb of God*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## Invitation to Holy Communion

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn      *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* #351**

## **The Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### *Serving This Week*

*Ushers: Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth*

*Lector: Bobbie Leaverton*

*Tellers: Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth*

*Acolyte: Joshua Lewis*

*Crucifer: Morgan Sauca*

*Communion Assistant: Robert Saathoff*

### *Serving Maundy Thursday*

*Ushers: Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth*

*Lector: Betty Jean Mumford*

*Acolyte: Declan Corley*

*Crucifer: Gavin Corley*

*Communion Assistant: Deacon Hiner*

### *Serving Good Friday*

*Ushers: Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens*

*Lector: Robert Saathoff*

### *Serving Easter Sunday (8:45 AM)*

*Ushers: Keith Davis and Donnie Davis*

*Lector: Robert Saathoff*

*Tellers: Debbie Dudrow and Donna Stevens*

*Acolyte: Avery Rice*

*Crucifer: Addison Rice*

*Communion Assistant: Deacon Hiner*

### *Next Week's Readings*

*Acts 10:34-43*

*Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

*Matthew 28:1-10/John 20:1-18*

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## **Endowment Fund**

The mission of St. Paul's Cordova is to be led by the Spirit of Jesus: praise and worship the Trinity; grow our membership with faith and love; and share our blessings with all God's people. In following this mission, St. Paul's established an Endowment Fund to receive gifts and bequests of "faithful stewards" to strengthen the ongoing mission of our church.

Contributions to the fund strengthens the congregation and provides a legacy for generations to come. The Endowment Policy requires recognition of contributions in the newsletter and bulletin on or near Palm Sunday. During 2022, there were no contributions to the Endowment Fund. Faithful stewards have contributed \$25,083.50 to the Endowment Fund since its inception in 2015.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church encourages its members and friends to think prayerfully about how they can help maintain the congregation's ministry in the long term. Information about endowment options is available in the Endowment Fund Policy, approved by the congregation on January 24, 2015, or you may speak to the Pastor, Treasurer, or Financial Secretary. Endowment contributions may be sent to the church or to Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 E Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601. Please make sure any contributions are clearly designated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cordova – Endowment Fund.

**Holy Monday-Jesus Cleanses the  
Temple (April 3rd)  
Vespers  
5:00pm at Grace**

**Holy Tuesday-Jesus Curses the Fig Tree  
(April 4th)  
Matins  
8:30am at St. Paul's**

**Holy Wednesday-Judas Iscariot Plots  
with the Sanhedrin (April 5th)  
Holy Eucharist  
12:00 Noon at Grace**

**Maundy Thursday-Jesus in the Upper  
Room (April 6th)  
Holy Eucharist  
7 pm at St. Paul's  
All-Night Vigil  
Beginning at 10pm at St. Paul's  
following until Matins at 7 am Friday**

**Good Friday-Christ gives himself on the  
hard wood of the cross for our salvation  
(April 7th)**

**The Seven Last Words of Christ  
Devotion at Noon at Grace  
The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday  
2:15pm at Grace  
The Evening Liturgy of Good Friday  
7 pm at St. Paul's**

**Holy Saturday-This is the night! (April  
8th)  
The Great Vigil of Easter**

**Easter Sunday (April 9)  
The Resurrection of Jesus Christ Our  
Lord  
Sunrise Service 6 am at St. Paul's  
8:45 AM at St. Paul's  
10:45 at Grace**

