

## **Palm Sunday**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 14, 2019

" A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

#### **Holy Communion**

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three

#### Congregational responses are in bold print

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we GATHER before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the WORD of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the MEAL of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are SENT, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is THEN that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes <u>us</u> a blessing in this world as we share it.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

The Congregation gathers outside, as their abilities permit, for the opening portion of Worship: "The Procession with Palms" (printed separately for LARCUM) once inside the Nave and assembled in our pews the service continues at this point.....

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

#### **Prayer of the Day**

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

#### Silence is kept.

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.

#### Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah:

<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;

8he 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: Psalm 31:9-16 (We read responsively)

- <sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- <sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- <sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- <sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.
- <sup>13</sup>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.
- <sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.
- <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

#### 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,

8he 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,

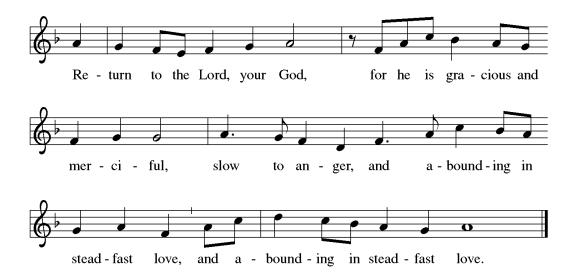
in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

<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 congregation **stands** to welcome the gospel.

**Gospel:** Luke 22:14--23:56

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

#### The congregation is seated.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, [Jesus] took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup>But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" <sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" <sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup>But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; <sup>29</sup>and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup>"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." <sup>33</sup>And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

<sup>35</sup>He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." <sup>36</sup>He said to them, "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. <sup>37</sup>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." <sup>38</sup>They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

<sup>39</sup>He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." <sup>41</sup>Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup>"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." <sup>43</sup> [Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup>In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] <sup>45</sup>When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

<sup>47</sup>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; <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" <sup>49</sup>When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" <sup>50</sup>Then one of them

struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? <sup>53</sup>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!"

<sup>54</sup>Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup>A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" <sup>59</sup>Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup>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." <sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup>Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; <sup>64</sup>they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>65</sup>They kept heaping many other insults on him.

<sup>66</sup>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. <sup>67</sup>They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; <sup>68</sup>and if I question you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." <sup>70</sup>All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." <sup>71</sup>Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!" <sup>23</sup>:

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They 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." ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

<sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" <sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup>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." <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>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.' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>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!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

<sup>50</sup>Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, <sup>51</sup>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. <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>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. <sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **Children Sermon**

#### **Pastor Paul Pingel**

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-9 are invited to attend Children's Church, which is held on the same floor as this worship space in the Library, and Chapel. Here the children will learn more about the same Bible readings as were heard in worship, and will be taught songs and about the way we worship. Children's Church will return to worship around the time of the Sharing of the Peace, in order to take part in Holy Communion.

NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 not attending Children's Church will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.) Children 10 and over will join in regular Worship.

<u>Devotion</u> Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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#### **Apostles' Creed:**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Each portion of the prayers end with these words

Lord in your mercy,

Trusting in Christ's passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

#### Hear our prayer.

Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Meal

#### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

#### And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The congregation is **seated**.

#### **Offering**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)

#### **Offertory**

The congregation **stands** 

(The Ushers bring the offering to the Altar, as we sing)

## Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



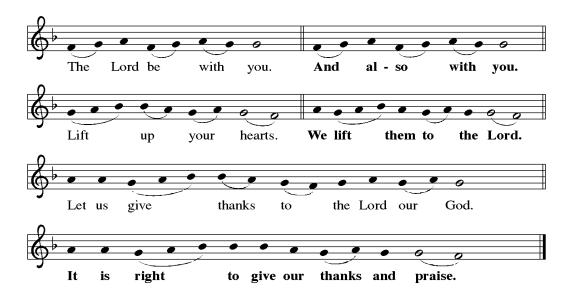
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#### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

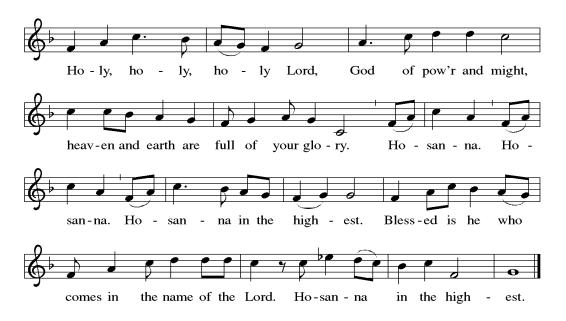
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **Great Thanksgiving**



#### **Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life; Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come Holy Spirit.** 

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen** 

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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**

Christ has prepared the feast.
Come to the table where all are welcomed home.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be **seated**.

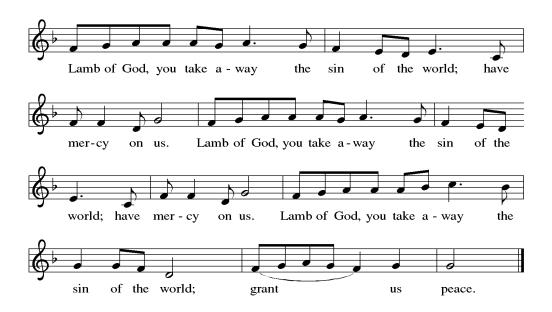
#### **The Holy Communion**

The congregation may be seated.

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

**Communion Distribution:** One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, you may respond as follows:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.** 



(There will be a time of silence as the choir comes down for Holy Communion. Please use this time for prayer and preparation, then join in the singing of the hymns....]

#### **Communion Hymns:**

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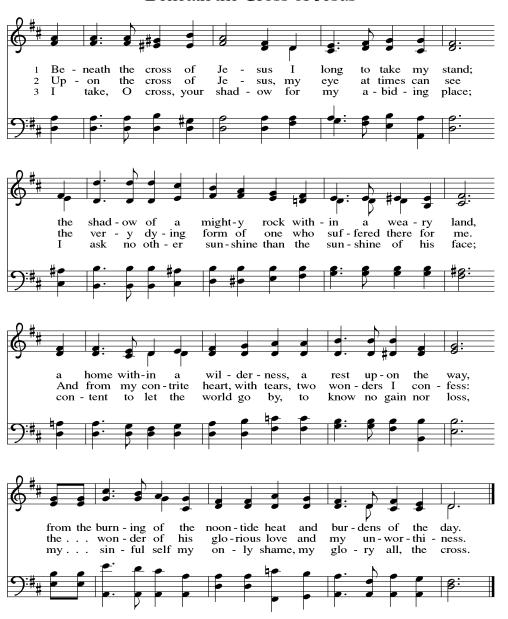
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#### The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen** 

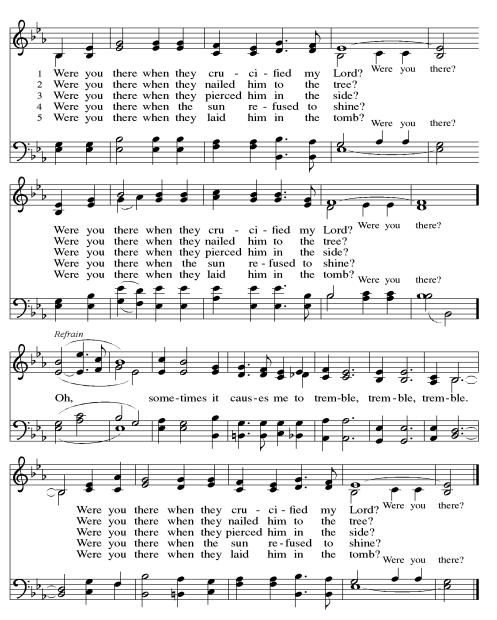


#### Beneath the Cross of Jesus



Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

#### Were You There



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#### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Sending

#### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

Amen

Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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#### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

#### <u>Postlude</u>

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#### Go to Dark Gethsemane



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901 Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister: Tripp Franklin

Communion Assistants: Jerry Kite and Marlene Shaw

**Ushers:** Ron Knicely, Dwight Moomaw and Robert Shaw

Offering Stewards: Sharon Lynch and Kate Van Bremen

Acolyte: Karley Hull

Cup Gatherer: Donna Marshall

Altar Guild: Jane Stein

Nursery Caregivers: Kim Hull and Jane Stein

Altar Flowers: Pat and Pete Giesen

Council Person of the Week Sunday School Support: Jerry Kite

Children's Church: Amber Bokelman and Jean Franklin

# THE CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD FOR PALM SUNDAY AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE GIESENS' ANNIVERSARY

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons April 21, 2019

**Easter Sunday** 

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12

Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing

#### **Prayer Request for Members**

Jimmy and Liz Ann Binns Myrtle Kite **Bob Knemoller Anne Putnam David Schwiesow** Lily Skelton

#### **Members/Friends Grieving**

Family of Allan Arneson, Grace Member Family of Joanne Hagwood, Grace Member Family of Bill Whitmore, Friends of Cindy and Mike Trauscht

#### **Members/Friends Celebrations**

#### **Ongoing Need for Prayer**

Fred Brower. Grace Member

Jean Brower, Grace Member

Rev. Delmar Carlson, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich

Barbara and Jeff Eagle, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow Kyle Getler, Member Relative Sandra R. Hoy, Grace Member Sandy Johnson, Grace Member

Shirley Krizovsky, Grace Member

Carol Knemoller, Grace Members Peggy Lucas, Grace Member

Janet Lunger, Grace Member

Glenn and Flossie Myers, Grace Members

Steve Meicke and Lisa Hall, wife of Steve Meicke, on their mission in Bolivia,

Son and daughter-In-Law of Bill and Kathy Meicke

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Tom Sheaffer, Grace Member

#### Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends

Marie Brown, Mother of Janet Parmer and Jane McGehee Colton Kopcinski, Friend of Almarodes and Madee Project April Courtice and Baby, Friend of Kate Van Bremen Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey Sharon Hilker, Mother of Eric Hilker Pastor Pat Nabers, Daughter of Grace Cooper Trueblood, Friend of Almarodes Lester Washington, Friend of Cindy Trauscht

#### The Needs of the World

Humanitarian Crisis in Venezuela
Victims of Historic Mid-West Flooding
Many affected by colds and flu
Peace to war torn South Sudan,
Yemen

Immigration crisis at the U.S. Border
Victims of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique,
Malawi and Zimbabwe

#### The Church

The ELCA and its future direction (see elca.org/future)

Our individual faith journeys in the midst all else that competes for our attention in daily life

Grace's response to the mission God has for us

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Gordon Putnam Sam Biggers
Laura Shaw Brad Hull

Michael Eckman

#### Monday

Psalm 39 Job 26:1-14

Revelation 7:9-17

Tuesday

Psalm 39 Job 28:12—-29:10

Revelation 8:1-5

Wednesday

Psalm 39 Job 32:1-22

Luke 16:19-31

#### **Daily Lectionary**

#### Thursday

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Job 36:1-16

Romans 15:7-13

#### Friday

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Job 37:1-24

Revelation 17:1-18

#### Saturday

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b Job 39:1-30

Luke 22:24-30

#### **Announcements**

**Jesus Christ Superstar:** *This evening*, 6:00 p.m., Wayne Theatre—The well known musical will be shown, with a time for discussion afterward. All are welcome and we especially invited confirmands, youth, parents, mentors and teachers to come and enter into the heart of the story of God's love for each of us and the whole world.

**Easter Breakfast and the "Resurrection Cross" - 8:30 a.m. next Sunday**—Bring a breakfast dish to share; and flowers to decorate Grace's "Resurrection Cross" that is displayed on our front lawn on Easter!



Our **Sunday School students will be participating in a "bake sale"** on Sunday, April 28, right after service. This service project will honor all mother's here at Grace and the proceeds will be given to WARM to honor mother's both here and at WARM. If you have a Sunday School child please encourage them to "bake" something, cookies, bread, cakes,

brownies. The high school group will set up and price baked goods during Sunday School on the 28th. This project will serve as a community service project. If you have questions contact Linda Meyer or Antoinette Eckstrom.



Grace Bible Class - Our weekly Bible Class will resume on Wednesday mornings 11:00 a.m., and Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m., the week of April 28th (May 1st and 3rd). We'll be studying the sermon texts for the following Sunday. This is a great way to get ready for worship, enjoy Christian fellowship, and grow in faith! Come join us!

Grace Street Walkers! Interested in starting the day with a good walk outside in the Shenandoah Valley's wonderful Spring? Starting the day thankful for our gracious God keeping us safe through the night, and giving us a new day to be a blessing? Having the additional blessing of good fellowship combined with good exercise? Then join the Grace Street Walkers! We'll start on the Thursday after Easter, April 25th at 8:30am, and meet at Grace parking lot to walk the Greenway and/or the neighborhood around us. No matter what your pace - there will be someone to walk with you! We'll start by walking on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

"If anyone would like a **DVD** or **Blu-Ray copy of the Children's Service (March 31)**, see Owen Keefer."



#### Palm/Passion Sunday,

**10:00 a.m.** – *April 14th -* Procession of Palms joined by Area Congregations – and the Reading of the Passion Gospel

Maundy Thursday, 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. – April 18th – Holy Communion, offer Foot washing (7:00 p.m.), and the Stripping the Altar accompanied by special music by Grace Choir

Good Friday, 3 p.m. - April 19th – The Way of the Cross, walking in our neighborhood at Stations of the Cross, With St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church. We begin and end at St. John.

**4:30 p.m.** – *The Gospel of John* – We will view the Gospel of John (the movie) from its start until Jesus' arrest. The movie's "script" is John's gospel. A light meal will be available.

**7:00 p.m.** – We'll "read" the Passion according to St. John using *The Gospel of John* and its account of Jesus' arrest, death, and resurrection - with special music and the Adoration of the Cross.

<u>Easter Vigil, 7:00 p.m.</u> - *April 20th* – The ancient liturgy includes four readings that remind us of God's will to redeem the world, with Affirmation of Baptismand welcoming *five new members* into the life of Grace!

<u>Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of our Lord – 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. Worship - April 21st</u> - We rejoice that Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Death has lost its sting; we live a new life every day because of Christ's Resurrection from death to life!

#### **Announcements Continued**





Thanks to all **WARM Volunteers** who supported the WARM Cold Weather Shelter this year at Grace! WARM is having their annual **Volunteer Appreciation dinner** on April 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Waynesboro. If you are interested in attending, please let Jerry Kite know by April 14 by email (jerrykite@ntelos.net) or phone at 910-3372. You can also R.S.V.P. online by visiting their website's homepage at www.warmwaynesboro.org.

**We Need Your Help at Grace!** One of the blessings that God's Spirit gives us as a congregation is that we ALL have gifts, talent and time TO SHARE, which allows the ministry of Grace, and God's Mission for us, to continue:

- Altar Guild We need help with simple tasks (a) Filling the oil candles at Christmas and Easter and (b) we need regular volunteers for our Guild to continue strong, and not overburden current members. Can you volunteer even once per quarter? Contact Nancy at the Church Office, or Jean Morgan, chairperson of the Altar Guild.
- The Nursery We need Nursery volunteers in order to have the required two persons
  to care for young children under five during the service. Contact Nancy at the Church
  Office if you can help, or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex

**Prayers and Parking Lots**—Over the last several months, members of the church council, Pastor, and the Property Committee have been discussing the need to resurface, restripe, and increase the number of handicap parking needed for our members. Believe it or not, we do not think the parking lot has been resurfaced for 60+ years!!!

We anticipate the cost of this project to be approximately \$60,000+ dollars. Over the next several weeks, please take some time to look at our current parking lot and see for yourself the need we are facing. You will be hearing more about this project after the Easter season.

Lutheran Disaster Response—Major flooding in the mid-west and a damaging cyclone in Africa (750+ dead) have left many homes and with their livelihoods in peril. If you would like to help, use the ELCA Disaster Repolse Sponse envelopes in your pew and put "Disaster Response (Flooding or Cyclone)" in the line memo.

**Reminders:** Please have any announcements, etc. for Sundays' bulletins to Nancy no later than first thing the Thursday morning prior. Grace Notes announcements, etc. need to be to Nancy by the 20th of the month prior.

### Life of Grace Church April 14—21, 2019

DAY OF	DATE	TIME	MEETING	
TODAY— Sunday		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
		9:30 a.m.	Worship Choir Practice	
	04/14	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday	
Monday (	04/15	1:30 p.m.	New Member Class (Seminar Room)	
		6:00 p.m.	Kiwanis (Conference Room)	
Tuesday 04/16	04/40	9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)	
	04/16	7:00 p.m.	QUILTING GROUP Council (Conference Room)	
Wednesday	04/17	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir Worship Choir	
Thursday (	04/18	8:30 a.m.	Newcomers Club (Fellowship Hall)	
		9:00 a.m.	MAUNDY Backpacks	
		10:00 a.m.	THURSDAY Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	
		12:30 p.m.	Bridge (Fellowship Hall)	
				7:00 p.m.
Friday			3:00 p.m.	The Way of the Cross: Walk
	4/19	4:30 p.m.	Movie: Gospel of John	
		7:00 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY</b> Good Friday Worship	
Saturday	04/20	7:00 p.m.	EASTER VIGIL Easter Vigil	
Sunday		8:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast	
	04/21	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding	



#### **Members of Grace, Ministers**

Robin Crowder, President Linda Meyer, Vice-President Deloris Wertman, Secretary



#### **Council Members**

Jack Eckstrom, Pete Giesen, Kim Hull, Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, Gordon Putnam, Marlene Shaw, Rudolph Yobs

Hannah Pingel/Laura Shaw, Youth Co-Representatives

Ron Almarode, Treasurer Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer

Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

#### **Staff Members**

Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. (lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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