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St. John's is called into a joyful life of  
welcoming hospitality, grace-filled  
worship, transformational relationships,  
and Gospel-driven service in the world.  
St. John's is an RIC congregation.*

*A vibrant community living faith boldly through Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, and Serving*

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

*Palm Sunday*

March 24, 2024

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*Welcome! Whether in the pews or online, whether for the first time or you've come more times than you can count, we are glad you are here. You are welcome to participate in every part of the worship service, including Holy Communion. Those of you joining online are invited to prepare a cracker or piece of bread and some juice or wine for partaking at that point in the service. Those in person are encouraged to sit in the forward half of the sanctuary both for audio and visual benefit. You're invited to create and wear a name tag, and to fill out a Fellowship Card from your pew rack and hand it to an usher.*

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### PRELUDE

*My Lord What a Morning*

R. Lee Gilliam

*Sicut Locutus Est*

J.S. Bach

Metropolitan Men's Choir

### WELCOME

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The word is near you,

**on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard,

**and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

## READING — Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-11

MINISTER:

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

<sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

<sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

**ALL: "Hosanna!**

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

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

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

M <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

OPENING HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ELW 344  
(vv. 3, 4, 5)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins

**through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

strengthen us in all goodness,

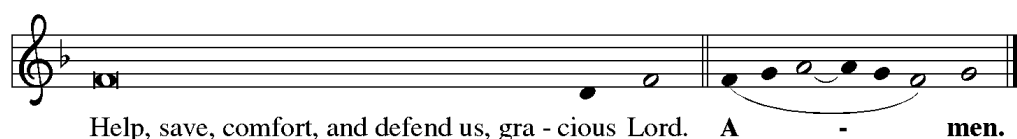
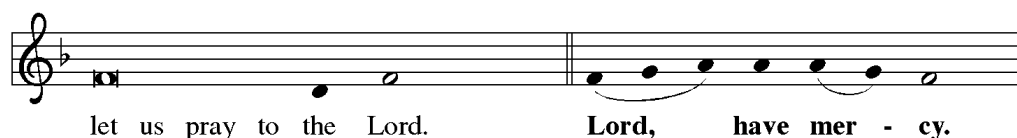
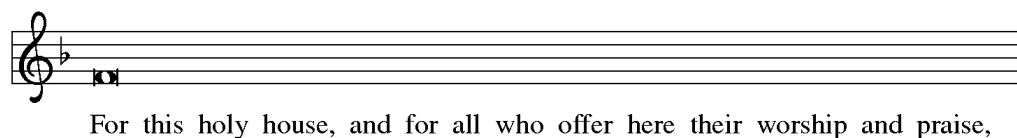
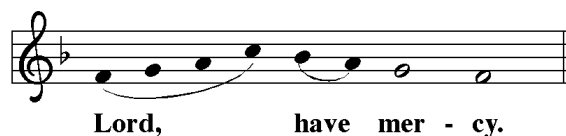
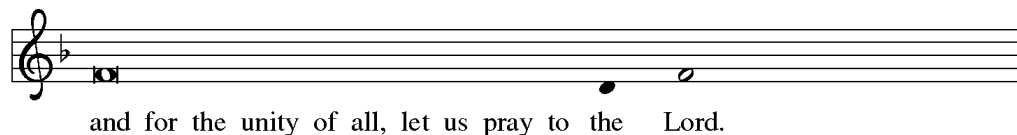
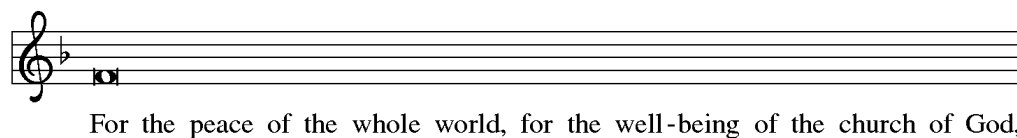
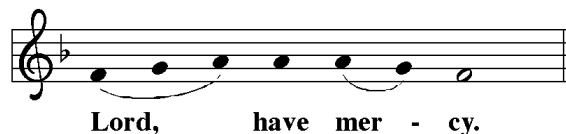
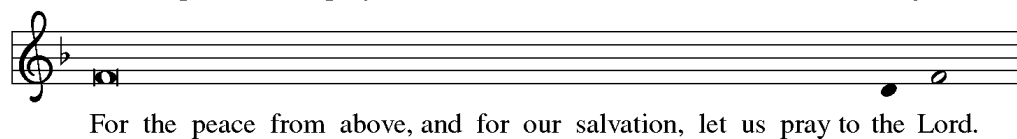
**and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## KYRIE (*ELW Setting 3*)



## SALUTATION

P. The Lord be with you.

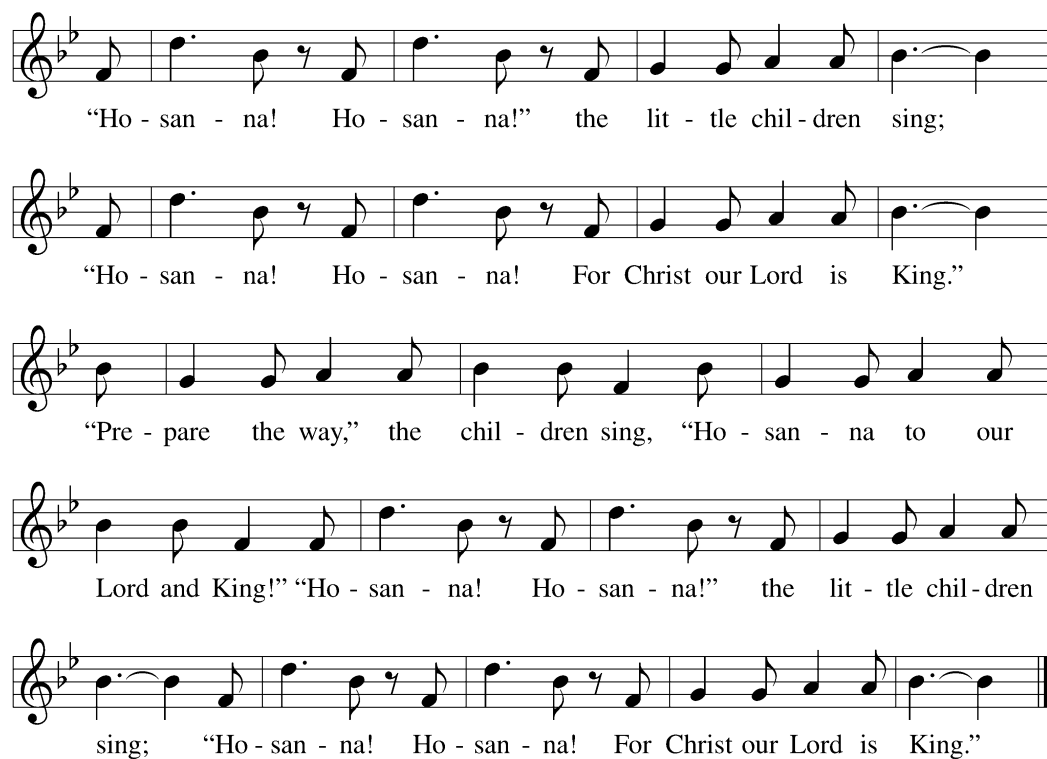
C. And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Hosanna! King of all, you reign over all. Reign in our lives, triumph over evil, and teach us to follow in your footsteps. Amen.**

*During the singing of "Hosanna," children of every age are invited to come forward and join Edith in the front pew for the Word of the Week. Visitors are welcome!*



“Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!” the lit - tle chil - dren sing;

“Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! For Christ our Lord is King.”

“Pre - pare the way,” the chil - dren sing, “Ho - san - na to our

Lord and King!” “Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!” the lit - tle chil - dren

sing; “Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! For Christ our Lord is King.”

LS 47

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Music: Helen Kemp  
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## WORD OF THE WEEK

Edith Bohardt

*After the Word of the Week, children may return to be with their families in the pews or go to 'Grace Space' in the back of the sanctuary while the people repeat "Hosanna...."*

## PSALM

Psalm 118:25-29

Let us read responsively the verses from Psalm 118.

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.**

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,

and he has given us light.

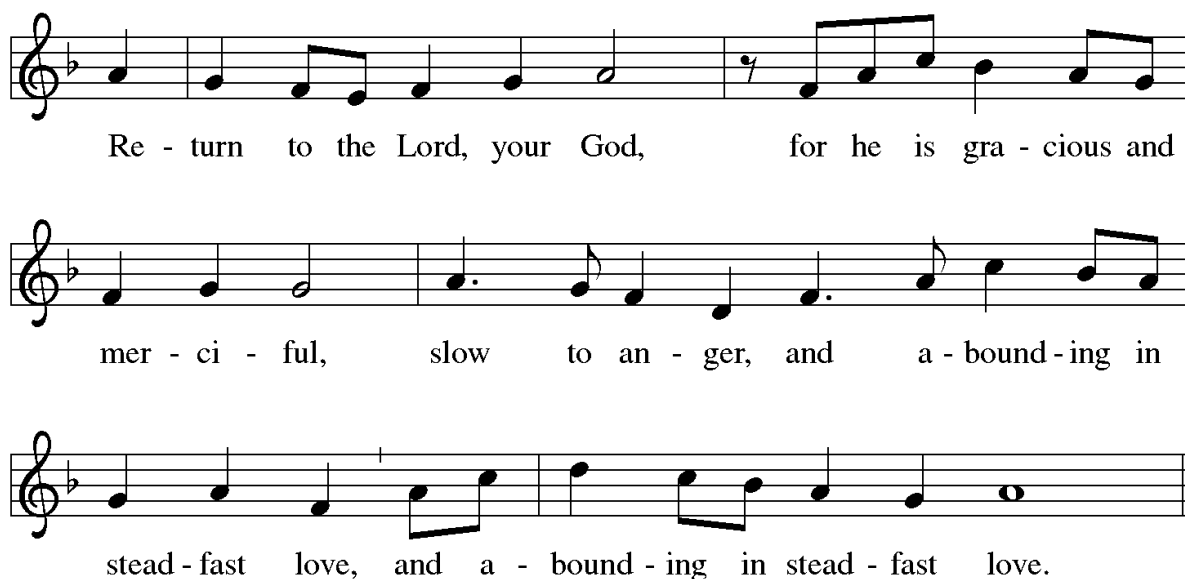
**Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup>**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## LENTEN ACCLAMATION *(ELW Setting 3)*

*Please rise as you are able during the singing of the Acclamation for the reading of the Gospel.*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:3-9

The holy gospel according to Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>3</sup>While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Pastor Mark Tiede

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

ELW 346

## APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we 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



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

*A brief silence.*

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

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Bring healing to those who suffer, especially Kathy Cashin, Brian Conrad, Bruce Walker, Lana Tiede, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Debra Jacobs, Sandy Rader, Kris Schepers, Karen O., Jeannie C, Michelle Dehn, Marlys Goebel, Nancy Johnson, Darrell Christoferson, and others we name in our hearts . . . . .

*An intentional moment of silence . . . . .* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our pastors, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal and first communion candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## OFFERING

### Musical Offering

*In the Upper Room*

Amy Webb

accompanied by cello - Rebecca Arons

**A word about 'The Offering'** *The offering is an important part of Christian worship. In all other parts of the liturgy we receive from God forgiveness, love, peace and hope. In the offering we actively participate in God's grace by giving an offering. The Offering Cards available in the pew racks are intended to represent both your non-financial generosity and the financial contributions you may have made electronically during the week. Your offerings, offering cards, and pledge cards may be placed in the offering plates set near the sanctuary entrances.*

## OFFERTORY

### *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with your holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive the body of Christ, our strength for the journey and our path in the wilderness.

### COMMUNION SONG

*Lamb of God*

ELW 336

1

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod  
and to become the Lamb of God.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2

Your gift of love we crucified.  
We laughed and scorned Him as He died.  
The humble king we named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*Refrain*

3

I was so lost, I should have died,  
but you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod  
and to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*Communion will be served in continuous fashion as directed by the Ushers. Wafers, wine (red) and grape juice (white) are offered. Anyone choosing to not commune is welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. If you would like communion brought to you in the pew, please let an Usher know.*

- 1 Seed that in earth is dying  
grows into ears of grain.  
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel  
turn into golden wine.  
God, through this mystery grant us  
faith in our deepest darkness,  
life in our night and death.
- 2 We were baptized in Jesus,  
into his death and grave,  
to resurrection's promise:  
praise and eternal life.  
Heaven's own praises begin here  
where you yourself are near us,  
deep in our night and death.
- 3 Seed that in earth is dying  
rises to bear much fruit.  
Christ, as we meet at your table,  
give us the bread of life.  
Lord, we do thank and adore you!  
Unceasing praise of the ages  
rises from night and death.

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE BENEDICTION

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

## SENDING HYMN

*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

ELW 345

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Amazing Grace*  
Metropolitan Men's Choir

arr. B. W.

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

vv. 3, 4, 5

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



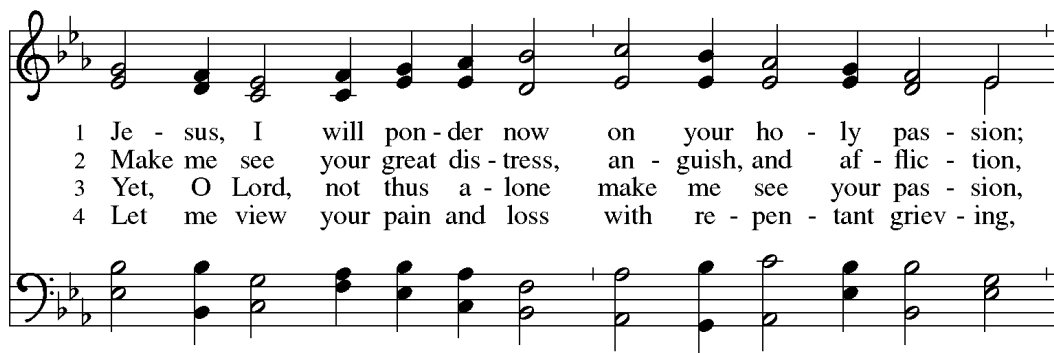
tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

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## Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



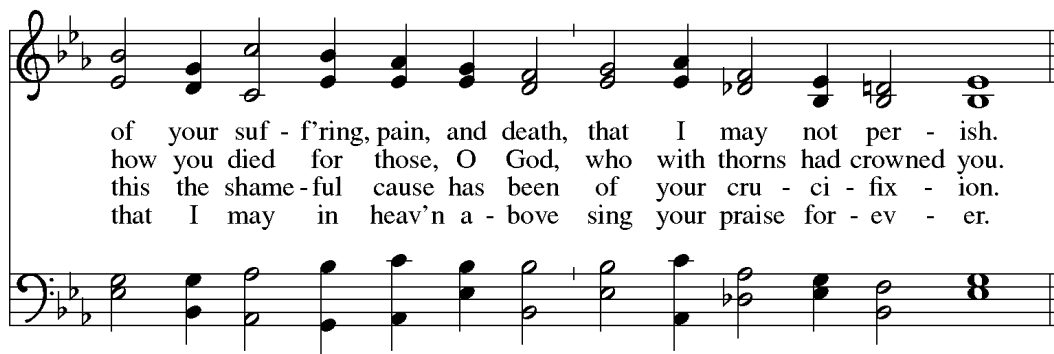
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.  
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,  
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.  
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

## WORSHIP NOTES

- **Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. in person and online**
  - ◊ Live on YouTube (link posted on St. John's Facebook page and website)
- Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.
- Grace Place Nursery will be open 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. on Sundays.
- Activities for children are available at the back of the sanctuary in Grace Space.
- Fellowship time will be offered following worship each Sunday.

**The Offering** is an important part of Christian worship. In addition to placing your offering in the plate, you may also contribute offerings to the ministries of St. John's by:

- **TEXT** the word 'Give' to 612-800-0444 and follow the prompts,
- **GIVE** through our website or your Breeze member app, or
- **MAIL** your check to: St. John's Lutheran Church  
4842 Nicollet Ave,  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

- **USE this QR code:**  
Point phone camera at code  
and tap the yellow bar



## Videos on our YouTube channel include:

- Worship services
- 'God's Work · Our Hands' recap



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## Readings for March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Psalm 116:12-29; Mark 14:22-42

## Readings for March 29 - Good Friday

Mark 15:16-39 (Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21)

## Readings for March 31 - Easter Sunday

Mark 16:1-8 (Psalm 118:21-27)

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*Peder Flaten*

Musicians:  
*Metropolitan Men's Choir*  
*Rebecca Arons, Cellist*

Assisting Minister:  
*Anneliese Paulson*

Communion Preparer:  
*Deborah Dunham*

Usher:  
*Larry Fraser*

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*Matthew Tiede*

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## Our Life Together

### *Today*

**Nursery for age 3 and younger, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship following worship—making Easter cards for homebound members**

### *Tuesday, March 26*

**Lenten Book Study, 6:30 p.m.** (Lounge & Zoom)

**Metropolitan Men's Choir, 7 p.m.** (FH)

### *Wednesday, March 27*

**St. John's Choir, 6:45 p.m.** (FH)

### *Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday*

**Worship at St. John's, 7 p.m.**

### *Friday, March 29—Good Friday*

**Worship at St. John's, 7 p.m.**

### *Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday*

**Easter Breakfast, 8—9:30 a.m.** (FH)

**Easter Egg Hunt for children, 9:15 a.m.** (meet in office entry)

**Festival Worship, 10 a.m.** in person & online,

nursery available 9:30-11:30

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to come down to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. You are also invited to help make Easter cards for homebound members during fellowship.

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY RESUMES** this Tuesday evening with selection #2 from *Listening for God, V. 1: Frederick Buechner*, "The Dwarves in the Stable."

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** is the first of the three days of the Pascal (Easter) Triduum and marks the night of the Last Supper as told in the Bible. Four young people of St. John's will receive communion for the first time at this service on March 28 at 7 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**, the second day of the Triduum, is a Christian holiday commemorating of the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. Worship on March 29 at 7 p.m. is essentially a continuation of Thursday's service of worship.

### **EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to the Bible, it marks the third day after Jesus was crucified when he rose from the dead. Easter breakfast (pancakes, fruit, sausages, coffee, juice, milk) will be served from 8-9:30 am; free will donations will go to support Chi Rho Center. Children gather at 9:15 in office lobby for an Easter Egg Hunt. Worship begins at 10.

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT—Saturday, April 20th, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at LCGS**

The women of St. John's are invited to a joint retreat with Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 'Our Story/God's Story.' Each of us has a unique life story that matters. God's story is given to us through Scripture. Come for conversation, come to learn, come to grow deeper in your faith. Registration is \$35 and includes a box lunch. Please see Edith to register.

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**A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation of the**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).**

**Our Mission:**

Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St. John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.

**Our Core Values:**

*Welcoming*

Celebrating and caring for all people. Our doors are open.  
You belong. Come as you are.

*Worshiping*

Gathering together to joyfully thank God in prayer and praise for Jesus, who calls us, centers us, and sends us into the world.

*Healing*

Reflecting God's unconditional grace and love by walking together through the joys and pains of life.

*Serving*

Gratefully responding to the needs of the world with the abilities God has gifted us.

**Our Vision for the Future:**

A vibrant community living faith boldly