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## Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

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## Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

† Welcome

\*† Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)*

P: Holy God,

**C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Procession with Palms: Luke 19:28-40**

*Entrance into the final days*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

\*Congregation Standing  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,

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

\*† Entrance Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" LBW 108

*Refrain:*  
*All glory, laud, and honor*  
*To you, redeemer, king,*  
*To whom the lips of children*  
*Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*1 You are the king of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's Name coming,  
Our King and Blessed One. [Refrain]*

*2 The company of angels  
Are praising you on high;  
Creation and all mortals  
In chorus make reply. [Refrain]*

*3 The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before you we present. [Refrain]*

*4 To you, before your passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise. [Refrain]*

**\*† Entrance Hymn: "Prepare The Royal Highway" LBW 26**

*1 Prepare the royal highway,  
the King of kings is near;  
let every hill and valley  
a level road appear.  
Then greet the king of glory  
foretold in sacred story:*

*Refrain:  
O blest is he that came  
in God the Father's name!*

*2 God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him;  
spread garments; shout and sing.  
God's promise will not fail you;  
no more shall doubt assail you: [Refrain]*

*3 Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised king;*

*your king, yet every nation  
its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before him;  
all voices, thus adore him: [Refrain]*

*4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom,  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding: [Refrain]*

**\*† Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\*† Kyrie**

*A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy,**

*A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen**

**\*† Hymn of Praise** *(Suspended during Lent)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

## \*† Prayer of the Day

**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.**

*~God's Word~*

## † First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

<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;  
<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?

† **Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16; refrain, Ps. 31:5**

*Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

- <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. R**
- <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 up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love." R**

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

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

- <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.

### **\*† Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter

*C: Glory to you, O Lord*

### **\*† Holy Gospel: Luke 22:14 – 23:56**

*Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus – the innocent bringer of life – is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

<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.

<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, "Prophecy! 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>

<sup>1</sup> Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." <sup>3</sup> Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." <sup>5</sup> But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

<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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

*C: Praise be to you, O Christ*

† **Choir Anthem: "O, The Blood"**

† **Sermon: The Reverend Dianne L. Lewis, Pastor**

† **Sermon Hymn: "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"**

*Refrain:*

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord.*

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord.*

*1 Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

*2 Fill ev'ry valley, bring all mountains low.*

*3 Go up to a mountain and shout with a loud voice.*

*4 Say to all people, here is your God. [Refrain]*

\*Congregation Standing

**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

*REPEAT All*

*~ Prayer ~*

**\*† The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

*\*Congregation Standing*  
**Bold Font:** Congregation Response

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*† In Loving Memory:**

**\*† Prayers of the People**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering (*especially*). God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
**Amen.**

### **\*† Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **\*† Offering Canticle**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

### **\*† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*~ Meal ~*

**\*† The Great Thanksgiving**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

*A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**\*† Words of Institution**

**\*† Lord's Prayer**

**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**

**† Holy Communion**

*P: The gifts of God for the people of God.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

† Communion Hymn: "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" TFBF 82

*1 Oh how He loves you and me  
Oh, how He loves you and me  
He gave His life, What more could He give*

*Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me  
Oh, how He loves you and me*

*2 Jesus to Calvary did go,  
His love for this world to show.  
What He did there, brought hope from despair.*

*Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me  
Oh, how He loves you and me.*

**\*† Post Communion Blessing**

*(After all have returned to their places:)*

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

C: **Amen**

**\*† Post Communion Canticle**

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

**\*† Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **C: Amen.**

**\*† Installation of Church Council**

**† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements**

**\*† Benediction**

**\*† Sending Hymn: “King Of My Life” TFBF 86**

*1 King of my life I crown thee now,  
thine shall the glory be;  
lest I forget thy thorn-crowned brow,  
lead me to Calvary.*

*Refrain:  
Lest I forget Gethsemane,  
lest I forget thine agony,  
lest I forget thy love for me,  
lead me to Calvary.*

*2 Show me the tomb where thou wast laid,  
tenderly mourned and wept;  
angels in robes of light arrayed  
guarded thee whilst thou slept. [Refrain]*

*3 Let me, like Mary, through the gloom,  
come with a gift to thee;  
show to me now the empty tomb,  
lead me to Calvary. [Refrain]*

*4 May I be willing, Lord, to bear  
daily my cross for thee,  
even thy cup of grief to share;  
thou hast borne all for me. [Refrain]*

**\*† Dismissal**

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

\*Congregation Standing

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## Announcements

- ◆ Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7PM via Zoom. Next session will resume Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM - **Meeting ID: 822 8031 9117 Passcode: 709073**
- ◆ Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM. Contact Valerie Slack or Pastor Dianne if you like to volunteer.
- ◆ Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 2PM – 3:30PM
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next meeting will be Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM
- ◆ **Holy Week:**
  - ◆ **Maundy Thursday/Love Agape Meal** – Thursday, Apr 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM
  - ◆ **Good Friday** – Friday, Apr 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM
  - ◆ **Easter Sunday** – Sunday, Apr 20<sup>th</sup> at 11AM
- ◆ Trinity will host **Seniors Games and Activities** on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30PM – 4PM here at Trinity
- ◆ Join NJ ADLA for a **Paint & Unwind** on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2PM-5PM here at Trinity. Tickets \$35 per person. Contact Valerie Slack for more info.
- ◆ Trinity will host **Seniors Shuffle**, a fun dance and exercise social, on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM - 2:30PM
- ◆ **WELCA's Women's Day celebration** will be Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3PM
- ◆ **NJ Synod Assembly** will take place in person on June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton East Brunswick Hotel. Registration deadline is 4/21/2025. [www.njsynod.org/assembly](http://www.njsynod.org/assembly)
- ◆ *Save the Date!* **Dinner Dance** celebrating the Ministry of Bishop Tracie Bartholomew Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 5PM – 10PM at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. Tickets are \$50/pp
- ◆ Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser... Join in the Anniversary Celebration. Your donation supports the pew restoration labor and the installation of a personalized

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legacy name plate on your selected pew. \$500 for center aisle; \$300 for window aisle. Contact Tina Richardson at 201-435-9807 for more info.

◆ **Join in our Fundraisers:**

- ◆ **Walk in Faith - Donation:** Pledge a multiple of your shoe size (i.e. if your shoe size is a size 9, pledge \$9, or \$18, or \$90, or \$900, etc.)
- ◆ **Operational Expenses Fund - Donation:** any amount
- ◆ You may pay your Tithes & Offerings online at <http://www.trinityjerseycity.com>  
OR text **GIVE** to 844-930-5787 from your mobile phone
- ◆ **For pastoral care call Pastor Dianne Lewis at 201.435.9807**