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\* INDICATES TO PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE

## ✠ The Liturgy of the Palms ✠

*The Liturgy this day begins at the doors of the church.*

*Please join the congregation there, as you are able, so that all may process into the church.*

*The branches of palm will be distributed to the people following the prayer of blessing.*

### \*ACCLAMATION FOR PALM SUNDAY

*Cantor or Celebrant*  
b   
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;

*People*  
b   
Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

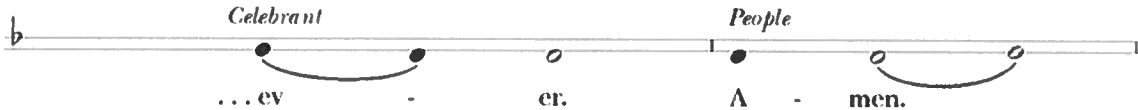
MATTHEW 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

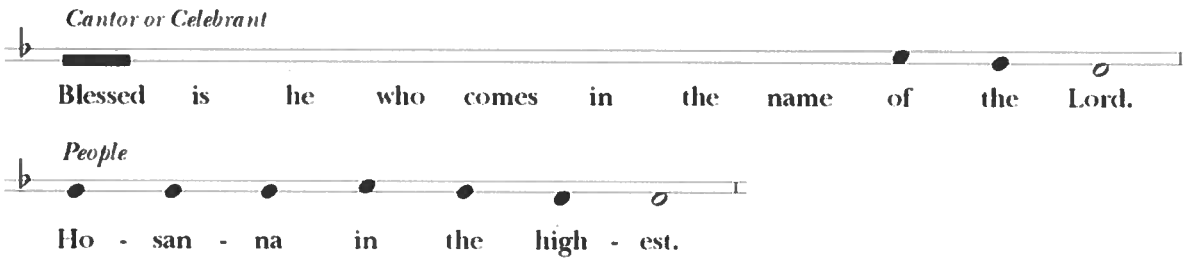
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:





*Following the blessing, the branches of Palms will be distributed to the Congregation.  
When all have received the palms the Celebrant continues.*



## THE PROCESSION

### Collect at the Doors to the Church

Let us pray. Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*The Presider knocks three times on the doors and says*

**Presider** Open for me the gates of righteousness;

**People** I will enter them and offer thanks to the Lord.

*The doors to the church are opened and the organ is heard. The assembly walks into the church.  
When the assembly is in place the following hymn is sung.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN — "ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR" ELW No. 344

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

\*FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The holy gospel according to Isaiah.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

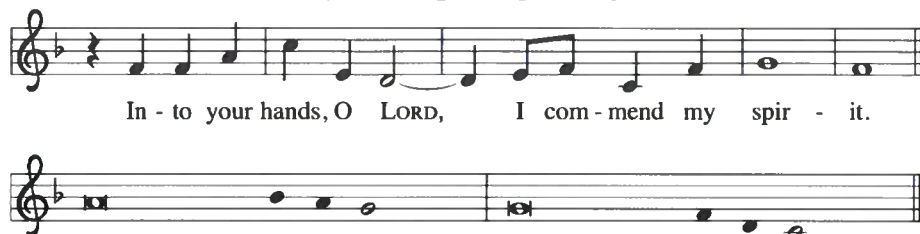
The Lord God has given me  
a trained tongue,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens,  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand in court together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

*The Cantor introduces the refrain which is repeated by the Assembly.  
All join in repeating the Refrain where indicated.*



- <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

A reading from Philipians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a human,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,  
so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The Cantor introduces the Gospel Acclamation which is repeated by the Assembly.  
The verse is sung by the Cantor. All repeat the Acclamation following the verse.*



Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death |  
on a cross.\* Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is  
above | ev'ry name. (*Phil. 2:8-9*)

**HOLY GOSPEL**  
**THE PASSION ACCORDING TO**  
**MATTHEW 26:14–27:66**

*The congregation remains seated,  
and may refer to the pew bibles as the Passion Gospel is read.*

SERMON

THE REV. TIM SCHOLL

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY — A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH  
ELW NO. 340

\*NICENE CREED  
ELW P. 104

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After "Hear us, O God," congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING — OH, HOLY JESUS

JAMES PETHEL

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

*During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

## \*HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION — ERHALT UNS HERR

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Erhalt uns Herr'. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: 'All\_\_ praise to\_\_ thee, our\_\_ God, we raise, for all thy gifts through - out our days; blcss'. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below the second staff, the lyrics are: 'all our\_\_ hearts\_\_ to sing\_\_ thy praise, both now and ev - er - more al - ways.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

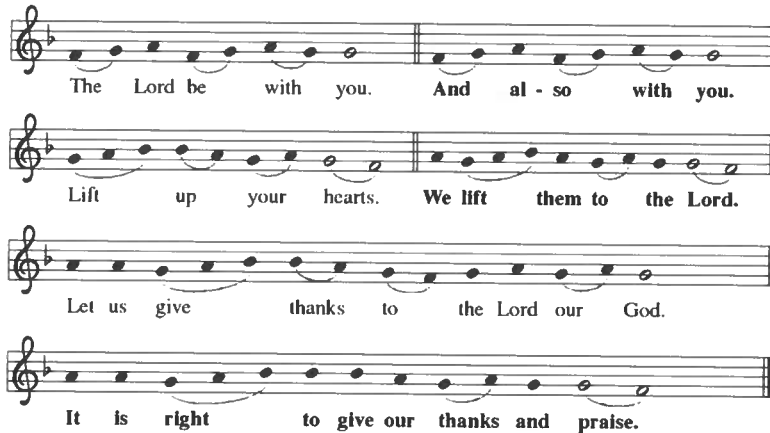
O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All who are baptized and believe with us that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to communion. Ushers will assist with the communion. Please pick up an empty cup from the small table at the altar rail to receive the wine. Baskets will be placed on either side to dispose of your cup. Individual communion kits will be available from the ushers for those who prefer them. We serve low-gluten bread. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform an usher and the ministers will bring Communion to you in your pew.*

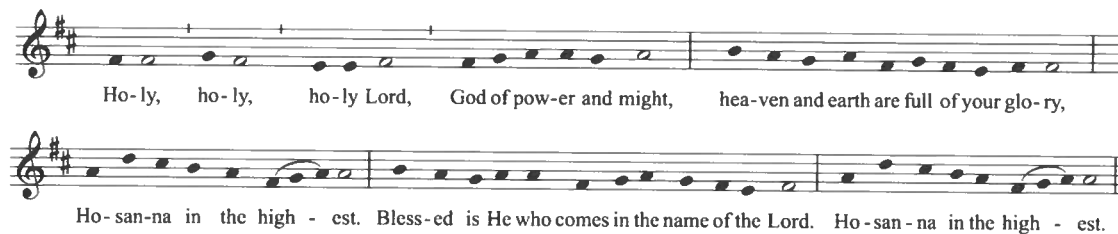
\*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\*PREFACE

\*SANCTUS



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry,  
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

This is Hymn S-124 from *The Hymnal 1982*  
Setting from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b.1950)

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God, Creator of our wilderness world,  
O God, Savior of the lost,  
O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering,  
we give you thanks for your everlasting might;  
we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood.  
We praise you, O God:  
**We praise you, O God.**

For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law.  
We praise you, O God:  
**We praise you, O God.**

For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.  
We praise you, O God:  
**We praise you, O God.**

You became truly human in Jesus our brother.  
For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.  
On the night before he died he 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.

We extol his life. Amen:  
**Amen.**

We lament his death. Amen:  
**Amen.**

We celebrate his resurrection. Amen:  
**Amen.**

Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit.  
Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son.  
Save us, O God:  
**Save us, O God.**

Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance.  
Save us, O God:  
**Save us, O God.**

Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.  
Save us, O God:  
**Save us, O God.**

Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.  
Save us, O God:  
**Save us, O God.**

At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.  
**Amen.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW P. 145

*Presider*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION — BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

ELW No. 338

\*TABLE BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and  
blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to  
your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN — RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

ELW NO. 346

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
Thanks be to God.

\*POSTLUDE — RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

EDWARD BROUGHTON

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## PRAYER LIST

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. We especially pray for: Betty, Leisha, JoAnn, Char, Debbie, Laura, Jan, Ron, Mark, Jenny, John, Barbara, Kendra, Lisa, Edna, Diane, Diane P., Tom, and all those whom we now name before you. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

If you would like to have a family member or friends name added to the list, please be sure to get their permission before having their name(s) added. Names will be listed for a month and removed. You can then request to have them added again for continued prayers. Thank you.

## SERVING YOU TODAY

The assisting minister for the service is **Ian Hamilton**. All are sharing service on the altar guild.

## BACKPACK PROGRAM DONATIONS DUE

The Backpack Meal Campaign concludes today, Palm Sunday. The money raised will go to Second Harvest Food Bank to assist with its backpack program. Thanks for your support.

### LAST WEEK'S RESPONSE

	March 22	YTD		Attendance
Given —	1,643	26,274	10:30 in-person	32
Needed —	<u>3,154</u>	<u>37,848</u>	Abbewood Service (3/22)	17
Over/(Short)	(1,511)	(11,574)	Livestream Total Views Past 7 Days	178

## FLOWERS AND CANDLE

The Altar Flowers are to the Glory to God,  
and in memory of Bob, from the Dupont family.

The Altar Flowers are to the Glory to God,  
and in celebration of the Diane Price's birthday.

The Sanctuary Candle to the Glory to God.

## THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL MARCH 29 TO APRIL 5

Sunday (29)	10:30 AM –	Worship Service
	1:00 PM –	Abbeewood Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Worship Service
Tuesday (31)	6:00 PM –	TOPS
Wednesday (01)	7:00 PM –	Tenebrae Service
Thursday (02)	7:00 PM –	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday (03)	7:00 PM –	Good Friday Service
Sunday (05)	<b>9:30 AM –</b>	<b>Easter Day Worship Service</b>

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## TENEBRAE SERVICE

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

7:00 PM

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2, 2026

7:00 PM

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 3, 2026

7:00 PM

## EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 4

**One Service 9:30 AM**

