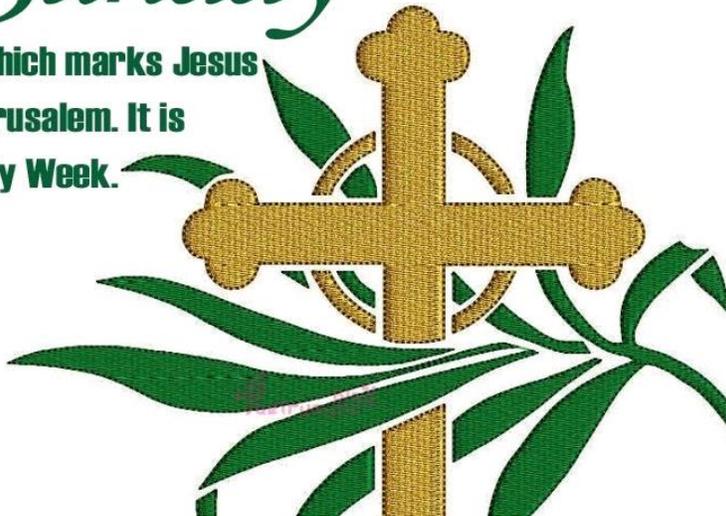


# Sunday of the Passion



## *Palm Sunday*

**Today is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus  
triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is  
also the beginning of Holy Week.**



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This week, the center of the church's year is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people.

We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

*Please place your offerings in the basket located in the Narthex*



## **Presentation of the Palms**

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

**C.** **Hosanna in the highest**

**P.** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 19:28-40

**C.** **Glory to you, O Lord**

**P.** The gospel of the Lord

**C.** **Praise to you, O Christ**

**P.** The Lord be with you.

**C.** **And also with you.**

**P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P.** We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King, and follow him with perfect confidence, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C.** **Amen**

Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*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.

## Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray

C. 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.

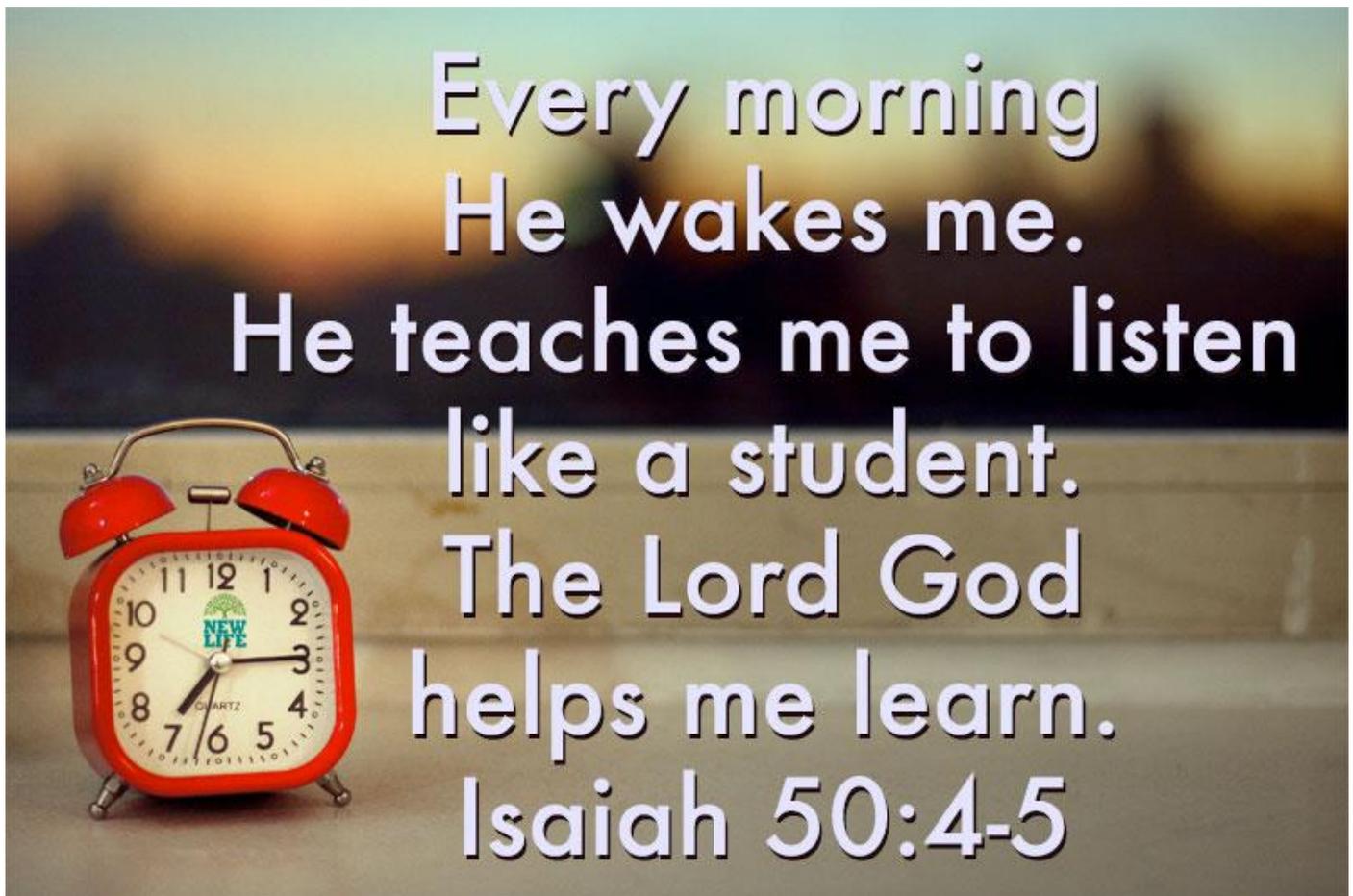
## First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.





## *Every Knee Shall Bow*

### **Second Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

Back of Bulletin

**P.** Word of God. Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**P.** The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter fifteen.

### **Mark 15:1-47**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

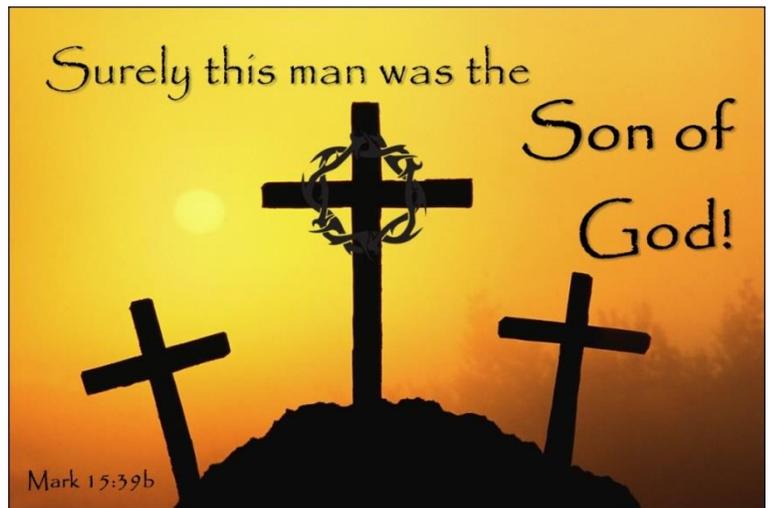
Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They

struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"



There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P. The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C. Praise to you O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

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**The Prayers**

**P.** Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Hear us, O God.

**C. Your mercy is great.**

**P.** We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

**The Peace**

**P.** The peace of Christ be with you always. Share the Greeting of Peace while socially distanced.

**Offertory Prayer**

**P.** Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

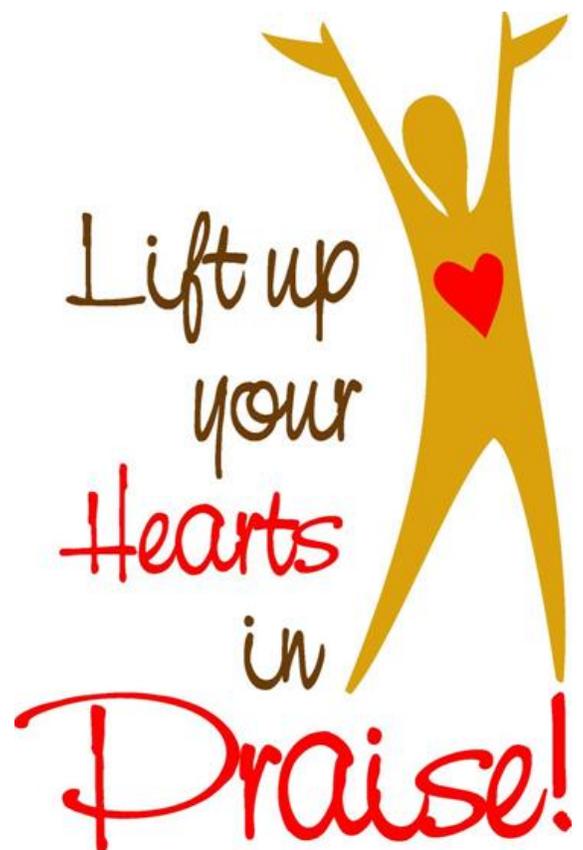
**P.** Lift up your hearts.

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

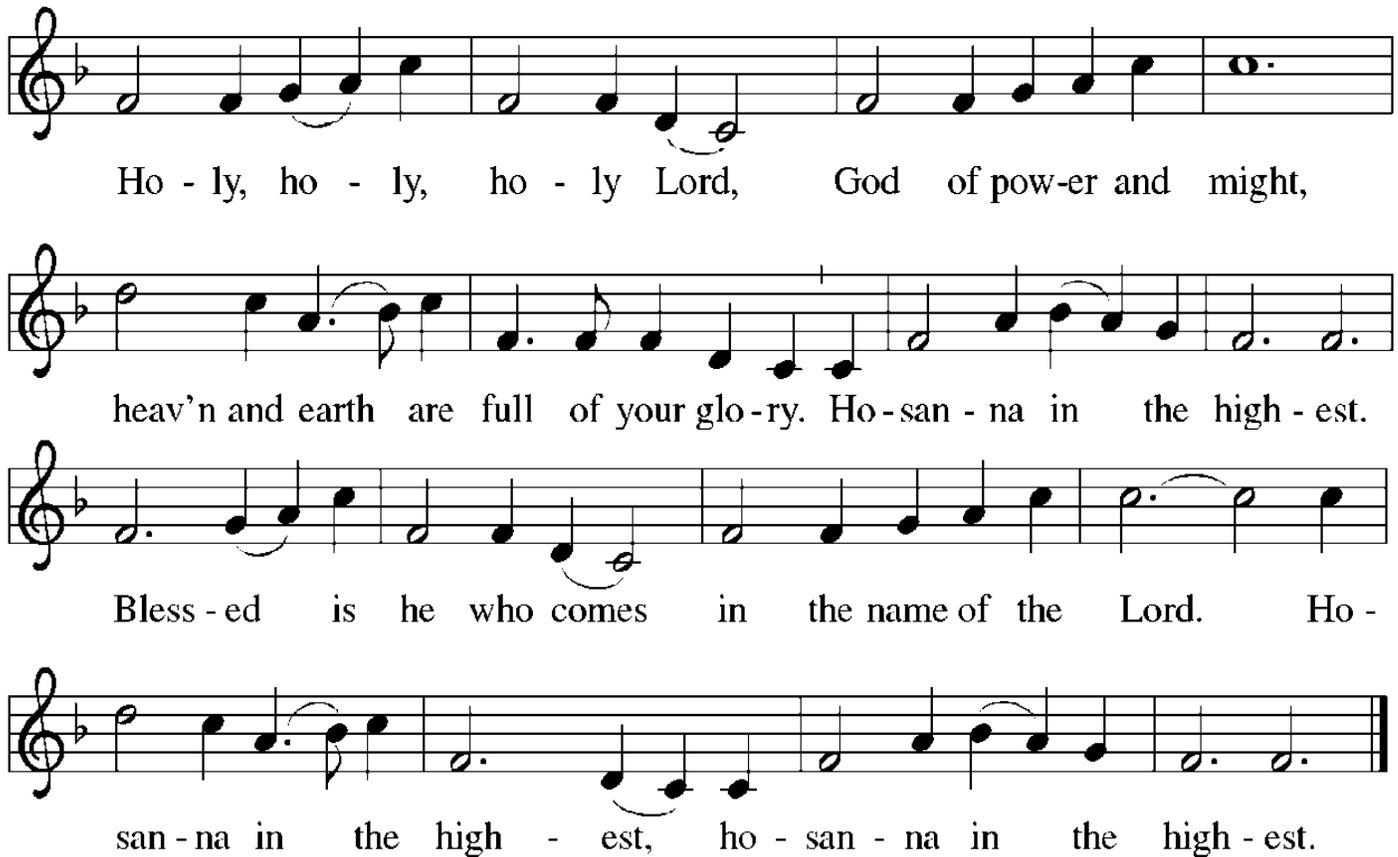
**P.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P.** It is indeed right . . . . .



## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

# The 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*

## Invitation to Communion

P. Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Receive to this meal and be fed.

C. Amen.

## Communion Hymns

*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*

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### Post Communion Blessing

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

**C. Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer

**P.** God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

### Blessing

**P.** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you † that you may be a blessing in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**C. Amen**

### Sending Hymn

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

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### Dismissal

**P.** Go in peace. Share the good news.

Postlude

Remember  
To Sign up for  
Easter Lilies

A sign-up sheet for is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. The cost per Lily will be \$9.



# Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Service at 3:00 pm Outside

Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 pm, Stations of the Cross  
(outside, weather permitting)

## Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am (Tentative)

10:00 am In-Person & LiveStream Worship Service

11:00 am In-Person Worship Service