

Events This Week - March 28 - April 1, 2021

Pastor Althea's Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10am - 1pm

Sunday 3/28 Palm Sunday

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge
10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
Holy Communion



Monday 3/29

9:00—11:30 am—Food Pantry
7:00 pm - AA Meeting - Social Hall

Tuesday 3/30

9:00—11:30 am—Food Pantry
6:30 pm - NA

Wednesday 3/31

9:00—11:30 am—Food Pantry
7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

Thursday 4/1 Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm - Bread, Broth, & Salad Supper
7:00 pm - Worship Service



Friday 4/2 Good Friday

10:30 am - Grace Stickers
7:00 pm - Good Friday Service

Saturday 4/3

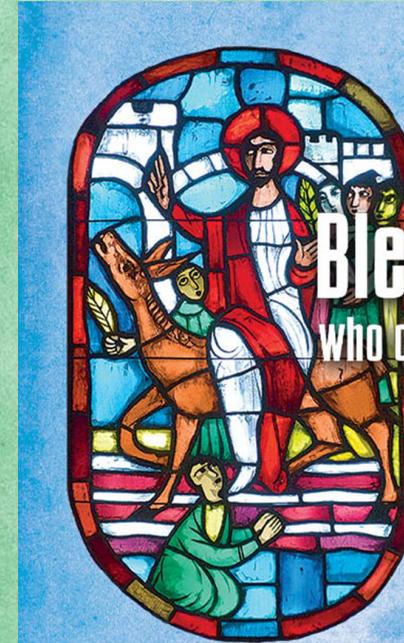
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Sunday 4/4 Resurrection of Our Lord

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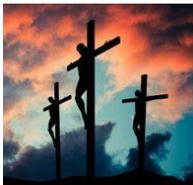
**Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

MARK 11:9



*1 Corinthians 11:26
"... do this
in remembrance of
Me."*

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 We welcome all to a **meal of bread, broth, and salad at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall** and **worship with us at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary** as we celebrate the Last Supper of our Lord and his friends. Holy Communion will be celebrated as we gather together to remember Christ's sacrifice.



Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Let us come together in solemnity at **7:00pm in the Sanctuary** to remember this most holy time of our Lord's suffering so that the world would not be condemned but saved through him.



Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of Our Lord - April 4, 2021

I hope to see all of you worship with us at **8:00am with a spoken service in the Lounge** and **10:15am with a liturgical service in the sanctuary** as we gather to celebrate Jesus' ultimate victory over death and the grave! **He is risen! Alleluia!**

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Liturgical Worship Service with Holy Communion

**We want to extend a special warm welcome to
our brothers and sisters in Christ from Epiphany Lutheran Church.**

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the bulletin.

Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to *belong* to the church of Jesus Christ,
- Equipping those who *believe* as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
- Sending members to *become* caring servants of God in the world.

Serving in Worship Today—

Altar Guild:

Brenda Traa

Sound Technicians:

Jim Foreman, Shawn Welfield

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Servicemen and Servicewomen Serving Our Country:

Members & Friends of Grace: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USMC; Sara Myers, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF

Hospitalized - or in need of healing: Ruth, David, & Ric Alburger, Mary Ellen Bartholomew, June Becker, Shirley Blankenship, Dave Brown, Carol Campbell, Dr. Robert Carlson, Ed Carpenter, Christine Carter, Peg Cwienk, Roy Cole, Deb Connelly, Emile DeLong, Tad Dildilian, Kimberly Frawley, Ed Gannon, Jeanne Gehring, Chris Hinnant, Bob & Dona-Lee Hughes, Pat Johnson, Darryl Kashey, Terry Kearney, Carol Traa Keates, Nancy Keirse, Darrell Kopp, Lora, Judith & Roger Landis, Bob Loper, Susan Marich, Quinn Meldrum, Anne Moore, Tom Ostrander, Tommy Parker, Renee Pugliese, LouAnn Rest, Indigo Rose, Alan Sisson, Dana Sisson, Judy Toth, Bob Traa, Grace DiGenni Traa, Carol-Ann Tracy, George Walters, Joann Wehrhan, Joan Wisdom, & Lucy Dildilian Yannis, Susan, Jim, Vicki, Helen, Diana, and Maria

At Home - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

Shores@Wesley Manor: Dot Crawshaw, Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Rehab@Shores of Wesley Manor: Lois Rahme

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

*SENDING HYMN

Stay Here

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Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

Text: Matt. 26:38, 45; Taizé Community
Music: STAY HERE. Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM EPIPHANY AND GRACE

Please stand as you are able.

*SENDING BLESSING

Christ knows our pain. **Christ suffered as we suffer.**

Christ knows our grief. **His family and friends lose him on the cross.**

Christ knows our need for redemption.

He forgives us all as he dies and rises for our salvation.

As we enter into the Holy Week of the Passion of our Lord, let us remember the sacrifice and suffering of Jesus on the cross.

May God fill you with all joy and peace in believing in the power of the cross, so that you may find hope and forgiveness in God's great love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Stay Here

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There will be no dismissal today. We will sing this hymn together and you may leave as you wish. You are welcome to stay in prayerful contemplation as we enter into Holy Week. In order to keep the sanctuary a quiet place for those wanting to pray or meditate, we ask that you please take conversations to the lobby or outside of the church.

We look forward to having you with us as we go through Holy Week.

We will see you Maundy Thursday at 6:00pm for a light supper and 7:00pm for worship,

Good Friday at 7:00pm for worship, and on Easter morning at 8:00am

and 10:15am for worship as you are able.

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST PEACE BE WITH YOU ALWAYS!

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able— **Congregation responses in bold print.**

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

WELCOME TO GRACE

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

The Palms

By J. Faure

Pianist: Stephen Gring

Palm leaves and flow'rs on ev'ry way appear,
Strewn on the ground on this our festal day;
Jesus is come to dry our ev'ry tear;
Crowds line the way and grateful homage pay

Refrain:

Come ye and sing with one accord
Let now the triumph ring thro' all creation
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Blessed is He who comes bringing salvation!

Sing and rejoice, O thou Jerusalem,
Now ye are free, joyfully sing your song,
Freed by the Lord, the God of Bethlehem,
Cometh eternal life above ere long. *Refrain*

CALL TO WORSHIP

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



PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Please turn and face the cross as the Gospel is read.

Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark, the eleventh chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then 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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of several systems of music. The first system includes the lyrics: "we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-". The second system includes: "ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil; For Thine is the". The third system includes: "king-dom, and the pow-er, and the". The fourth system includes: "glo-ry for-ev-er.". The fifth system includes: "A-men, A-men.". The music features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The piano accompaniment includes chords and arpeggiated figures. The score is in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

The Lord's Prayer

This, then, is how you should pray. Matthew 6:9

Unison

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, Hal-low-ed
 be Thy name. Thy king-dom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And for-give us our debts, as

TEXT: Matthew 6:9-13

MUSIC: Albert Hay Mallotte; arranged by Donald P. Hustrad

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MALOTTE
Irregular meter

*GATHERING HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Verses 1, 3, & 5, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 4, Men

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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

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

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.**

Please be seated

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The 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.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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.

^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

**We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.**

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.

**For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER We will sing the Lord's Prayer. Music is on the next page

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We will partake of the bread and grape juice together. Wait for direction from the pastor.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **God's love endures forever.**

Let us now commune with the Lord together.

This is the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)*

This is the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power
of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Meal

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

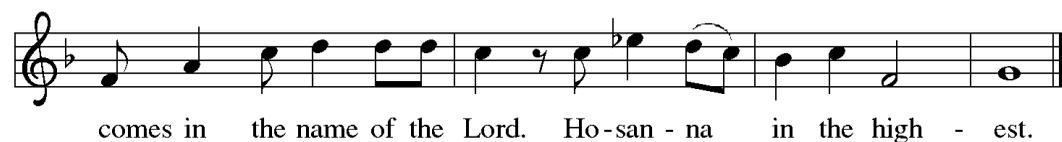
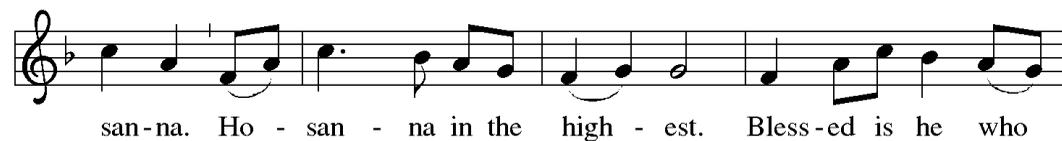
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*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:



PSALM: 31:9-16

Please sing together the words in bold.

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.

¹¹I 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.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;**

I am as useless as a | broken pot.

¹³For 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.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.**

I have said, “You | are my God.

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;

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

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;**

save me in your | steadfast love.”

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippi-

ans.

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but 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.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

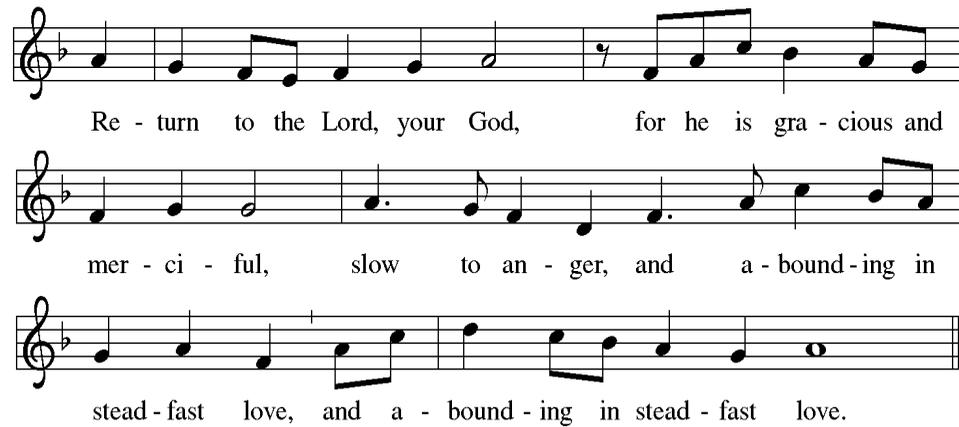
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

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

Please stand as you are able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

Mark 14:26--15:47

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

Our holy gospel will now be read as a narrative, according to Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE PASSION NARRATIVE ACCORDING TO MARK

Narrator: *After the Last Supper* ... when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though they all fall away, I will not.

Narrator: And Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: But he said emphatically,

Peter: If I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator: And they all said the same. And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I pray.

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

TIME FOR HEALING AND ANOINTING

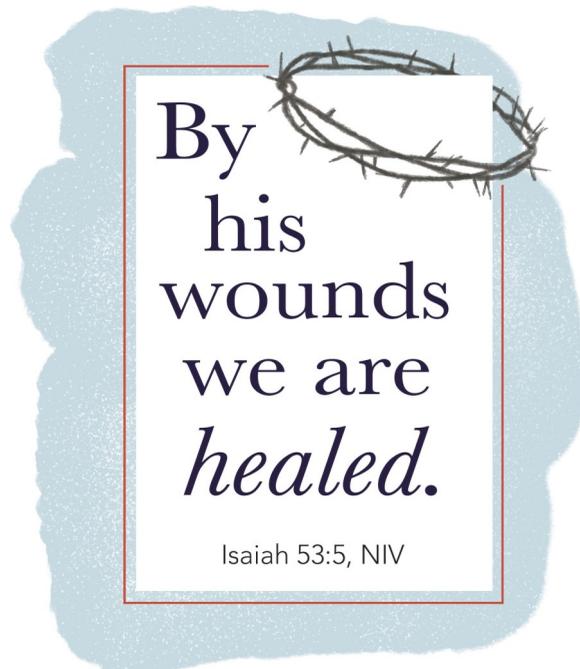
During this time for healing and anointing, you are all invited to come forward as you are able for brief prayer with Pastor Althea and anointing with oil. We request that you wear a mask as you come forward. Pastor will be using disposable cotton q-tips for anointing. Do not feel rushed. Please take your time and come forward allowing space between people of each household as we maintain distancing precautions. Please let an usher know if you would like prayer where you are seated. Pastor will come to you.

MEDITATION

Please meditate or pray quietly at your seat while others receive prayers in the front of the church. When all who wish to have prayer and anointing have come forward and then are seated again the service will continue below.

PEACE

*Please remain at your seats as we will share the peace as a whole congregation one time. May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***



Narrator: And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them,

Jesus: My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.

Narrator: And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said,

Jesus: Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.

Narrator: And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

Jesus: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator: And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.

Narrator: And when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: Rabbi!

Narrator: And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.

Narrator: And they all left him and fled. And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.

Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying,

Accuser: We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”

Narrator: Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus,

Priest: Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?

Narrator: But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him,

Priest: Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

Narrator: And Jesus said,

Jesus: I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.

Narrator: And the high priest tore his garments and said,

Priest: What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?

Narrator: And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him,

Accuser: Prophecy! (*pronounced: PRA-fe-sai*)

Narrator: And the guards received him with blows. And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said,

Maid: You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: I neither know nor understand what you mean.

Narrator: And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

Maid: This man is one of them.

Narrator: But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Accuser: Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.

Narrator: But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

Peter: I do not know this man of whom you speak.

Narrator: And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him,

Jesus: Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: And he broke down and wept. And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him,

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice and peace. We pray that you sustain active soldiers, heal those who are veterans of war, and guide all leaders who command them, that they may all serve those in greatest need of peace and protection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer with mental illness, physical pain and sickness, or spiritual conflict *especially all those we name now or in our hearts...* grant them all healing, comfort, and renewal. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us faith to trust the promises of baptism that we may entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

WOV # 775

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

Please be seated

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OFFERTORY

Ride On, King Jesus!

Arr. By Hall Johnson

Solo: Ruth Bowden

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Pastor: Relying on the God's promises of love and mercy, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

Brief silence.

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility.

Heal us from selfishness, pride, and entitlement. Empower us to confess Christ crucified.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation. Restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change especially rainforests, ice shelves, and coral reefs, and nurture new growth.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: And he answered him,

Jesus: You have said so.

Narrator: And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him,

Pilate: Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you.

Narrator: But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator: For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them,

Pilate: Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator: And they cried out again,

Crowd: Crucify him!

Narrator: And Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Crucify him!

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and Having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called Together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him,

Soldier: Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator: And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means 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 garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read,

Soldier: "The King of the Jews."

Narrator: And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left.
And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

Accuser: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Narrator: So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying,

Priest: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Narrator: which means,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator: And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

Accuser: Behold, he is calling Elijah.

Narrator: And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Maid: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Narrator: And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Soldier: Truly this man was the Son of God!

Narrator: 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.

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

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

God Loved the World

ELW # 323

Verses 1, 3, & 5, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 4, Men



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!