



# Palm Sunday

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# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Today's service begins with the account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then moves to the monumental story of his suffering and death. The juxtaposition of these two readings emphasizes that Palm Sunday led directly to Good Friday. Both days were part of our Savior's saving work. While their tone could not have been more different, their purpose was the same: the salvation of all people.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

**Preacher**

Pastor Aaron Winkelman

**Musicians**

Andy Braun, Ethan Klein, Greg Lyon, Alyssa Schwartz, Joel Schwartz

# *Festival Service for Palm Sunday*

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## **Palm Sunday Procession with Palms**

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## **Joint Choir Anthem**

*Sung by the Adult Choir and Prek – 8.*

*Antiphonal Hosanna*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience and be made partakers of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

# The History of Our Lord's Suffering and Death according to St. Matthew

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## Part One

### The Plot Against Jesus

<sup>261</sup> When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> “As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>5</sup> “But not during the festival,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

### Jesus Anointed at Bethany

<sup>6</sup> While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

<sup>8</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. <sup>9</sup> “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

<sup>10</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

<sup>13</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

## What Grace Is This

CW 395 st. 1

1 What grace is this! My Lord and King  
has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -  
ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.

## Part Two

### Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

<sup>4</sup> Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests <sup>5</sup> and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>6</sup> From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

### The Last Supper

<sup>7</sup> On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>8</sup> He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” <sup>9</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

<sup>10</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>11</sup> And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>12</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>14</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

<sup>16</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

<sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>18</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>19</sup> I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

<sup>20</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

# It Was a Dark and Dismal Night

CW 417 sts. 1-4



1 It was a dark and dis - mal night when pow'rs of  
2 Be - fore the mourn - ful scene be - gan, he took the  
3 "This is my bod - y, slain for sin; re - ceive and  
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, in mem - 'ry



earth and hell a - rose a - gainst the Son, our  
bread and blessed and broke. What love through all his  
eat the liv - ing food." Then took the cup and  
of your dy - ing friend; meet at my ta - ble



God's de - light, and friends be - trayed him to his foes.  
ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of grace he spoke!  
blessed the wine: "This is my all - a - ton - ing blood."  
and re - cord the love of your de - part - ed Lord."

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt. Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-c. 1561 Text and tune: Public domain

## Part Three

### Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

<sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

<sup>33</sup> Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

<sup>34</sup> "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

<sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

## Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

CW 430 sts. 1-2



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the  
2 Tell me, as you hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; yes, my  
his, friends through fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-



soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed  
sult-ing his dis-tress? Man-y hands were raised to



Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord; proofs I  
wound him, none would in-ter-vene to save; but the



see suf-fi-cient of it: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that jus-tice gave.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855, alt. Tune: Geistliche Volkslieder, Paderborn, 1850 Text and tune: Public domain

## Part Four

### Gethsemane

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

<sup>40</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup> “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>42</sup> He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

<sup>43</sup> When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

<sup>45</sup> Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

## Go to Dark Gethsemane

CW 425 sts. 1–2



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of



tempt - er's pow'r; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar - rained. Oh, the worm-wood and the gall,



watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his  
oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,



griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

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## Part Five

### Jesus Arrested

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup> Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup> Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.”

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup> With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>52</sup> “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

<sup>55</sup> In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

# A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

CW 422 sts. 1-2



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of



e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,  
God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send



none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,  
to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"



grows weak and faint, to slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,  
the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren from their dread



that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes  
of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes



and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,  
are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."  
the fruit of your sal - va - tion."

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## Part Six

### Jesus Before the Sanhedrin

<sup>57</sup> Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup> But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup> But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup> and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

<sup>62</sup> Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup> “You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

<sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

## He Stood before the Court

CW 408 sts. 1-2

1 He stood be - fore the court on trial in - stead of  
2 These are the crimes that tell the tale of hu - man

us; he met its pow'r to hurt, con - demned to  
guilt; our sins, our death, our hell— on these the

face the cross— our King, ac - cused of treach - er -  
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays

y; our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!  
dumb. The guilt is ours, no an - swers come.

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## Part Seven

### Peter Disowns Jesus

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

<sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

<sup>71</sup> Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>72</sup> He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

<sup>73</sup> After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

<sup>74</sup> Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken:

“Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

## In the Hour of Trial

CW 406 st. 1

1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me  
lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.  
When you see me wa - ver, with a look re - call,  
nor for fear or fa - vor ev - er let me fall.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me'. The second staff continues: 'lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.'. The third staff continues: 'When you see me wa - ver, with a look re - call,'. The fourth staff concludes: 'nor for fear or fa - vor ev - er let me fall.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

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## Part Eight

### Judas Hangs Himself

<sup>274</sup> Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. <sup>2</sup> So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup> When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup> “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

<sup>5</sup> So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

<sup>6</sup> The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” <sup>7</sup> So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners. <sup>8</sup> That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup> Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

## Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

CW 409 st. 1

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest Re - deem - er,  
whom we love, foun - tain in life's des - ert drear - y, Sav - ior  
from the world a - bove, of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; yet, up - on the  
cross ex - tend - ed, you en - dured the pain of all.

Text: tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–1896, alt.; Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–1498 Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745  
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## Part Nine

### Jesus Before Pilate

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>2</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>3</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” <sup>4</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

<sup>5</sup> Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>6</sup> At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. <sup>7</sup> So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>8</sup> For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

<sup>21</sup> "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered.

<sup>22</sup> "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"

<sup>23</sup> "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

<sup>25</sup> All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

<sup>26</sup> Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

## My Song is Love Unknown

CW 397 sts. 1, 3



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

## Part Ten

### The Soldiers Mock Jesus

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

### The Crucifixion of Jesus

<sup>32</sup> As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>33</sup> They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). <sup>34</sup> There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup> When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>38</sup> Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup> "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

# O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

CW 432 sts. 1-2



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken  
2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;



that such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?  
with cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;



Of what great crime have you to make con -  
they give you gall to drink, they still de -



fes - sion, what dark trans - gres - sion?  
cry you; they cru - ci - fy you.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Johann Heermann, 1585-1647 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 Text and tune: Public domain

*Stand*

*A moment of silence is observed at the death of Jesus.*

## Part Eleven

### The Death of Jesus

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup> The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and[e] went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

CW 429 sts. 3-4

3 Now from your cheeks has van - ished their col - or,  
4 My bur - den in your pas - sion, Lord, you have  
once so fair; from your red lips is ban - ished  
borne for me, for it was my trans - gres - sion,  
the splen - dor that was there. Grim death with cru - el  
my shame, on Cal - va - ry. I cast me down be -  
rig - or has robbed you of your life; thus you have  
fore you; wrath is my right - ful lot. Have mer - cy,  
lost your vig - or, your strength, in this sad strife.  
I im - plore you; Re - deem - er, spurn me not!

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Be Seated

## Part Twelve

<sup>55</sup> Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. <sup>56</sup> Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

### **The Burial of Jesus**

<sup>57</sup> As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup> Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. <sup>59</sup> Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup> and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

### **The Guard at the Tomb**

<sup>62</sup> The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. <sup>63</sup> "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' <sup>64</sup> So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

<sup>65</sup> "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." <sup>66</sup> So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

The Gospel of the Lord!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor

CW 437 sts. 1-2



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -  
2 Peace at last from all your an - guish, wounds in



in your bor-rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and  
hands and feet and side. En - e - mies no long - er



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.  
mock you, scourged, a - ban - doned, cru - ci - fied.



Pi - late's guards stand watch - ing, wait - ing where they  
Faith - ful wom - en gath - er spic - es, weep for



rolled the seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er  
you whom sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.  
guards you will not let your death be vain.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

**Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

**Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.**

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn.

**Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

**Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.**

## Offering

*If you wish to give an electronic offering, you may use the QR code located at the end of the bulletin or you may go to [pilgrimcares.org/giving](http://pilgrimcares.org/giving). We present the offerings before the altar as a reminder that our giving overflows out of the Gospel and is itself an act of worship.*

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 413



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.  
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

Stand

## No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet With  
2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer; With  
3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn; The  
4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake The



ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!" To  
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne. A -  
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown. The  
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns. Ho -



greet what pomp of king - ly pride No  
stride a colt he pass - es by As  
sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries. The  
san - na to the Sav - ior's name Till



bells in tri - umph ring, No ci - ty gates swing  
loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ve - ry  
streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
heav - en's raft - ers ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
stones would cry, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
host pro - claim, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

## News & Notes

**We Got This** You may notice some extra plants growing in the gathering space! For this semester's service project, students in grades K3–8 planted more than 300 seedlings to donate to We Got This, a community garden in Milwaukee. We Got This provides local youth with the opportunity to learn gardening basics while developing skills in communication, collaboration, and problem-solving. Their work transforms physical spaces and provides healthy food to the community. Feel free to check out our seedlings and watch them grow.

**Unique Opportunity to Serve** Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries serves people who, because of difficult circumstances, cannot easily attend church or spend time with others seeking God. Currently, we are in need of at least one woman to join our group in leading Bible studies with women at the Waukesha County Jail. Our time slot is Sundays, from 12:30 till 2:00 PM. The commitment is usually just one Sunday per month, and every effort is made to accommodate your personal schedule. It is an extremely rewarding ministry, and the attendees are always courteous and appreciative. Orientation is provided, and team members work with new people while they are getting comfortable. If interested, please contact Pastor V.

**Meal Train for the Kuphall Family** As many of you know, Jane Kuphall recently suffered a stroke. During this time of recovery, we would like to support the Kuphall family by providing meals. If you are willing to help by preparing or delivering a meal, please consider signing up for the meal train. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated as the family navigates her recovery. Please use this QR Code to sign up.

**Building Project Listening Sessions** As part of the building project planning process, the Steering Committee will be hosting a series of small group listening sessions in April and May. These gatherings are designed to give members an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas about the future of Pilgrim's worship space, classrooms, fellowship areas, and overall campus needs. Each session will include 8–12 participants and last about 60–90 minutes. We are currently looking for members who would be willing to host a listening session in their home or another location. If you are interested in hosting, or would like to learn more about the sessions, please contact LaVonne Kirchner at [lavonnekirchner@gmail.com](mailto:lavonnekirchner@gmail.com). Your participation will help ensure that the congregation's input continues to shape the planning process.

**All women of Pilgrim are invited to attend the LWMS Rally on Saturday, April 25**, at Garden Homes Lutheran Church (2450 W. Roosevelt Drive, Milwaukee) from 8 A.M. until noon. Pilgrim belongs to the Milwaukee Metro-North Circuit of LWMS. So, if you are a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, you are a member of LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society). The morning begins with a delicious breakfast, followed by an opening devotion and a short business meeting. The guest speaker is Pastor Philip Hunter from Citrus Grove Lutheran Church, a mission congregation in Wesley Chapel, Florida. There is no cost to

attend, but a freewill offering will be collected. We will plan to carpool from church. If you'd like more information or encouragement, talk to Joan Meier or Irene Lape.

**It's time to dine out for a cause again!** Come to Panera Bread in Menomonee Falls and Pilgrim will earn 25% of net sales! Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 2nd from 4pm-8pm. Online transactions made with the promo code **FUND4U** are valid ALL DAY on April 2nd at the Menomonee Falls location only, so you can even order ahead. Showing your support for our school has never been so easy!

**Anchored: Practical Parenting for Today. Biblical Wisdom for Always.** We are raising children in a loud and distracted world—one that is quick to define who they are and what they should believe. And if we are not intentional, culture will disciple them for us. But what if our homes became the anchor point? Anchored is an initiative designed to strengthen families—rooted in Scripture, grounded in wisdom, and focused on practical tools you can actually use. Join us for the Anchored Kickoff Event, an interactive experience where parents will be equipped to lead their homes with clarity, confidence, and conviction.

**Saturday, April 25 KML High School Atrium** Featuring guest speaker Pastor Ben Sadler with real-life, practical insight for today's families. **Childcare available | RSVP by April 18**  
 Registration Link: <https://rb.gy/zlphpo> Anchored Video Link: <https://youtu.be/V8ErbCzFlqk>  
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Pilgrim Lutheran Church can receive offerings electronically through a secure website. Scan the QR code with your smart phone (you might need to download a free QR scanning app) to be directed to Pilgrim's giving page or visit [pilgrimcares.org/giving](http://pilgrimcares.org/giving). Save the check – give online!

### Ushers

3-29	<u>9:30am – One service in the gym</u> Glen Kuphall, Karl Osterman, Jim Prekop, John Kufahl		
4-5	<u>7:00am</u> Phill Lepple	<u>8:30am</u> Matt Lawonn Sean Kappl	<u>10:00am</u> Jim Prekop Dan Vaghar

### Worship Hosts

3-29	Bill & LaVonne Kirchner / Bryan & Ellen Giesenschlag (9:30am)		
4-5	<u>7:00am</u> Volunteer	<u>8:30am</u> Joe & Marlene Bedalov	<u>10:00am</u> Marge Ekstowicz & Elke Warren

## Worship Schedule for the Lenten Season

Palm Sunday (3/29) –	9:30am in the Gym (One Service)
Holy Thursday (4/2) –	6:30pm with Communion
Good Friday (4/3) –	1:00pm (Seven Words from the Cross) 6:30pm (Tenebrae)
Easter Sunday (4/5) –	7:00am Dawn Service 8:30 & 10:00am Festival Service
No Worship Services on Wednesday 4/1	

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