SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION APRIL 2, 2023 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 8:30AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P God loves you all the time
- C All the time God loves you.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

P The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.





GREETING

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

OPENING DIALOGUE

- A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy
- a For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

- a For this holy house,
 and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P 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, nowand forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord Gop has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakenswakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord Gop 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 Gop 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.

PSALM 31:9-16

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

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

¹⁰For 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.

¹²Like 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.
- ¹⁴But 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.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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 deatheven 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.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

The Readers:

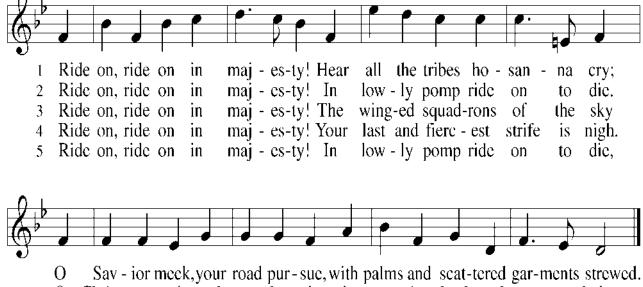
Narrator: Jeremy Magoon Jesus: Bill Brizendine Woman: Jean Warren Peter: Paul Warren Witness: Lynda Martinez Pilate: Anna Dubbs



HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty Please stand as you are able at the last verse.

HFW 1074



O Christ, your tri-umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con-quered sin. look down with sad and won-d'ring eyes to see the ap-proach-ing sac - ri - fice. The Fa - ther on his sap-phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son. bow your meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

NICENE CREED

А Let us profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed. We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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ANTHEM

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

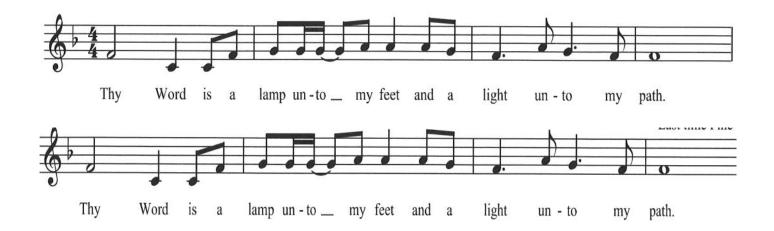
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Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Thy Word

Grant/Smith



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

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 God thanks and praise

P 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.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

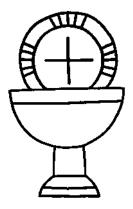
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

Please be seated



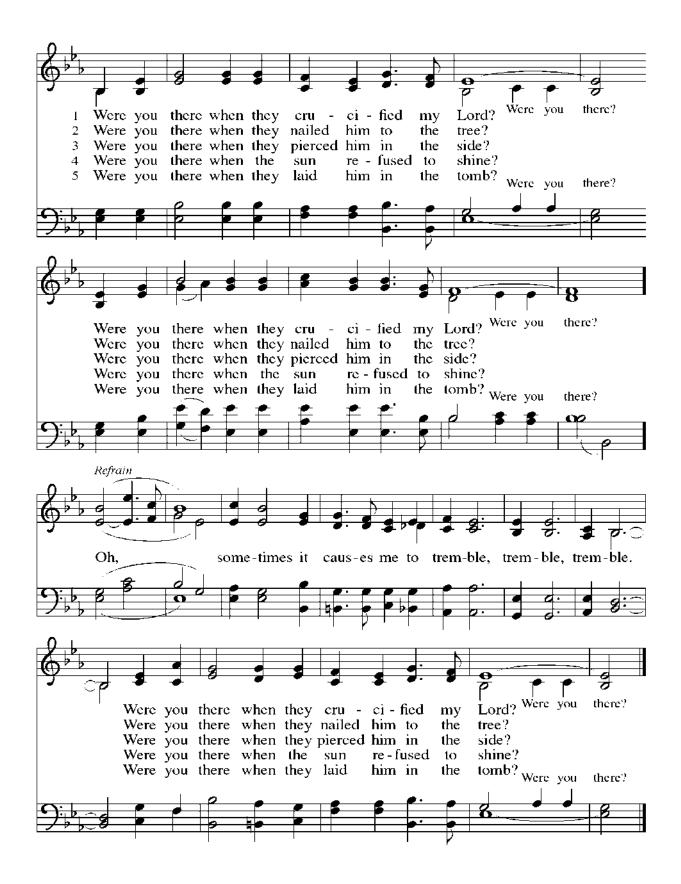
COMMUNION

Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to Pastor at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are red wine and white grape juice. Please let Pastor know if you require gluten-free bread.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION You Are My Hiding Place W&P 160



HYMN DURING COMMUNION Were You There ELW 353



HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338



Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.
- C Amen.

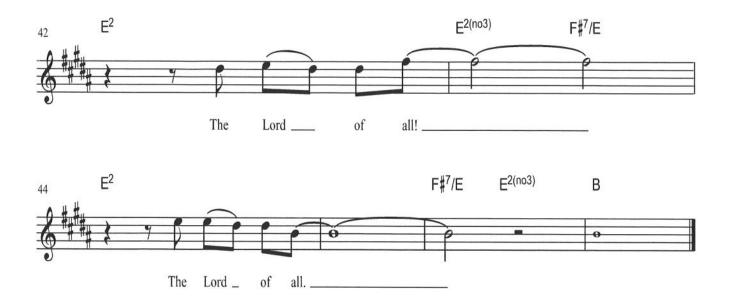
BLESSING

- P God the giver of love,
 + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
 bless you in this Lenten journey.
- C Amen.



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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Serve in love.
- C Thanks be to God.

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PRAYERS FOR APRIL 2, 2023

TODAY we pray:

- Beth Fenner
- Lynne Luettgen
- Jane Levering
- Kathy Long
- Polly Gillis
- Wendy & Bill Pugh
- Scott Wycoff
- Lia Wycoff
- Karl Wagenfuhr (son of Vera Waganfuhr)
- Itamar and sister Iramar (relative of Vera Waganfuhr)
- Midge (friend of Vera Wagenfuhr)

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Jennifer Wolf (niece of Sandy Wolf); Judy & Paul Freys (aunt and uncle of Beth Fenner); Pam Wasgatt Montecalvo; Richard McBride (son-in-law of Jane Levering); Debbie Anderson; Laurie Spears; Terri Dickson Riggleman, Lois Nordby (sister of Gerry Teig); Ben Epstein (grandson of Diane and Gerry Teig), Bill Forshey (uncle of Tara Magoon), *Connie (mother of Karen Ehemann), Tommy (nephew of Audrey Day)*

Joanne Deaton; Dorothy Dzuris, Joan Snyder; Ed and Erika Burke; Angie Wasgatt; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Gener Ernst; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder;; Gretchen Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Chuck Loomis

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl.

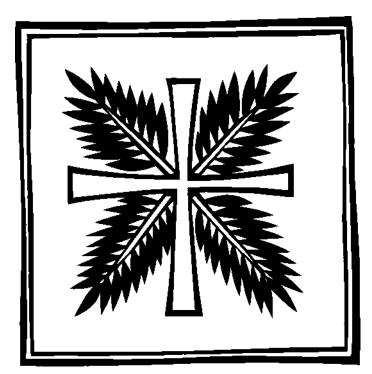
For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers.

For our staff; Pastor Tara Magoon, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones.

For all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

To request or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481) office@glcde.org.



EASTER Sunday Worship April 9, 2023

8:30am The Resurrection of Our Lord 11:00am The Resurrection of Our Lord

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<u>8:30am</u>

Assisting Minister: Lynne Luettgen Greeter/Usher: Jean Warren Usher: Larry Matchen Reader: Penny Matchen Sound: Paul Warren Streamer: Liam Breslin Nursery: Jamie Breslin, Niah Breslin Refreshments: Lynne Luettgen, Pam Adams Counters: Jim Foskett, Beth Fenner

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