



+ Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion
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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.*

Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew Lutheran congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness – a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a nametag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.
- Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*The congregation gathers in the social hall so that all who are able may enter in procession.
Palm branches are distributed before the service begins.*

The presiding minister begins

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

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Processional Gospel

Mark 1: 1-11

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Procession

The assisting minister addresses the assembly.

A: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The congregation follows the cross and ministers into the church.
“Pave the Way with Branches,” ACS 928, is sung as the people process into the church.*



*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

**Additional verses ad lib.:*
 Release for the captives . . .
 Hope for the downtrod . . .
 Land for the landless . . .
 Debts are forgiven . . .

When all have reached their places and the hymn has been sung, the presiding minister and congregation join in the concluding dialogue.

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

C: Hosanna in the highest!

Children's Choir

Cloaks and Branches

R. Cootes

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Silence is kept.

P: Everlasting God,
in your endless love for the human race, you sent our Lord Jesus
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;
through the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

*Children are invited to join the adult leaders at the door and move to the office for Little Church
– Big Faith. We ask that one additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading – Isaiah 50: 9-4a

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 the Lord 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;

⁸the one 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?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31: 9-16

*The cantor will lead the singing of the psalm.
The congregation is invited to respond with the alternate verses in bold print,
and to join in singing the refrain.*

Psalm tone



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Psalm refrain



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

Psalm 31:15

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⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat¹ and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones¹ are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to¹ my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street¹ they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten,¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a¹ broken pot. R**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to¹ take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in¹ you, O LORD.
I have said, “You¹ are my God.**

¹⁵My times are¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who¹ persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up-¹ on your servant;
save me in your¹ steadfast love.” R**

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 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344

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.

Gospel – Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47

L: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

The passion narrative is read in parts by several members of the congregation.

At various places in the reading, a verse of the hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus” ELW 349, will be sung by the congregation.

Please be seated for the reading.

Narrator: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread ...

Narrator: So he began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

Ah, Holy Jesus – v. 1

ELW 349

**C: Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

Narrator: On the first day of Unleavened Bread ...

Jesus: It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

Ah, Holy Jesus – v. 2

ELW 349

**C: Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

Narrator: While they were eating ...

Narrator: And all of them said the same.

Ah, Holy Jesus – v. 3

ELW 349

**C: Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.**

Narrator: They went to a place called Gethsemane ...

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Ah, Holy Jesus – v. 4

ELW 349

**C: For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.**

Narrator: When it was noon ...

Centurion: Truly this man one God's Son!

Ah, Holy Jesus – v. 5

ELW 349

**C: Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance ...

Narrator: Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

*A period of silence for prayer and reflection follows the Passion reading.
The service continues with the prayers of the people. Please rise as you are able.*

Prayers of the People

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and all who are in need.

After each petition

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

P: Accompany us on our journey through this season, O God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a verbal expression of peace.

When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

*We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.
As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need,
the table is set for Holy Communion.*

Music during the Offering

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. Oines

As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

God our provider,

**C: you have not fed us with bread alone
but with words of grace and life.**

**Bless us, and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Dialogue

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.

Preface

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;

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:

Sanctus

ACS p. 36



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe,
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

P: Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

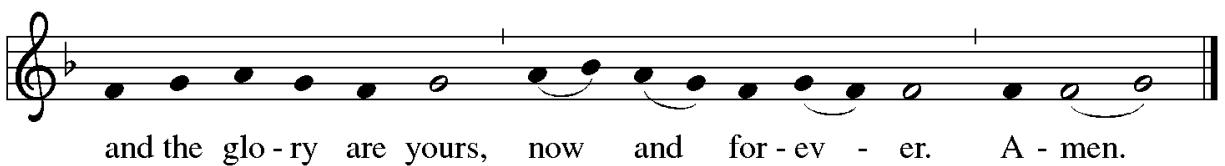
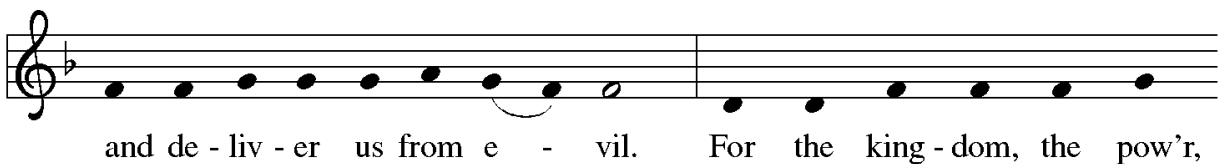
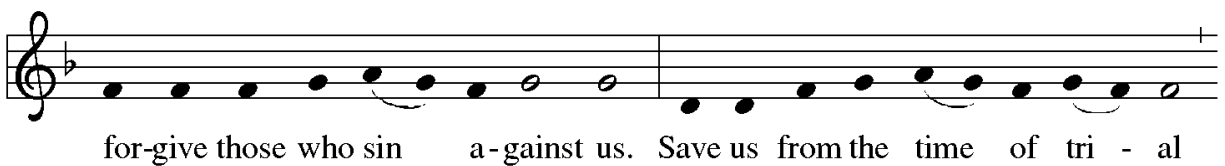
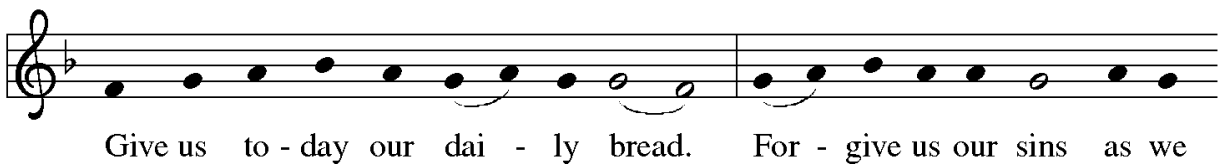
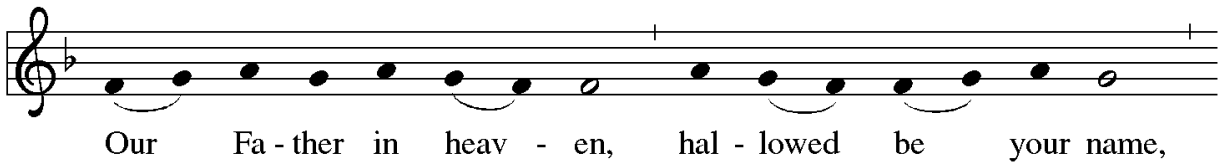
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C:



Fraction and Invitation

P: Come to the table of mercy;
receive God's gifts of grace.

Agnus Dei/Lamb of God

ACS p. 40



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

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- *All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*
- *Worshippers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*
- *Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.*
- *Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine/grape juice.*
- *The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.*
- *Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine from the chalice or grape juice from the cruet into your glass.*
- *Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.*
- *Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.*
- *As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.*
- *All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.*

Hymn during Holy Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Hymn during Holy Communion

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

ELW 345



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



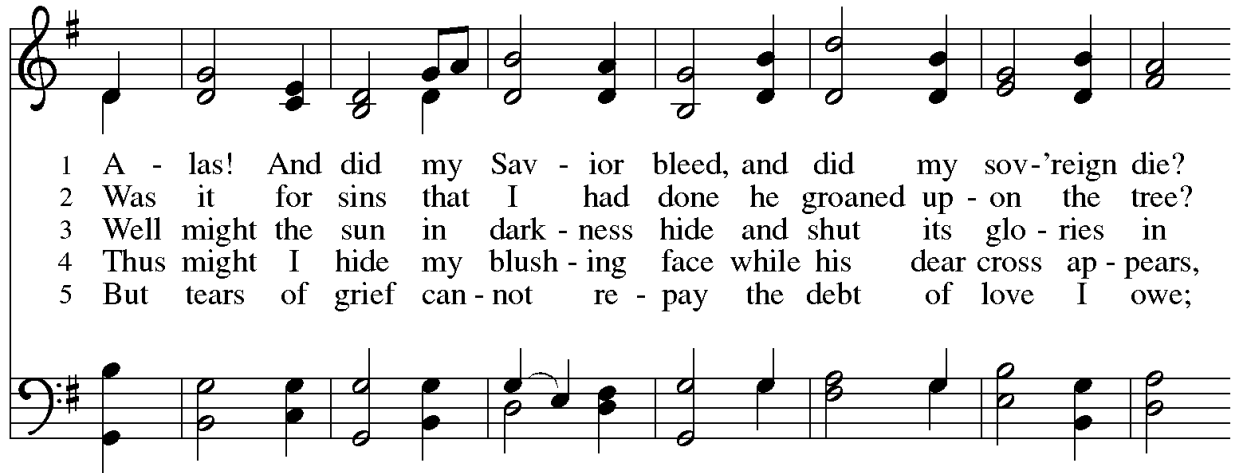
of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

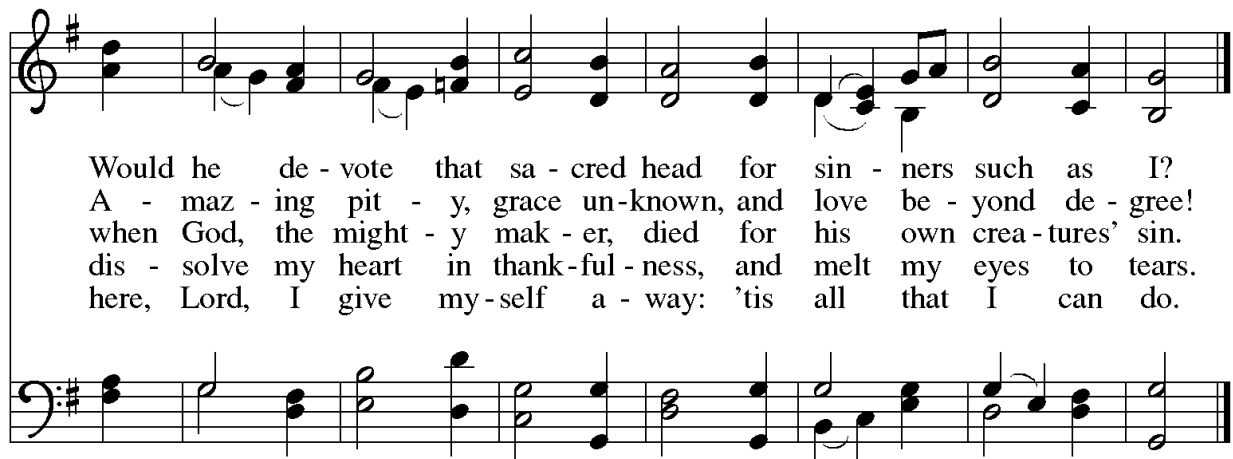
Hymn during Holy Communion

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

ELW 337



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

Hymn during Holy Communion

There in God's Garden

ELW 342



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Compassionate God,

you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice;

our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction

P: The peace of God,

which surpasses all understanding,

keep your hearts and your minds

in ✠ Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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Dismissal

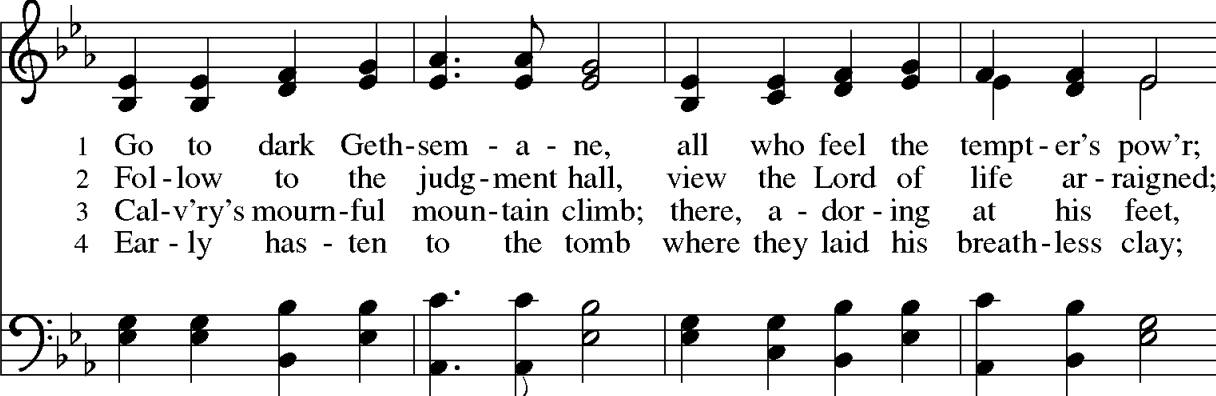
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C: Thanks be to God.

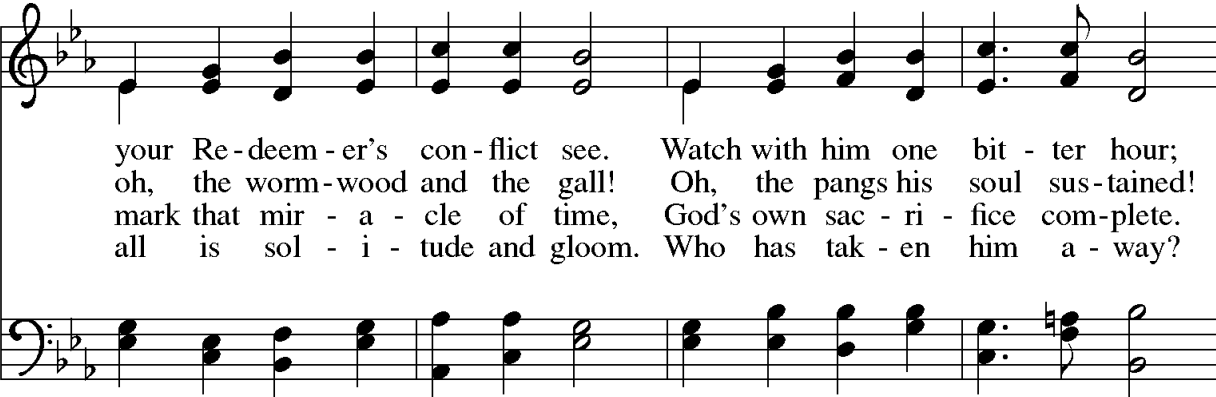
Postlude

Adagio Op. 68 No. 35

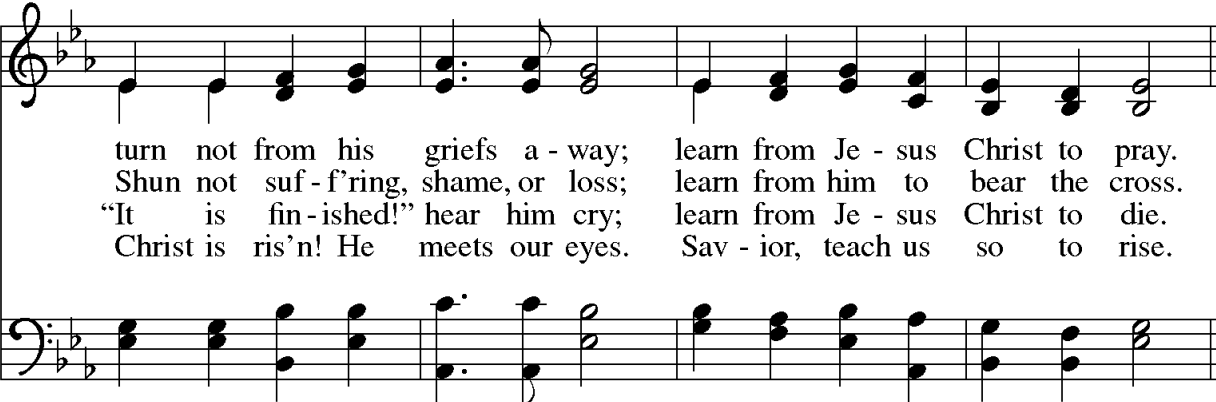
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1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Those serving in worship today

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Audio-Visual Ministers

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Lector
Passion Narrative Readers

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Presiding Minister

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor – Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR
GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635.

Ah, Holy Jesus – Text: Johann Heerman, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt. Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598-
1662.

Please use the QR code below to link to St. Andrew's Announcements online!



St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
March 24th, 2024

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on + Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion – March 24th, 2024** – We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests who are gathered at the church or online! Children are invited to participate in Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, after the prayer of the day. There are worship “toolkits” to help children engage with worship and “busy bags” for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. We invite everyone to gather in the social hall (through the door on the left side of the worship space) for coffee and conversation after worship!
- **LAMPa's Period Poverty Campaign – Information at Coffee Hour Today** – Period poverty – the inability to afford menstrual hygiene products – has gained more and more attention in recent years, though the issue is nothing new. For generations, those who experience menstruation have too often had to miss school or work due to lack of period supplies, or because of period stigma. Addressing period poverty and taking steps to provide menstrual hygiene products in public spaces is a crucial step in addressing educational, gender, and economic equity. This is why Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) is launching a Period Poverty Postcard Campaign. Pastor Erin Jones, St. Andrew member and LAMPa staff, will have postcards available at coffee hour on Sunday, March 24th! Fill one out and chat with her about other ways to engage in advocacy to end period poverty in Pennsylvania!
- **Growing in Faith Together – Last Gathering Today after Worship** – St. Andrew’s last spring small group gathering for people new to the congregation will be held after worship today, March 24th. Thank you to all who have participated!
- **Worship Schedule for Holy Week** – With today’s service, the church enters into the contemplation of the passion, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Our primary means for this reflection is through the service of the Triduum – the Great Three Days of Holy Week – one service that unfolds in three parts: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter. The service schedule for the upcoming week is:
 - **Triduum – Maundy Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m.** – The Church concludes the season of Lent with Confession and Forgiveness, receives Jesus’ command to love one another, remembers Christ’s example of such love in the washing of feet, and takes part in the sacrament of Holy Communion.
 - **Triduum – Good Friday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m.** – Service of Shadows and Stones – In relative darkness, we hear Gospel accounts of the crucifixion, sing prayerful, meditative hymns, and leave stones at the foot of the cross as we honor our crucified Savior.
 - **Triduum – The Vigil of Easter, March 30th, 5:00 p.m.** – The church tells God’s story of salvation through worship, word, sacrament, and song as we gather around a fire, hear stories of God’s faithfulness throughout the ages, give thanks for the gift of Baptism, and move into the celebration of the resurrection with Holy Communion.

- **The Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Sunday, March 31st, 10:00 a.m.** –
Worship with Holy Communion – We join the church throughout the world in proclaiming the good news of Christ’s resurrection!
- **Children (and Others!) Are Invited to Bring Stuffed Animals to Easter Vigil (Saturday, March 30th, 5:00 p.m.) to Tell the Creation Story!** – St. Andrew strives to hold an Easter Vigil service in which people of all ages can participate. The day’s readings begin with the first creation story from Genesis, and this year we are inviting children of all ages to bring their favorite stuffed animals to worship to bring forward as we tell the story of God’s creation together!
- **New *Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets for April - June Available at Church Entrances** – This resource offers a daily Bible reading with a short reflection and prayer, along with additional readings and prayer topics for those who would like to expand their devotional practices. We encourage people of the congregation to take one for yourself, your family unit, or others!
- **Monthly Produce Distribution – Tuesday, April 2nd, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** – St. Andrew’s monthly distribution of fresh produce (in partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank) will be Tuesday, April 2nd, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We would also appreciate help with unloading and setup earlier in the day, usually sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- **Empty Bowls Dinner Benefitting Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank – Sunday, April 7th, at Rodef Shalom Congregation** – This annual event will be hosted by our neighbors at Rodef Shalom congregation at 4905 Fifth Ave. Oakland 15213. There will be three seatings: from 1:00-3:00 p.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m., and 6:00-8:00 p.m. A Soup and Bowl takeout option is also available. Cost is \$25 for presale and \$30 at the door. Tickets and information can be found at pittsburghfoodbank.org/emptybowls.
- **New Signup Form for Worship Roles** – St. Andrew’s worship is made possible by many people who serve in various roles – Some people prepare the altar and setup Communion, some run the sound/streaming system, while others teacher Little Church – Big Faith for the children, serve as ushers, wash communion cups, count the offering, and more. It is not just roles like Cantor and Lector that involve being up in front of the congregation! If you are interested in getting more involved in worship, talk to Pastor Ross or Joseph Paetz. Most positions serve once a month or less. We have created a new form for those wishing to express interest in service for any of the roles – please access it here <https://forms.gle/qfeJvbFR6V8DtTsz7> and someone will be in touch soon!

Flowers for Easter

St. Andrew will be ordering Lilies (6 inch, five bloom)

Tulips (6 inch)

Daffodils (6 inch)

*to decorate the worship space for Easter Sunday, March 31st,
and the Easter season.*

If you would like to sponsor and dedicate flowers, please order using this form.

Suggested Donation: \$8.00 each Order by: Sunday, March 24th

*Orders may be submitted at the desk in the main office, through the Sunday
offering plates, or at this link:*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-48433750-easter>

Please submit payment with order - Checks may be made payable to:

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