



WELCOME VISITORS

*We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave the service today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church,
but if desired, there is a nursery for those age 4 and younger
located downstairs past the elevator, across the hall from the bulletin board.*

*Large print bulletins for today's worship are available,
please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

April 2 – April 9

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship – Palm Sunday - Cantata
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Spinning Illusions
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Property
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	10:45 a.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship-Chapel w/Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship–Sanctuary w/Communion and Stripping of Altar
Friday	10:45 a.m.	Good Friday Service-Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service-Sanctuary
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Parish Life (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Festival Easter Worship w/Communion
	9-10 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Children Activities
	10:45 a.m.	Festival Easter Worship w/Communion

Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rose Ringers - *Jesus Paid It All*

by John T. Grape

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Please stand as you are able and face the rear of the sanctuary entrance.

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

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.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Children are invited to the rear of the sanctuary to lead palm blessing and procession.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please raise your palm branch as you are able.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

Leader: Lord Jesus, today we celebrate your triumphal entry into the holy city. You are our messiah and king, and we join those who spread garments and branches to make a path for you.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

Leader: Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow you in the way of the cross.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

Leader: As we follow you into this Holy Week,
we look toward your resurrection, assured of life with you.

Congregation: Save us, Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

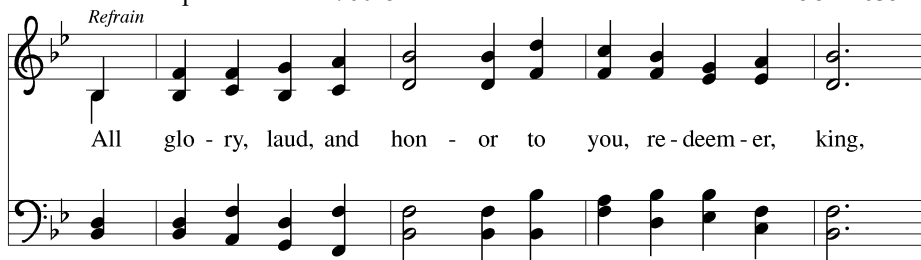
Please turn facing the cross in procession.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orleans 760-821

Music: Melchior Teschner 1584-1635

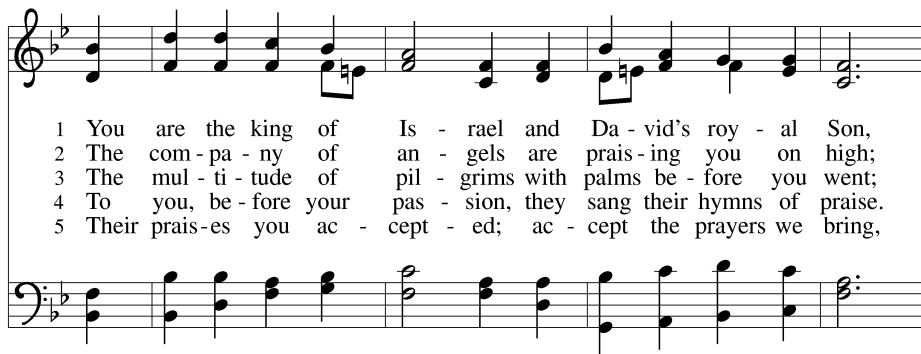
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

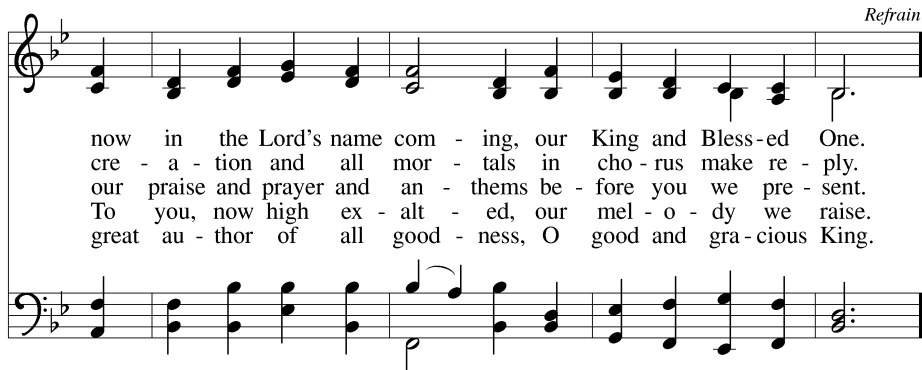


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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.

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

You may lower your palm branches.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

OUR RESPONSE

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at www.felcc.org*

Children's Choir Anthem *Cling to the Cross* by Lost and Found

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of

all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOG & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, as you taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Thanks be to God!

***Communion:** All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD



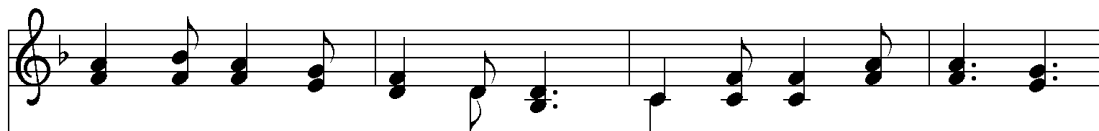
- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



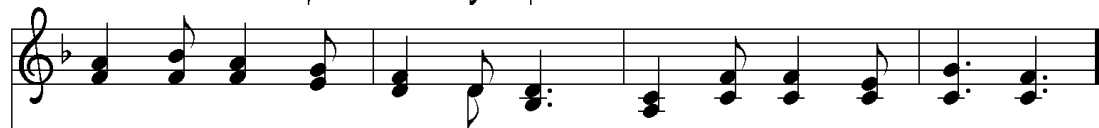
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 Music: William H. Doane, 1832-1915



- 1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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 a cross. In this most sacred time of this Holy Week, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

“I Am The Lord of the Dance”

By Joel Raney

Narrator: Rose Wilson

I Danced in the Morning

Fairest Lord Jesus

I Danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee

I want Jesus To Walk With Me

My Jesus, I Love Thee

I Danced on the Sabbath

Soloist: Sally Herritt

Remember Me

I Danced on a Friday

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

BENEDICTION

*The cantata is offered in loving memory of
Richard and Helen Cover
by their family and friends.*

Benediction

Congregation
(on cue)

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art
2. I love thee be - cause, thou hast first lov - ed

mine, for and thee all the fol - lies of
me, and pur - chased my par - don on

sin I re - sign; my gra - cious Re -
Cal - va - ry's tree; I love thee for

deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou; _____ if
wear - ing the thorns on thy brow; _____

ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Denise Heinbaugh (4/28), Joe Martin (4/21),
Pauline Shearer (4/14)

Long Term Care: Esther Beaver, Pat Dent, Austin Hunter, and Mid Kramer

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold

World Concerns: War in Ukraine

ATTENDANCE March 26 65 In-person 17 On-line

EASTER BREAKFAST will be served from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Please sign up by April 2 in Memorial Hall by the main office for breakfast. The food will be served buffet style. Children's activities will begin at 10 a.m. Please join us.



SPRING FLING MAY 6, 2023 The date is set and the NTT is collecting for the event. Items to donate include slightly used spring, summer tops and bottoms for men, women and children and casual dress for women and children. Donations may be placed in donation bin in Memorial Hall.

WELCA For the April 13 Bible Study gathering, Gertrude Kampmeyer will lead the group in the topic "Crafted in Christ." We will consider how we are bound in God through Christ for the sake of our neighbor in need. We will meet at 1:30 in the meeting room.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM has scheduled two Laundry Events at Spot Laundromat in the South Gate Mall. They will be on Saturday April 22, 10 am to noon and Sunday June 11, 11am-1 pm. The last time we were at Spot for an event one of the men who was working there said to us, "This is a good thing you are doing here." We appreciated his help, support and encouragement.

BACK PACKS The gathering of individual serving items for the backpack program continues as a project of WELCA. You are invited to contribute fruit items this month. This includes canned fruit, fruit cups in light syrup, dried fruit such as raisins, plums, and cranberries, and applesauce. These items are provided for the elementary school children who lack adequate nutrition on weekends.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 2

Lector: Rose Wilson

Acolytes: Kayleigh Warne

Soundboard: Bob Lawyer

Communion Assistants: Doris Burdick
Ralph Burdick
Tim Gotwald

Ushers: Rick Gates
Kathy Shoop
Don Shoop
Mary Beth Warne
Bob Wildeson

Greeters: Marcia Hunt
Joe Hunt

Altar Guild: Barb Evans
Karin Woods

April 9

8:00 - Gerry Wilson
10:45 - Brynn Sekel

8 am – Tyler Johnson
10:45 am – Sam Nienstedt
Coleton Rankin

8 am–Rose Wilson
10:45 am–Mark Nicholson

8 am – Tim Gotwald
10:45 – Doris Burdick
Ralph Burdick
Tim Gotwald

Rick Gates
Kathy Shoop
Don Shoop
Mary Beth Warne
Bob Wildeson

Marcia Hunt
Joe Hunt

Barb Evans
Karin Woods

April 16

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Joe Hunt

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April 6, 7 pm - Maundy Thursday – Communion Assistant – Tim Gotwald

