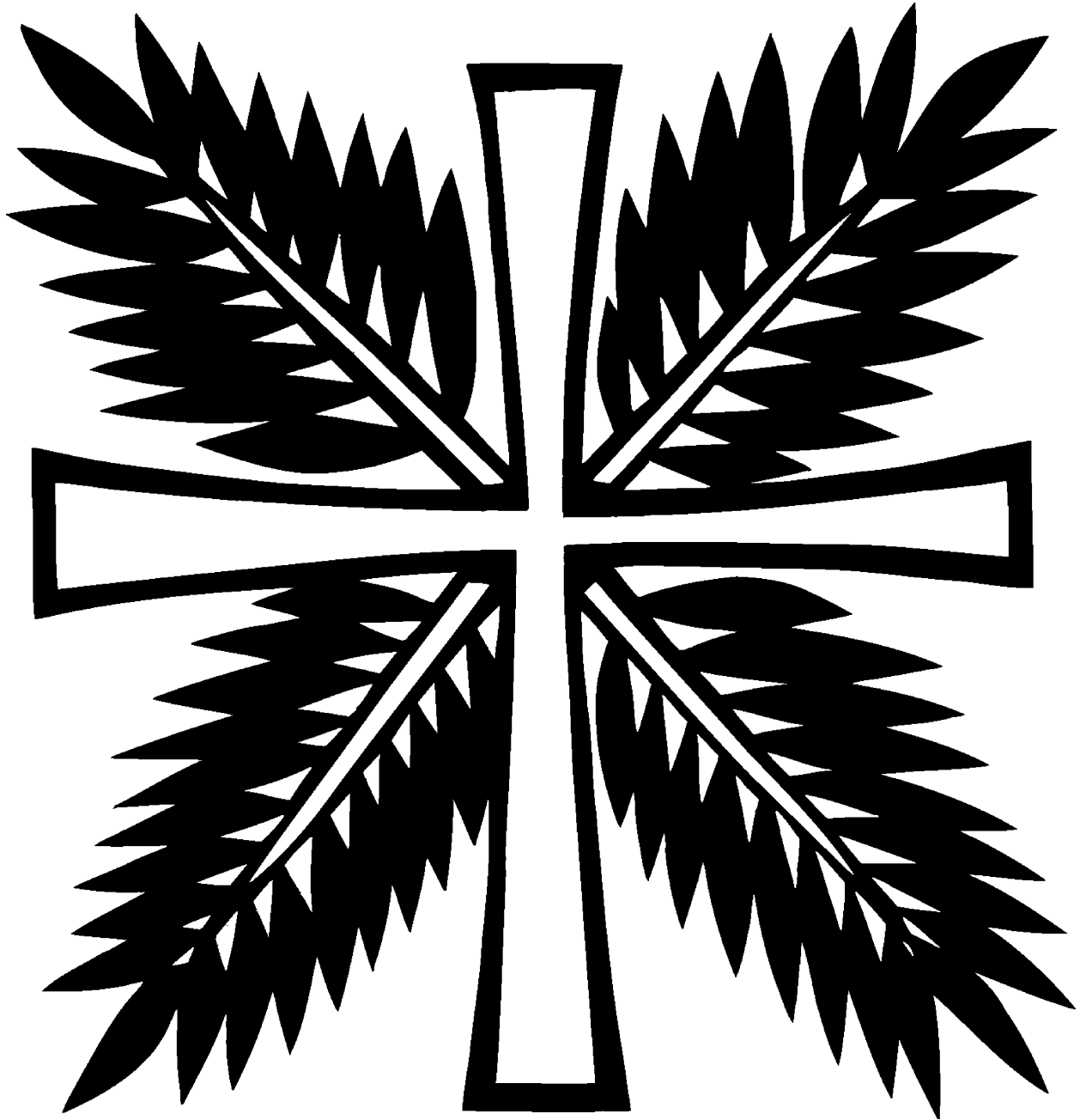


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**March 24, 2024  
Palm to Passion Sunday**

*Welcome!*

Today we get to celebrate the baptisms of Joy and Isabella! Brave Isabella chose full immersion for her baptism.

After the baptism we will transition to Palm Sunday and process in and around the sanctuary. This service is the beginning of Holy Week. There are three more worship services this week, details in the e-notes. The services are meant to bring to life the last days of Jesus' life. We will also read and sing the entirety of Jesus' last week of life in today's service.

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*Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray this will be a time of connecting to God and one another so that we might leave this worship service ready to love and serve our neighbors.*

**Bold print indicates response from all the people**

### Gathering

*Congregants who are willing, please gather outside on lawn, others assemble near sanctuary door by joy room and sanctuary.*

### The Baptism of Joy and Isabella

P: God's love and salvation in Jesus can seem mysterious and cosmically far away, so we give thanks for the sacrament of baptism, which pulls these big promises down into the natural world. Here, God's sacred time comes to play with our human time. Baptism claims us by name on a specific day in history and entangles every witness in the good news of God's never-ending yes...

*At the end of the baptism we join together and say...*

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized!

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **Palm Sunday**

**L:** We stand at the doorway [...] from the uncertainty...

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

### **\* Palm Sunday Gospel**

John 12:12-16

[Five days before the Passover] the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.<sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel!”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup> “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

### **\*Proclamation Hymn *King of Glory***

*(printed on the next page)*

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**O God of mercy and might, in the wonder and difficulty of the last days of your Son, you offer us powerful lessons about how to live. As we prepare to hear this story again, gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# The King of Glory



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
- 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
- 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
 in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
 and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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Music: THE KING OF GLORY, Israeli traditional

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## **The Passion According to Mark**

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

[...]

1: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."

3: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

1: Jesus said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

## **The Meal**

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

### **\*Words of Institution**

### **\*Invitation to Receive Communion**

*Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table. No matter one's race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, or faith background.*

### **\*The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,**

**Forever and ever. Amen.**

2: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

[...]

3: But Peter said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

1: And all of them said the same.

**\*Hymn** *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

ELW 347, st. 1



1 Go to dark Geth-se-ma - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

3: They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” [...]

Pastor/Vicar: Jesus was a man of peace, he was the Prince of Peace. We remember his calls for peace on the night of his betrayal as we share peace with one another...

**\*Passing of the Peace**

*We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. It is a unique greeting that grounds us here.*

**\*Offering**

*Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...*



**\*Hymn** *Make me a Channel of Your Peace*

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# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

*Last time to coda* ⊕



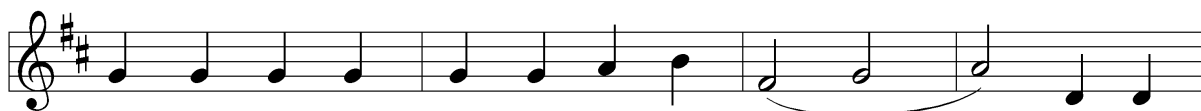
where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

2: All of them deserted him and fled.

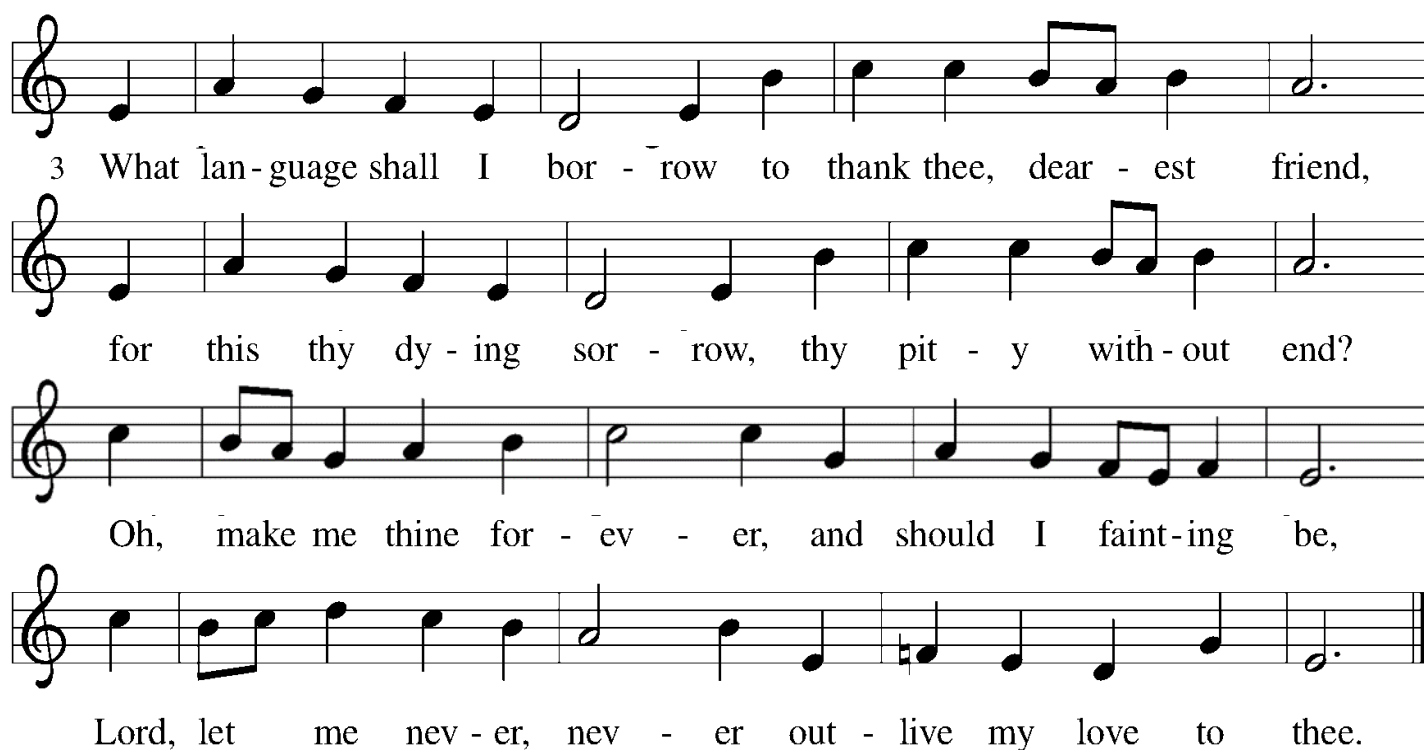
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1: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

## Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW 351, st. 3

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



3 What lan- guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint-ing be,  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

3: While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by.

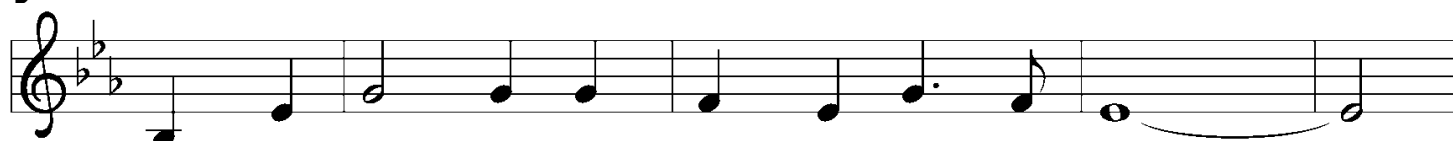
[...]

1: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.



## Hymn *Were You There*

ELW 353, st. 1



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

3: Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace

[...]

1: It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

***\*The assembly stands\****

2: And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

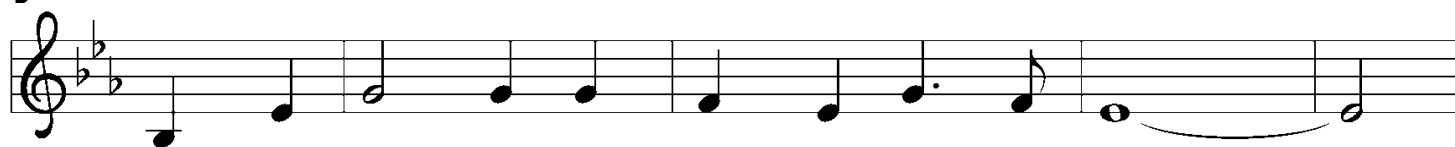
1: Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

3: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

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

## Hymn *Were You There*

ELW 353, st. 3



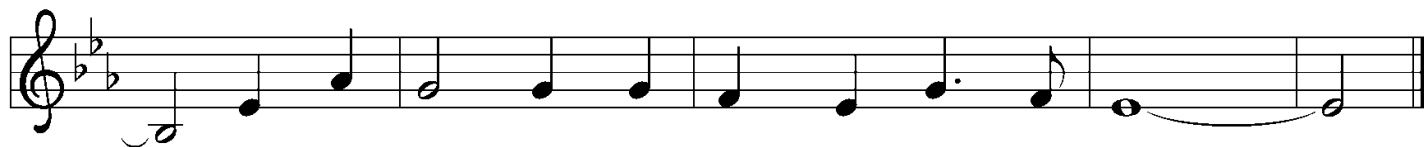
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?



Were you there when they pierced him in the side?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

- 1: When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
- 2: At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- 3: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."
- 2: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."
- 1: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

### ***Ten seconds of silence***

- 3: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
- 1: Now when the centurion, who stood facing Jesus, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

- 2: Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.
- 1: He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.
- 3: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Hymn *Were You There*

ELW 353, st. 5

5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Refrain*

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff is marked 'Refrain' and features a melisma on the word 'trem-ble' with a long note and a slur. The fourth staff concludes the hymn with the same melody as the first two staves.

## Closing Prayer

## Announcements

## Dismissal

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