

Palm Sunday



March 28, 2021

10:30 AM

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Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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The church office will be closed from April 5–12.

Pastor Scalet will be on vacation April 5–April 12. In the event of a pastoral emergency, contact the church office and/or Council President, Andrew Larsen at 908-581-0340.

Members with Thrivent or Investors Bank accounts can request donations for St. John's:

There are outreach programs available through Thrivent Financial and Investors Bank that can provide funds to help support our missions at no cost to you. Thrivent Financial is a non-profit organization of Christians that guides its members to be wise with money, live generously and change lives. Investors Bank describes itself as "a community bank that cares" and is committed to improving life in the communities they serve. Click [here](#) for more information.

Easter Brunch to Go: We are offering Easter Brunch to go this year. Each order serves two and will include: egg casserole, baked goods, and fruit cup. Special dietary needs can be accommodated. Each order is \$20 with all money being donated to [GRACE](#) to help feed hungry people in our community. Brunch-to-go will be available for pick up **Saturday, April 3**, and after the Easter in-person service **April 4**. Please sign up [here](#) by **March 28**.

Please give blood, Wednesday, March 31 from 1:30 PM–7:30 PM at the New Providence Municipal Building, 360 Elkwood Rd., New Providence. Please sign up at nybc.org/njdrive and use sponsor code 14417 or call/text Genevieve at 732-672-5281.

Our service on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 11, will be provided by the NJ Synod.

Active Bystander Training: Our Synod is offering a free online training to learn how to Direct, Distract, Delegate, and Document moments of racial bias and aggression. Sessions are offered: **April 17 and 29**. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

Our next Anti-Racism book selection is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. This novel addresses race, the power of family, and the impact of the past. We hope you'll join us to discuss the book on **Thursday, April 29, at 5 PM**, on [Zoom Link HERE](#). If you'd like a copy of the book, please contact the Church Office or get a copy on your own. Any questions, please reach out to Lois Kopf, Wayne Dietterick, or Katie Mesenbrink.



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Please Note: In-person services will be outside. Please bring your own chair and wear a mask. If it is raining, we will meet in Hinman Hall (please still bring your chairs), wearing masks, with the windows open, and the exhaust fan running. **Online services** will be prerecorded and broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

- Maundy Thursday:** **7:30 PM**—Online
Holy Thursday Liturgy—the beginning of the Great Three Days
- Good Friday:** **Noon**—Online
Liturgy of Good Friday
3:00 PM—In-person [RSVP](#)
Reflection on the Cross
7:30 PM—Online
Seven Last Words, Service of the Central Cluster ELCA Congregations
- Easter Vigil:** **7:30 PM**—Online
This is the night! In word, image, and song we renew our baptism and proclaim Christ raised from the dead conquering death.
- Easter Sunday:** **8:30 AM**—In person [RSVP](#)
Resurrection Morning with Holy Communion
10:30 AM—Online
Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

Prayer Before Worship

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like his and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1*

PRELUDE Setting of *St. Theodulph*

By Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)

Virtual Chime Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

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

HYMN ELW 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Verses 1–3

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, now
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high; cre -
3. The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went; our



in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.

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

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

GOSPEL Mark 11:1–11

¹The holy gospel according to Mark. **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.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN ELW 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

Verses 4 and 5



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.



4. To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise. To
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring, great



you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

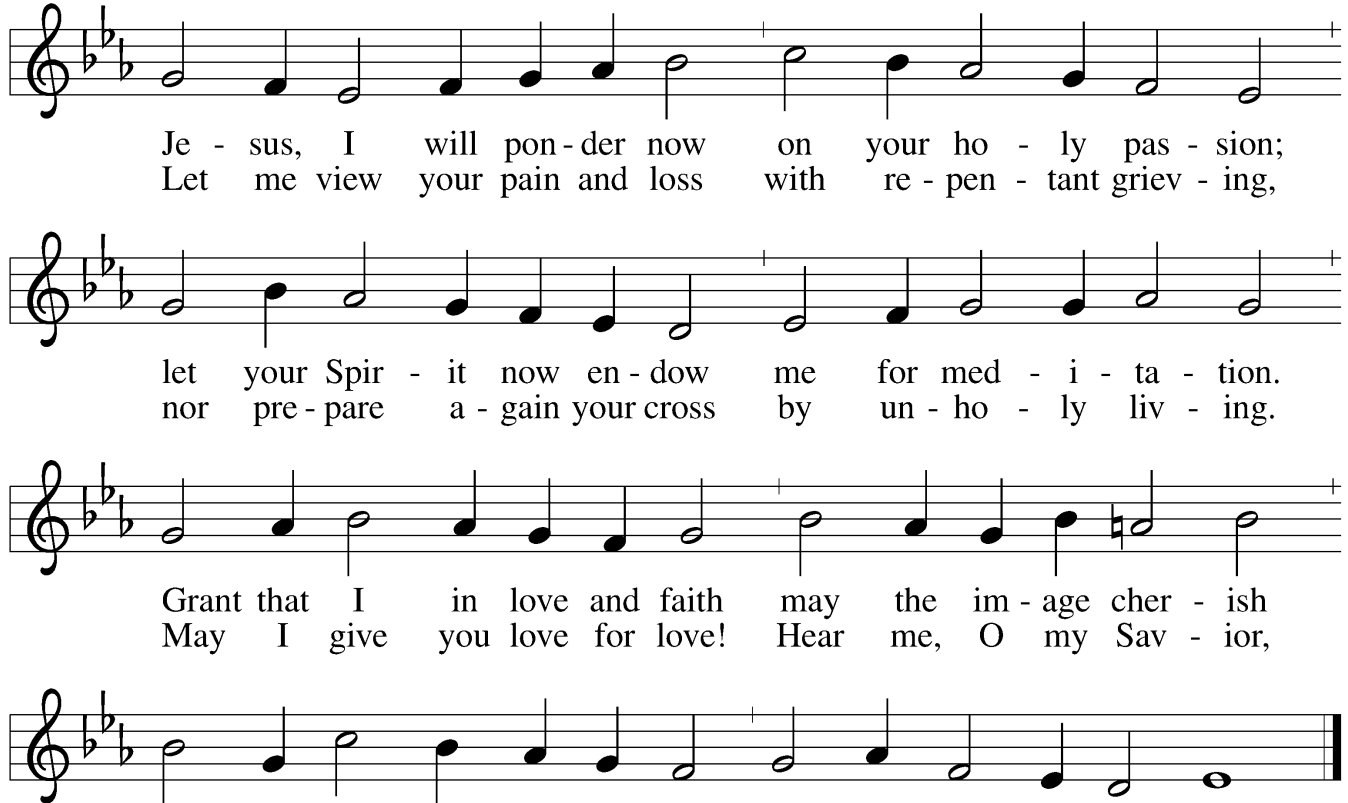
The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

HYMN ELW 345 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Verses 1 & 4



Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
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.
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
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.
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Mark 14:1–26

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly 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.”

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Mark 14:27–52

²⁷And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written,
‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’

²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” ³⁰Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.

³⁴And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?

³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

⁴³Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled.

⁵¹A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.



HYMN ELW 347 Go to Dark Gethsemane

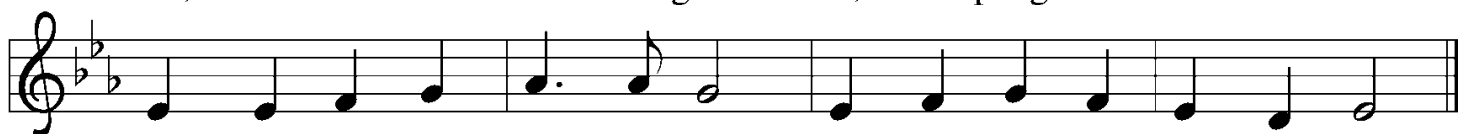
Verses 1 & 2



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 - rained;



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!



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.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Mark 15:53–72

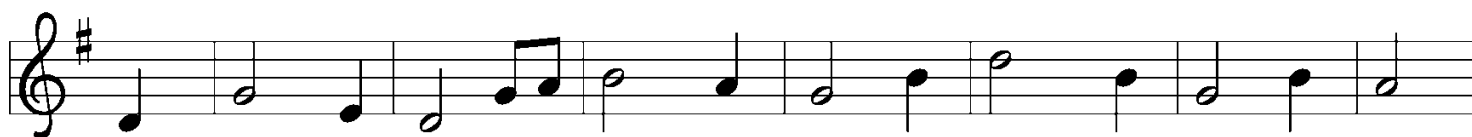
⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶²Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

HYMN ELW 337 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Verses 1, 4, 5



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?
 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?
 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



Mark 15:21–39

^{15:1}As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹In 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. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At 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?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And 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." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

MUSIC Setting of *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

By Allan Mahnke (b. 1944)

Pattie Gould, cello

Mark 15:40–47

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then 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. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.



HYMN OF THE DAY To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord

1. To mock your reign, O dear - est Lord, they made a crown of
2. In mock ac - claim, O gra - cious Lord, they snatched a pur - ple
3. A scep - tered reed, O pa - tient Lord, they thrust in - to your

thorns; set you with taunts a - long that road from which no one re -
cloak; your pas - sion turned, for all they cared, in - to a sol - dier's
hand, and act - ed out their grim cha - rade to its ap - point - ed

turns. They could not know, as we do now, how glor - ious is that
joke. They could not know, as we do now, that though we mer - it
end. They could not know, as we do now, though em - pires rise and

crown; that thorns would flower up - on your brow, your
blame, you will your robe of mer - cy throw a -
fall, your king - dom shall not cease to grow till

sor - rows heal - our own.
round our na - ked shame.
love em - brac - es all.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1972 © Hope Publishing Co.
MUSIC: English melody



NICENE CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer.**

Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org.

OFFERTORY Setting of *Kingsfold*

By Valerie A. Floeter (b. 20th C.)

Pattie Gould, cello

PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

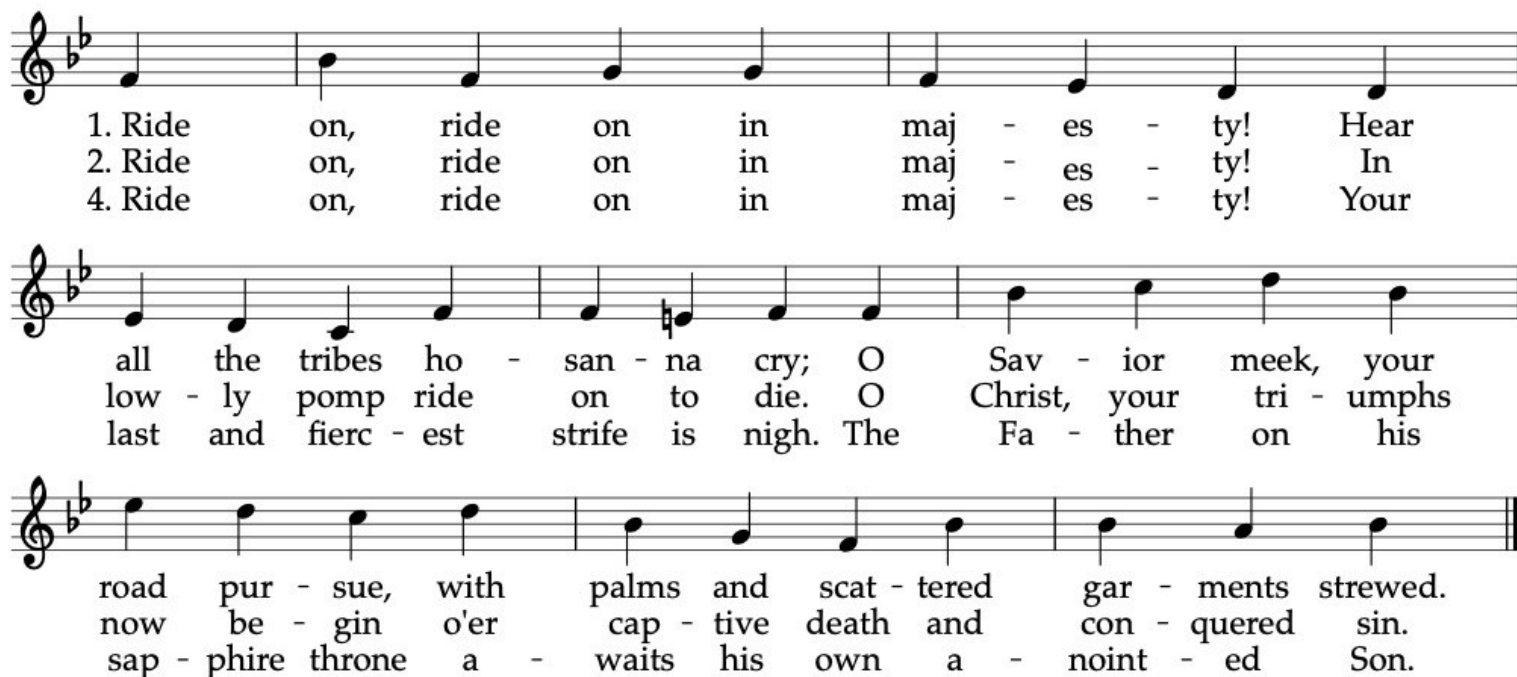
Let us pray. **O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 346 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear
2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In
4. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your

all the tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your
low - ly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
last and fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his

road pur - sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.

TEXT: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

MUSIC: *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow in the way of the cross. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Setting of *Fortunatus New* (“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”)

By Benjamin Culli (b. 1975)

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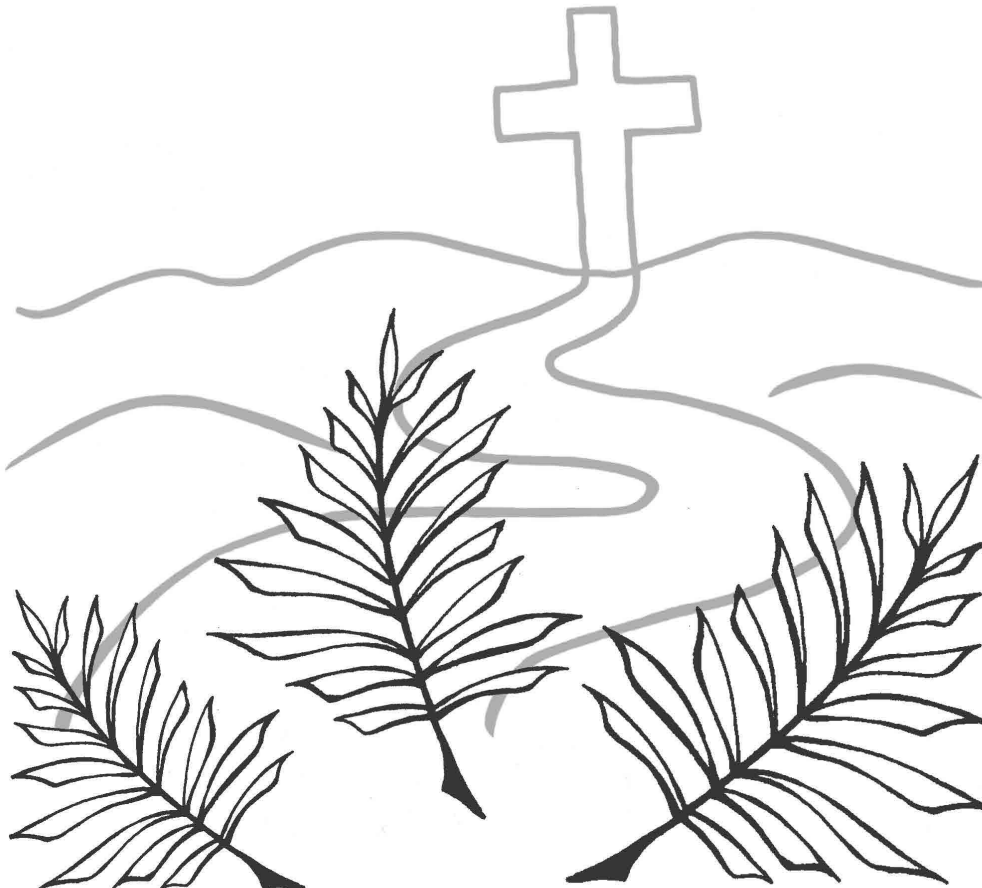


PRE-READER

Palm Sunday

- Today is **Palm Sunday**.
- On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus entering **Jerusalem**.
- People put **palms** down in front of Jesus.
- Jesus is our **king**.

Holy Week was a happy and sad time for Jesus. Palm Sunday was a happy day. Color in the palms below.





**Here comes God's king. Hosanna!
Praise God!**



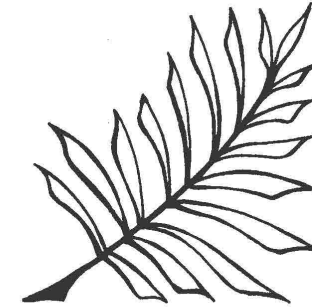
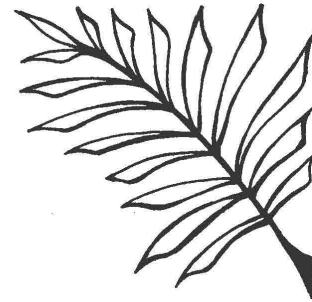
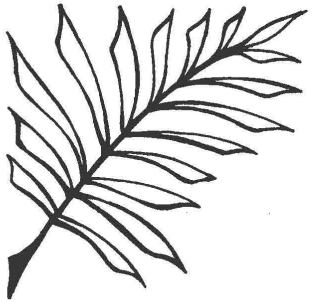
Jesus is coming to Jerusalem.

Quick! Find a pair of palms to wave. Can you spot the 7 matching pairs of palms?



On Palm Sunday in many churches, people wave palm branches at the beginning of worship. What does your palm look like?

Make a rubbing of it on this page. Then draw what people do with their palms during worship.





READER

Palm Sunday

- Palm Sunday is the first day of **Holy Week**.
- Holy Week has **happy and sad** moments.
- Palm Sunday is a **joyful** day.

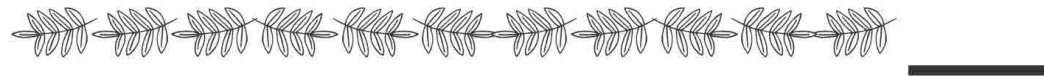
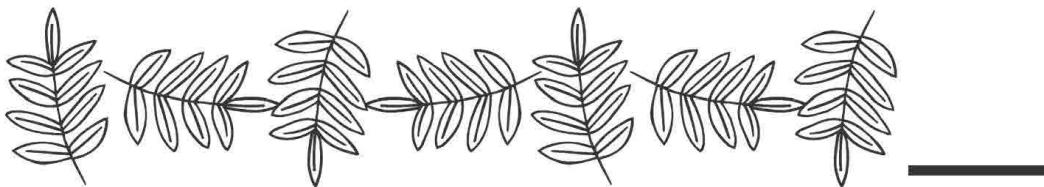
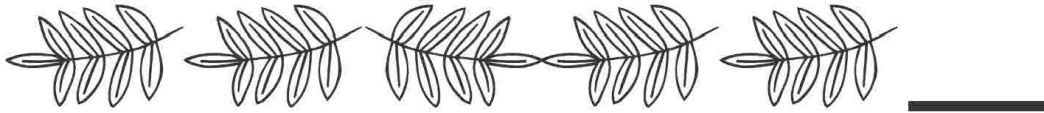
Palms on the Road

Does your church have palms for everyone today? Put one under this page and make a rubbing using the side of your pencil to show the texture. Then draw some coats on the road.



Palms Everywhere

On Palm Sunday, we wave palms in church to remember Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem. Fill in the missing palm to finish the pattern in each row.



Look It Up!

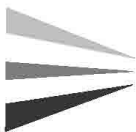
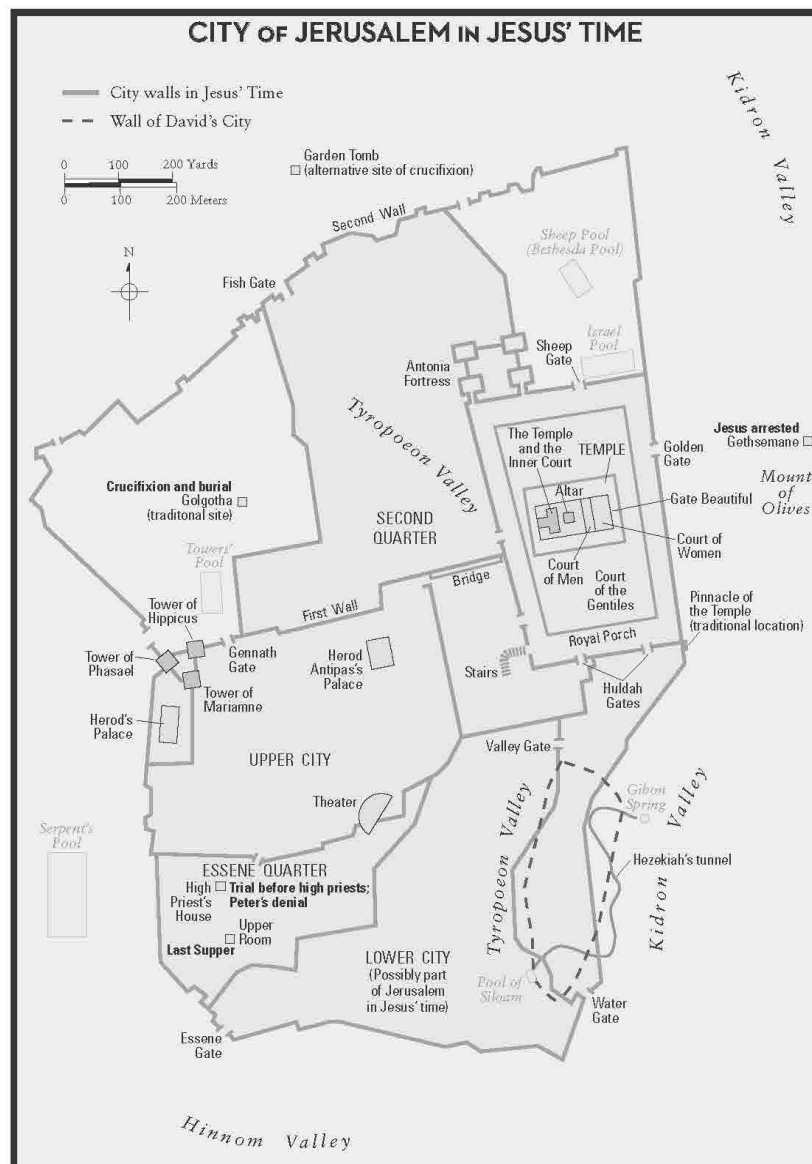
One of the gospels doesn't have the Palm Sunday story in it. Can you figure out which one?



Across Jerusalem

Take a look at this map of Jerusalem and trace Jesus' steps during Holy Week. Can you find these places?

- Jesus entered the city near the Mount of Olives. Draw an olive.
- Jesus ate and drank with his disciples during the Last Supper. Draw a loaf of bread and a cup.
- Jesus was put on trial before the high priests. Draw a gavel.
- Peter denied Jesus three times. Draw a rooster.
- Jesus died on a cross at Golgotha. Draw three crosses.
- Jesus was buried in a tomb. Draw a big rock.



Palm Sunday Playlist

On Palm Sunday, we sing hymns of celebration. Write down the names of the songs you sing today during worship. Add exclamation points near words of celebration.

