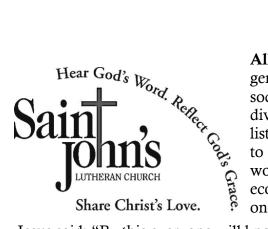


Palm Sunday April 2, 2023 | 10:30 AM



All are welcome at Saint John's regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic position, immigration path, or faith journey. We believe that a diverse and inclusive congregation benefits all, and that we grow when we listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Scripture teaches us to do good and seek justice, and we invite you to join us in striving for a just world. We are committed to continuing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We look forward to learning from one another and growing together on this journey of faith, grace, and love.

Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Please inform an usher if you would like the pastor to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen.



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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or



Hosanna in the highest!

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS OUTSIDE

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.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Matthew 21:1–11

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

INTROIT Ride On, King Jesus

The St. John's Choir & Children's Choir

Ride on, King Jesus, No one can a-hinder me, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, No one can a-hinder me.

1. King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse, The river of Jordan he did cross,

2. King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, He calls the Saints from everywhere,

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Please raise your palms for the blessing.

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

PROCESSION

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.

The assembly processes to the sanctuary singing.



Spiritual, arr. Nancy Wertsch

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 344 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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 suffering, death, burial, and resurrection, 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.**



Please be seated.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4–9a

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 he 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM 31:9-16

Choir sings light verses, assembly bold verses.



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⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I [|] am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat [|] and my belly. ¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with [|] sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹ are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies,

a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to 1 my acquaintances; when they see me in the street 1 they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out | of mind; I am as useless as a | broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.
¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, ¹ O Lord. I have said, "You ¹ are my God.

¹⁵My times are [|] in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me. ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your ¹ servant; save me in your ¹ steadfast love."

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of 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.

The Passion According to Matthew

Matthew 26:14—27:66 Text found in the pew Bibles on New Testament page 26

Please remained seated until directed to stand.

¹⁴One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him....²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

HYMN ELW 343 My Song Is Love Unknown

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." . . . ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

HYMN ELW 343 My Song Is Love Unknown

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ... ⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

ORGAN INTERLUDE My Song Is Love Unknown

^{27:1}When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. . . ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

HYMN ELW 343 My Song Is Love Unknown

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" . . . ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

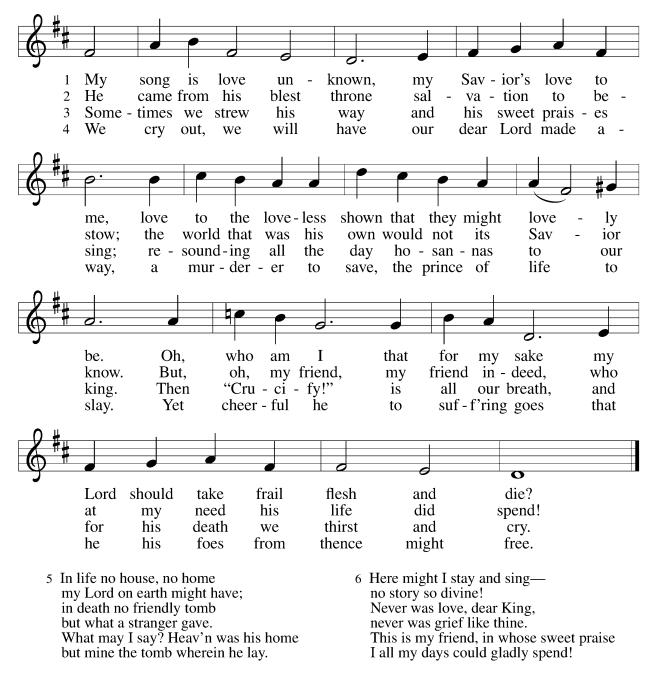
Please stand through the remainder of the Passion.

At the conclusion of the Passion, be seated for silent reflection.

Verse 3 & 4

Verse 1

Verse 2



Text: Samuel Crossman, alt.

Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland

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Please be seated. REFLECTION

Please stand.

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

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

PEACE

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

Please be seated. PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present offerings for God's mission in the world through this congregation. Members and visitors alike may use the offering envelopes in the pews to make a monetary gift. A collection plate can be found at the entrance of the sanctuary. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC Are You Weary of Your Burden?

Are you weary of your burden, are you sore distressed? Come to me, says Christ, and coming be at rest.

Has he marks that I may know him, and make him my guide? In his feet and hands are woundprints, and his side.

Is there diadem, as monarch, that his brow adorns? Surely, yet the crown upon him is of thorns.

If I find him, if I follow, what is given here? Many a sorrow, many a labor, many a tear.

If I still hold closely to him, what has he at last? Sorrow vanquished, labor ended, Jordan passed.

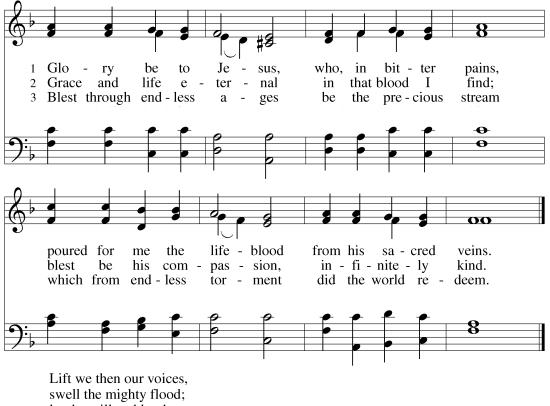
If I ask him to receive me, will he tell me no? Never, not if earth and heaven melt like snow.

Finding, following, keeping, struggling, is he sure to bless? Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer, Yes.

–John Mason Neale, 1862; adapt. Richard Leach, 1997. Text © 1997 Selah Publishing Co., Inc. Used by permission.

David Ashley White

Please stand. **OFFERING HYMN** LBW 95 Glory Be to Jesus



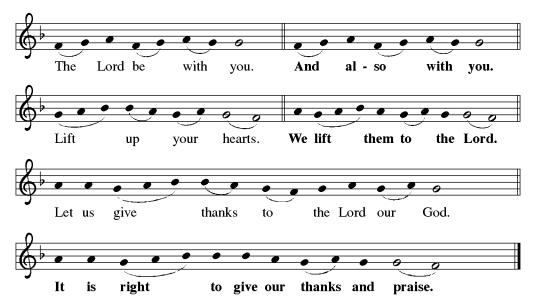
swell the mighty flood; louder still and louder praise the precious blood.

Text: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN, Friedrich Filitz, 1804–1876

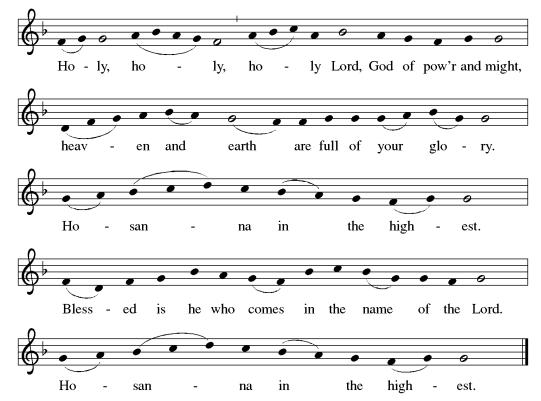
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

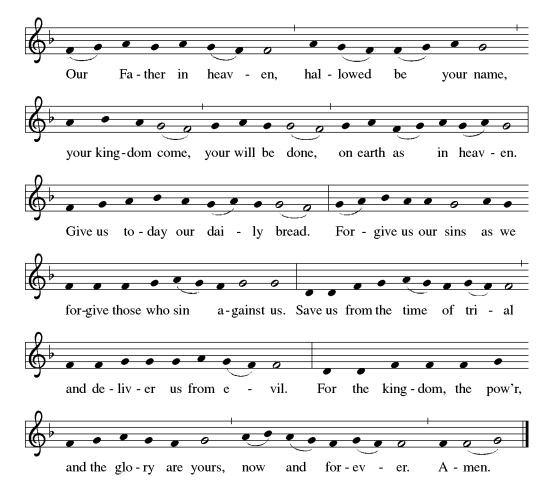


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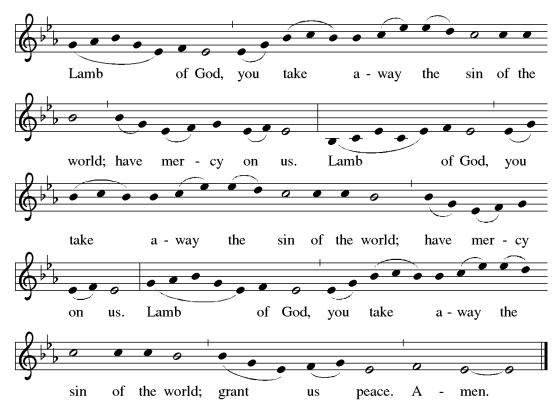


Please be seated. RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time. The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer. Wine is served from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup. Wine and grape juice are available in pre-filled individual cups.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION HYMN ELW 356 Sing, My Tongue



Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530–609; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929 Music © 1967 Concordia Publishing House.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 347 Go to Dark Gethsemane



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



Please stand.

BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. 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.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ELW 811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt. Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN ELW 349 Ah, Holy Jesus

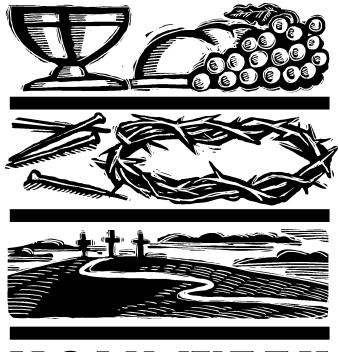


Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Herzliebster Jesu, op. 122, no. 2



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week 2023

- April 2 Palm Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 AM*
- April 6 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 PM*
- April 7 Good Friday Services, Noon & 7:30 PM*
- April 8 Vigil of Easter, 7:30 PM
- April 9 Easter Day Services, 8:00 & 10:30 AM*
 - Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt, 9:00 AM

*These services will be livestreamed.

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