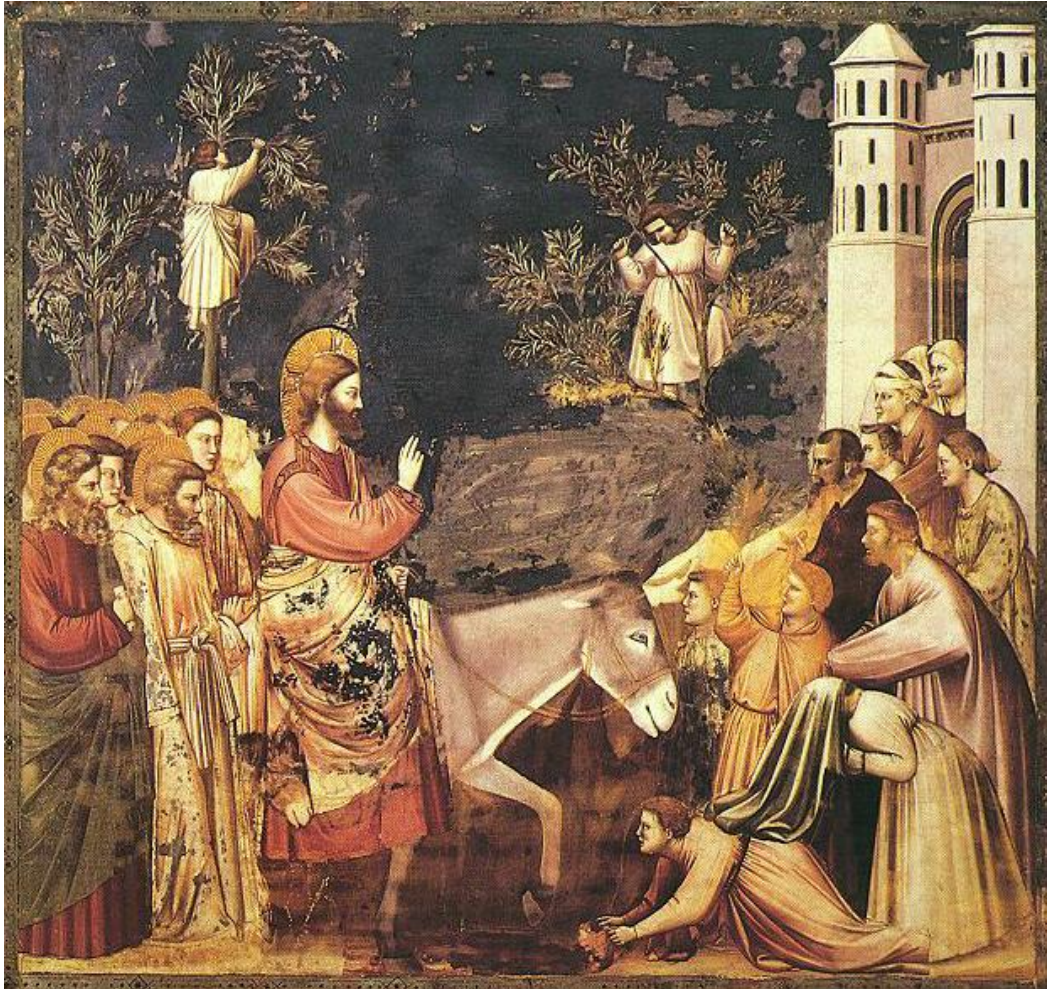


The Sunday of the Passion

Procession with Palms

Worship Service



Entry into Jerusalem (Giotto, 14th century)

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

The congregation gathers in the Narthex by 10:15AM

March 29, 2026

Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: *“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”* (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus.

Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30).

And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.

A Message on this Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

Our service begins with the joyous celebration of the crowds loud *Hosannas* to Christ the King. He deserves every volumetric bit of this praise. But he has journeyed to Jerusalem for one reason alone—to die. He has come to die for his people, and for all those who will be his people—you and me.

And so, our service that begins with the *Hosannas* takes a dark turn, as the disciples at last grasp what Jesus had been telling them all along: he will be crucified.

Therefore, we hear the whole *Passion* narrative; the betrayal, the beatings, the suffering, the injustice, and then, Christ’s death. Still, grace is present, should we look—his death immediately convinces the *centurion* that he is who he has claimed to be—the Son of God!

Our Father, bless us and keep us with an enduring faith, a faith that prevails in the midst of trials, tribulations, & suffering, and make us ever more like your Son, in whose name we pray, Amen.

✠ Pastor Justin Baker



Invocation

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the son of David.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (read responsively)

¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;**

you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ **Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;**

for his steadfast love endures forever!

The Holy Gospel

John 12:12-19

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 12th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”** ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

*¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”*

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

The congregation raises their branches.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow with perfect confidence, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

The crucifer leads the congregation into the sanctuary and remains behind the credence table by the altar. The pastor and assisting minister follow together, bowing at the cross. Then the pastor leads round the right side of the sanctuary; and the assisting minister around the left side. The bells follow in pairs, taking their places; the congregation follows last, also in pairs—all showing reverence at the cross.

Processional Hymn | All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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FESTIVE BELLS, TRUMPET, & ORGAN

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

P Let us pray,

C **Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (read responsively)

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;

my eye is wasted from grief;

my soul and my body also.

¹⁰ **For my life is spent with sorrow,**

and my years with sighing;

my strength fails because of my iniquity,

and my bones waste away.

¹¹ Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,

especially to my neighbors,

and an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
12 I have been forgotten like one who is dead;

I have become like a broken vessel.

13 For I hear the whispering of many —
terror on every side! —
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

14 But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, “You are my God.”

15 My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

16 Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!

A brief silence is kept.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5–11

A reading from Philippians.

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Hymn | Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Matt. 21: 15
Jeannette Threlfall, 1873

Ellacombe
"Gesangbuch d. Herzogl.
Württemberg. Hofkapelle," 1784

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From O - liv - et they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and Tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palmbranch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice. A - men.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 26:1-27:60

☐ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus according to Saint Matthew.

The whole congregation reads all bolded Scripture.

The pulpit side of the congregation reads all underlined Scripture.

The organ/bell side of the congregation reads all italicized Scripture.

Pastor reads Matthew; Assisting Minister reads Jesus.

Matthew	¹ When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,
Jesus	² “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”
Matthew	³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴ and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵ But they said,
<u>Chief Priests and Elders</u>	<u>“Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”</u>
Matthew	⁶ Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸ And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying,
Disciples	“Why this waste? ⁹ For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.”
Matthew	¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them,
Jesus	“Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for

	burial. ¹³ Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."
Matthew	¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said,
Judas	"What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?"
Matthew	And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.
Matthew	¹⁷ Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
Disciples	"Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
Matthew	¹⁸ He said,
Jesus	"Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"
Matthew	¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.
Matthew	²⁰ When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹ And as they were eating, he said,
Jesus	"Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."
Matthew	²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another,
Disciples	"Is it I, Lord?"

Matthew	²³ He answered,
Jesus	“He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”
Matthew	²⁵ Judas, who would betray him, answered,
Judas	“Is it I, Rabbi?”
Matthew	He said to him,
Jesus	“You have said so.”
Matthew	²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said,
Jesus	“Take, eat; this is my body.”
Matthew	²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,
Jesus	“Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”
Matthew	³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus said to them,
Jesus	“You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”
Matthew	³³ Peter answered him,

Peter	<i>"Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."</i>
Matthew	³⁴ Jesus said to him,
Jesus	<i>"Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."</i>
Matthew	³⁵ Peter said to him,
Peter	<i>"Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!"</i>
Matthew	And all the disciples said the same.
Matthew	36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,
Jesus	<i>"Sit here, while I go over there and pray."</i>
Matthew	³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them,
Jesus	<i>"My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."</i>
Matthew	³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying,
Jesus	<i>"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."</i>
Matthew	⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter,
Jesus	<i>"So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."</i>
Matthew	⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed,
Jesus	<i>"My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."</i>

Matthew	⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them,
Jesus	“Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”
Matthew	⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
Judas	“The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.”
Matthew	⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said,
Judas	“Greetings, Rabbi!”
Matthew	And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him,
Jesus	“Friend, do what you came to do.”
Matthew	Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him,
Jesus	“Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”
Matthew	⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus	“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”
Matthew	Then all the disciples left him and fled.
	⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said,
<i>Witnesses</i>	<i>“This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”</i>
Matthew	⁶² And the high priest stood up and said,
<u>High Priest</u>	<u>“Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”</u>
Matthew	⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him,
<u>High Priest</u>	<u>“I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”</u>
Matthew	⁶⁴ Jesus said to him,
Jesus	“You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”
Matthew	⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said,

<u>High Priest</u>	<u>“He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?”</u>
Matthew	They answered,
Council	“He deserves death.”
Matthew	⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying,
Council	“Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”
Matthew	⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said,
<i>First Servant Girl</i>	<i>“You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”</i>
Matthew	⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying,
Peter	“I do not know what you mean.”
Matthew	⁷¹ And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,
<i>Second Servant Girl</i>	<i>“This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”</i>
Matthew	⁷² And again he denied it with an oath:
Peter	“I do not know the man.”
Matthew	⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
<u>Bystanders</u>	<u>“Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”</u>
Matthew	⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,
Peter	“I do not know the man.”
Matthew	And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Matthew	¹ When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. ³ Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying,
Judas	“I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”
Matthew	They said,
<u>Chief Priests and Elders</u>	<u>“What is that to us? See to it yourself.”</u>
Matthew	⁵ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,
<u>Chief Priests and Elders</u>	<u>“It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.”</u>
Matthew	⁷ So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me.”
Matthew	¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him,
Governor	<i>“Are you the King of the Jews?”</i>
Matthew	Jesus said,
Jesus	“You have said so.”

Matthew	¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him,
<u>Pilate</u>	<u>“Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”</u>
Matthew	¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.
Matthew	¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,
<u>Pilate</u>	<u>“Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”</u>
Matthew	¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them,
<u>Pilate</u>	<u>“Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”</u>
Matthew	And they said,
Crowd	“Barabbas.”
Matthew	²² Pilate said to them
<u>Pilate</u>	<u>“Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”</u>
Matthew	They all said,
Crowd	“Let him be crucified!”

Matthew	²³ And he said,
<u>Pilate</u>	<u>“Why? What evil has he done?”</u>
Matthew	But they shouted all the more,
Crowd	“Let him be crucified!”

Sequence Hymn | My Song is Love Unknown (Verses 1-3) LBW 94



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
 re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then “Cru - ci - fy!” is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

The people stand for the final passage of the Passion from Matthew's Gospel.

Matthew	²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,
<u>Pilate</u>	<u>“I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves</u>
Matthew	²⁵ And all the people answered,
Crowd	“His blood be on us and on our children!”
Matthew	²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.
Matthew	²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,
<i>Soldiers</i>	<i>“Hail, King of the Jews!”</i>
Matthew	³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

Matthew	<p>³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying,</p>
<i>Passerby</i>	<p><i>"You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."</i></p>
Matthew	<p>⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²</p>
<u>Priests, Scribes, and Elders</u>	<p><u>"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"</u></p>

Matthew	⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.
Matthew	⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,
Jesus	“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”
Matthew	that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,
<i>Bystanders</i>	<i>“This man is calling Elijah.”</i>
Matthew	⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said,
<i>Bystanders</i>	<i>“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”</i>
Matthew	⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after

	<p>his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,</p>
Centurion	<p>“Truly this was the Son of God!”</p>
Matthew	<p>⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.</p> <p>⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.</p>

P Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

The Homily

Pastor Justin Baker

Hymn of the Day | My Song is Love Unknown (Verses 4-7) LBW 94



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
 re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have
 my dear Lord made away;
 a murderer they save,
 the prince of life they slay.
 Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,
 that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

The Nicene Creed

P People of God, in whom do you believe?

C 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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

The Prayers of the Church

P *Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!*

With the psalmist, we come to you in prayer, asking for your help and your blessing.

A brief silence is kept.

A Holy God, thank you for the ways you have answered our prayers:

A pause is kept that thanksgiving may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear us, good Lord.**

A Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and devotion. By the spirit of affection and service unite the members of all families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world.

C **Hear us, good Lord.**

A Let your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, the commerce and industry, the leisure and rest, the arts and culture of our people. Take under your special protection those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who lay their hands to any useful task. Give them just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is good in your sight.

C **Hear us, good Lord.**

A Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. We offer these names to you now:

Susanne Carns, May Hill, Jim Troxell, David Weihe, Vince Berardinelli, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Kim, Missy, Maria, Ben, Terry, Sandy, Cassandra and baby Amelia, Nojia, Kevin, Jim, Julie and family, Trudy, Brylee, Sandra, Zachary, Kevin, David, Kathy, Asa, Jerry, Jack, Al &

family, Beth, Colleen, Rachael, Leila, Darin, Les & Cathy, Tony, Sarah, and Harry

We also lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud. *Then, a pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.*

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning, especially *the family of Bill and the family of Dennise*. And to all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care.

C **Hear us, good Lord.**

P Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- A** *Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. (John 12:24, 26)*

The Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Offertory

The Palms

Arr. Stephen DeCesare. 1969

Today is the final day for our Lenten Offering to Loaves and Fishes

Offering of Praise & Prayer

The Doxology

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with accompaniment in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav' n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost."

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen


The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Preface for the Passion

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;

Who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



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



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer IV

☩ We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word,
inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things,
and in him you take delight.

He is your Word,
sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we lift this bread and cup before you,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy

to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church both now and forever.

C Amen

P Let us pray:

C 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

P Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C Therefore let us keep the feast!

Agnus Dei

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.

Hymn | Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LBW 98

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.

Hymn | Deep Were His Wounds

LBW 100

1 Deep were his wounds, and red, on cru - el Cal - va - ry,
2 He suf - fered shame and scorn, and wretch - ed, dire dis - grace;
3 His life, his all, he gave when he was cru - ci - fied;

as on the cross he bled in bit - ter a - go - ny. But they, whom
for - sak - en and for - lorn, he hung there in our place. But all who
our bur - dened souls to save, what fear - ful death he died! But each of

sin has wound - ed sore, find heal - ing in the wounds he bore.
would from sin be free look to his cross for vic - to - ry.
us, though dead in sin, through him e - ter - nal life may win.

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Hymn | Beneath the Cross of Jesus

LBW 107

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Post-Communion

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

G Amen

A Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen

We prepare our hearts for the remainder of Holy Week through the singing of the recessional hymn.

Recessional Hymn | Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 326

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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Dismissal

- Ⓐ Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ☛ Amen. Let us go forth in this way.

Postlude

Praise God on High

ORGAN

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Thank you to all who participated in the special music today!

The Festive Bells

Brass Trio:

Elora Dabbravalskas: Trumpet

Gillian Holiday: Euphonium

Chris Kaufman: Euphonium

Today's Palms Are Given

To the Glory of God

~Ross and Lisa Nese

This Week at Emmanuel

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Sunday, Mar 29	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Worship: Palm Sunday	Sanctuary
	2:30 PM	Worship at Redstone	Redstone Highlands
Monday, Mar 30	6:30 PM	AA Start the Week	Luther Hall
Tuesday, Mar 31	11:00 AM	Chrism Mass	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Champion Cheerleading	Heritage Hall
Wednesday, April 1	11:00 AM	Prayer for Families	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	AA Steps & Stories	Luther Hall
Thursday, April 2	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Friday, April 3	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 4	9:30-11:30 AM	Stations of the Cross	Narthex
	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Service	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 5	9:00 AM	Easter Breakfast	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Worship: Easter Sunday	Sanctuary

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