

A Fast that Feeds

PALM SUNDAY
March 29, 2026
11:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDES

Chorale Fantasia on an Old English Tune C. H. H. PARRY
Chorale Prelude on "Valet will ich dir geben" G. F. KAUFFMANN
A Melodious Celebration M. WESTON

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Paul Baglyos

*GREETING

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David.

*GOSPEL PROCESSION

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

As music begins, please turn and face the Processional Cross.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*FIRST GLANCE - BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The people raise their palm branches

We praise and thank you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. He entered the Holy City in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his path. Bless these branches and those who carry them. May they be a reminder of Christ's uncompromising love for us. Grant us grace as we follow our Lord in the way of the cross. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.


*PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN


All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW HYMN 344


Refrain



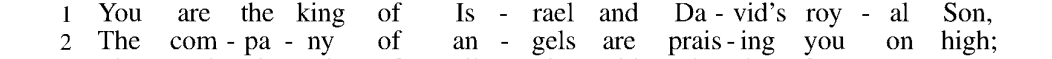
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



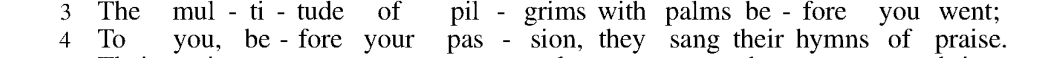
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



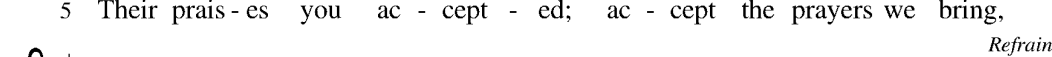
1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,



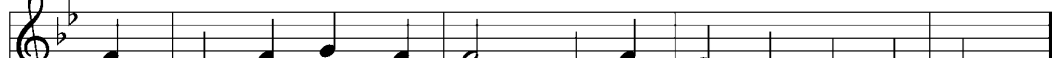
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;



3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;

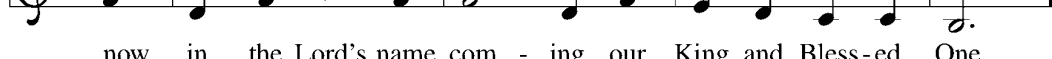


4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.

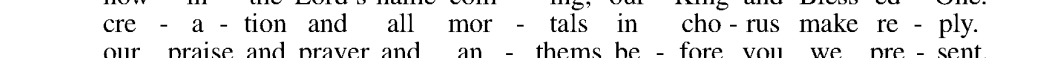


5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

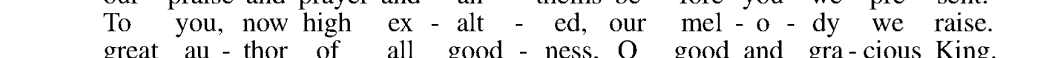
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now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.




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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.
Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Jon Haug

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth
**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Mary Robinson

After each petition: Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

S. JOHNSON

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Fa - ther _ in hea - ven hal-low-ed be _ thy name. _ Thy king-dom
come, _ Thy will be done, _ on earth, _ As it is in hea - ven. _
Give us this day _ our dai-ly bread _ And for-give us our tres - pass - ses _
As _ we _ for-give Those who tres-pass _ a - gainst _ us. _
And lead us not _ In-to temp - ta - tion _ And de-liv-er us from
ev - vil. _ For thine is the king - dom _ and the pow - er And the glo - ry _ for
ev - er, _ and ev - er, and ev - er. _ A - men _

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

*If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.
Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.*

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God

B. DUFFORD, SJ

Verse 1

1. Be - hold the Lamb of God, be-hold the
1. Lamb of God who car-ries our bur-den, who
1. knows our pain, who bears the sins of the world.

Refrain

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the
Lamb of God; Je - sus,
Je - sus is the Lamb of God.

to Verses 2-4
Fine

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Verse 2

2. Sure - ly he has borne our grief and car-ried the
 2. sor-rows of us all. Struck down in our stead, re -
 to Refrain
 2. ject - ed and scorned, and by his wounds we are healed.

Verse 3

3. Fa - ther, for - give them, they do not un - der - stand,
 to Refrain
 3. they do not un - der - stand what they do.

Verse 4

4. The king - dom of this world has be - come the
 4. king - dom of Christ, and he shall reign for
 to Refrain
 4. end - less days. Worth - y is the Lamb.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. God of our salvation,
 we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you,
 and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son,
 may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all
 creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH SONG

Every Valley

B. DUFFORD, SJ

Refrain



Ev-'ry val-ley shall be ex - alt-ed and ev-'ry hill made low. And



all God's peo-ple shall see to-geth-er the glo-ry of the Lord.

Verses 1, 3



1. A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness, "Pre - pare the way
3. 7 Stand up - on the __ moun-tain - top. O lift your voice



1. of the Lord. Make straight in the des - ert a
3. to the world. Sing joy - ful - ly, Je -



1. high - way, a high - way __ for our God."
3. ru - sa - lem: "Be - hold, __ be - hold your God."

to Refrain

Verse 2



2. Com-fort all my peo - ple. The time for war is gone. The



2. blind shall see, the deaf shall hear, the lame shall leap for joy.

to Refrain

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

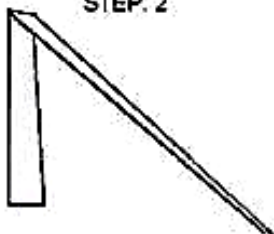
Diagram - How to Make a Palm Cross

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.

STEP: 1



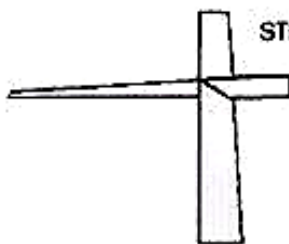
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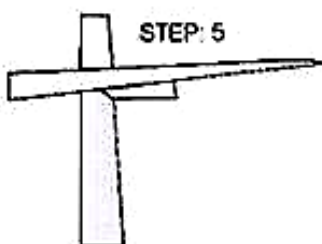
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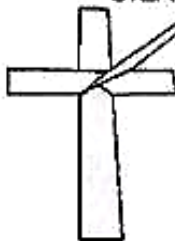
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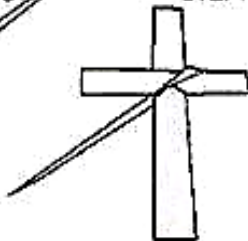
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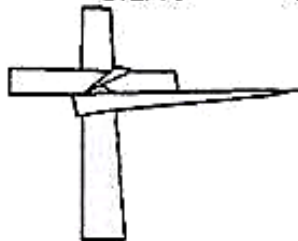
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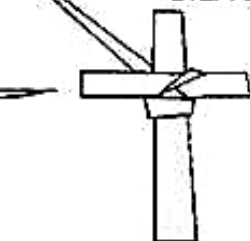
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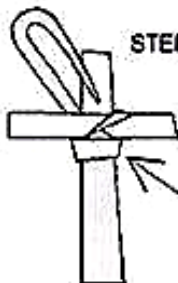
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STEP: 9

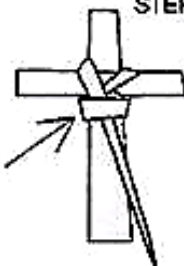


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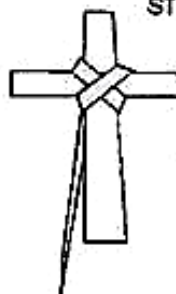


Tuck in the tapered end of the palm leaf and pull it through.

STEP: 11



STEP: 12



Turn the cross over. This is the front view.

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Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

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ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Holy Week Day Camp
Monday, March 30th - Wednesday, April 1st | 8:30-3 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church
Registration for Holy Week Day Camp is LIVE! Youth in kindergarten through seniors in high school are invited to join us all or part of the first three days of Holy Week from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. These three days will be full of fun, friendship building, faith building, and a look at the meaning of Holy Week together. This is free of cost, register online today!
- Holy Week 2026
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Throughout Holy Week, we invite you to join the St. John's community as we witness Jesus' final supper on Maundy Thursday (7* p.m.), betrayal and crucifixion on Good Friday (7* p.m.), God's baptismal promise and salvation on Saturday's Vigil (7* p.m.), and the ultimate resurrection on Easter Sunday (6:30, 8:30*, 10:30 a.m.).
**Indicates our livestream services.*
- Young Adults Rivercats Game
Thursday, April 9th | 6 p.m. | Sutter Health Park
The Young Adults in their 20s and 30s of St. John's are heading to a Rivercats Game! We'll gather at Sutter Health Park at 6 p.m. with the game beginning at 6:45 p.m. You can purchase your General Admission Lawn ticket online for \$11.50. Kids are always welcome!
- April LLL Book Club
Thursday, April 16th | 11 a.m. | St. John's Library
The LLL Book Club will gather in April to discuss *One Amazing Thing* by Chitra Divakaruni. This book shares about "nine strangers trapped in an Indian consulate's visa office after an earthquake, who pass the time by sharing personal stories of 'one amazing thing' from their lives, revealing their diverse backgrounds and the universal power of storytelling."