

# **Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church**

## **The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**

*A BIBLICAL, CONFESSIONAL AND TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION IN THE CHICAGO REGION*

*COMMITTED TO MINISTERING TO SINNERS*

*WITH THE FORGIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.*

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# *The Sunday of the Passion*

## *With the Procession of Palms*



The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. "Palm Sunday" is named after the palms that were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, "Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed Is He who comes in the name of the Lord," clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry, "Crucify!" This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the passion narrative sets before the faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week – the most important week of the entire Church Year.

Early in the morning of this day, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem, leaving Mary His Mother, and the two sisters Martha and Mary Magdalene, and Lazarus, at Bethany. Mary trembles at seeing her Son thus expose Himself to danger, for His enemies are bent upon His destruction; but it is not death, it is triumph that Jesus is to receive today in Jerusalem. The Messiah, before being nailed to the cross, is to be proclaimed King by the people of the great city; the little children are to make her streets echo with their Hosannas to the Son of David; and this in presence of the soldiers of Rome's emperor, and of the high priests

and Pharisees: the first standing under the banner of their eagles; the second, dumb with rage.

The prophet Zechariah had foretold this triumph which the Son of Man was to receive a few days before His Passion, and which had been prepared for Him from all eternity. *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold thy king will come to thee; the Just and the Savior. He is poor, and riding upon an donkey, and upon a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

### **This Congregation Practices Closed Communion**

On this Sunday before His death, Jesus is hailed as King and Lord; and palm branches carpet the path of His humble entrance into Jerusalem. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus still enters our lives with humble means; and He is still Lord and King. It is not too great a thing for Him to be present with His physical flesh and blood for our forgiveness! As we celebrate this Sacrament, we also humbly acknowledge the Bible's concern for doctrinal oneness by those who receive it together. For this reason the congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Closed Communion." **If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Divine Shepherd, or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning.** Rather, we would invite you to speak with Pastor Zimmer about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation. It is the sincere prayer of this congregation that our careful practice of the administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. **Thank you for your understanding.**

# Procession of Palms

*Palms are an ancient symbol of victory. Before the Divine Service begins, everyone is invited to receive a palm branch cross. Adults may then proceed to their seats, while the children may remain in the narthex for the procession with palms during the first hymn.*

*All stand and face the processional cross.*

## Greeting

*2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 21:9*

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** **Amen.**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**G** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

## Collect

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion,  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

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



## Processional Hymn

*During the singing of this hymn, raise your palm branches as the Processional Cross and the Word of God enter the Nave.*

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

✠ Be Seated ✠

## Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

The Lord will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants,  
when he sees that their power is gone  
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

<sup>37</sup>Then he will say, "Where are their gods,  
the rock in which they took refuge,

<sup>38</sup>who ate the fat of their sacrifices  
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;  
let them be your protection!

39"See now that I, even I, am he,  
and there is no god beside me;  
I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

**[P]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,\*  
 thus securing an eternal re- | demption.  
 Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*  
 so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.  
 He sent redemption to his | people;\*  
 he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.



## Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*



Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

✠ Stand ✠

## The Verse

*Joel 2:13*

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in

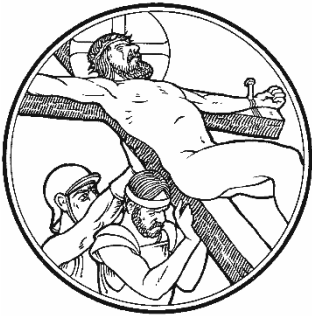
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

# Holy Gospel

John 12:20-43

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.



Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor

him. <sup>27</sup> "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup> The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup> So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup> So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup> While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup> Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup> so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" <sup>39</sup> Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, <sup>40</sup> "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." <sup>41</sup> Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup> Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

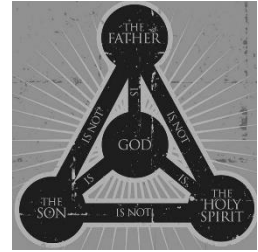
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.



# Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**



**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

✠ Be Seated ✠

## Hymn of the Day

### A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And

guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al

sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When

pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall

out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in

stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall

yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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## Sermon

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

*After the final petition:*

... one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

✠ Be Seated ✠

## Offering

*"Behold the Man Before You" - Matthew Machemer*

*Choir*

## Service of the Sacrament

**Dear Guests of our congregation, this congregation practices Closed Communion. Please read our statement concerning this practice on Page 3 of this Service Folder.**

✠ Stand ✠

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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 Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini - The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.



## Agnus Dei - Lamb of God

John 1:29

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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## Distribution

*hymns are sung as needed*

## 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



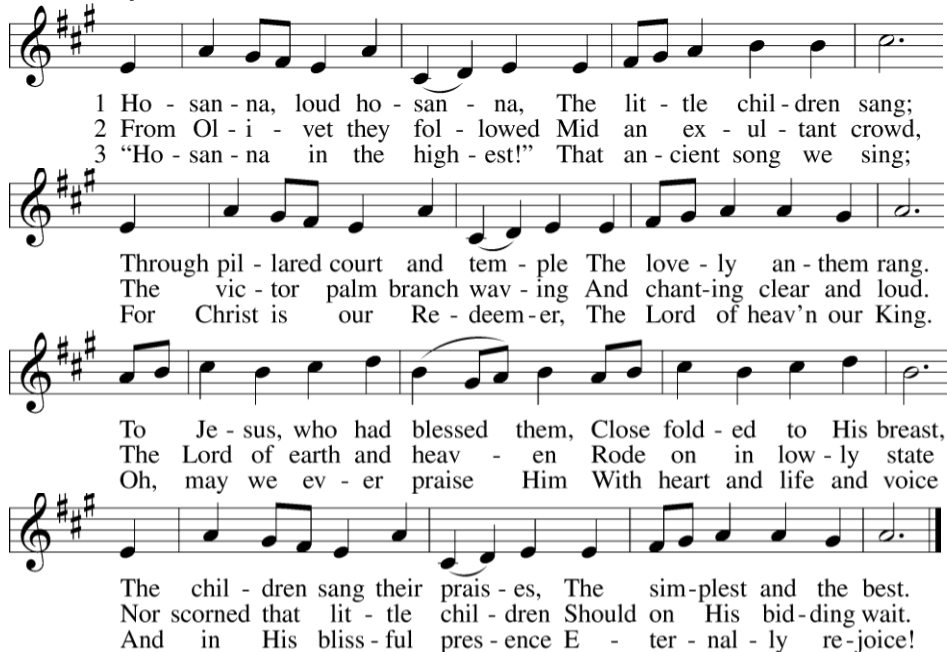
1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And  
 2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While  
 5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y  
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in  
 debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head For such a worm as I?  
 grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.  
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.  
 self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant 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 palm branch 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 earth and heav - en 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!

# 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
 11 But since my strength will nev - er - more suf - fice me



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;  
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;  
 To cru - ci - fy de - sires that still en - tice me,



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -  
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -  
 To all good deeds O let Thy Spir - it

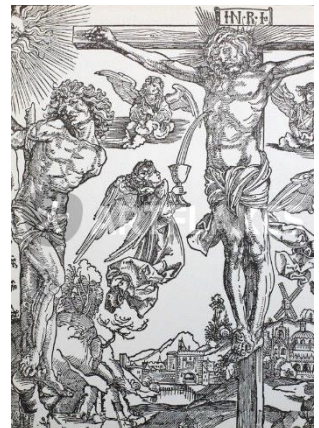


fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?  
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.  
 her - it, This I do mer - it.  
 win me And reign with - in me!

13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,  
 I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.  
 I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me  
 Nor death alarm me.

15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven  
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
 Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,  
 I, too, shall praise Thee.

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## DISMISSAL

**P** The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true Christian faith unto life everlasting. Depart in the joy of His Peace.

**C** Amen.

## NUNC DIMITTIS — *Song of Simeon*

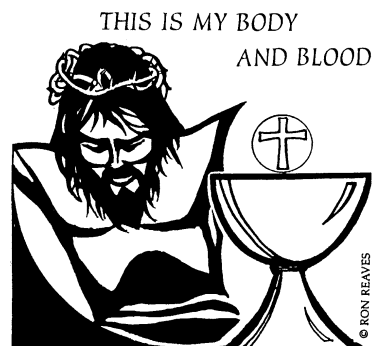
*Luke 2:29-32*

**C** (sung) **O Lord, now let Your servant, Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.  
All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## Benedicamus & Benediction

*Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

### Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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## ✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

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The Lutheran Church retains ceremonies that underscore and support the Gospel—the good news that we are saved by *grace alone* through *faith alone* in *Christ alone*. Such laudable ceremonies include making the sign of the cross in remembrance of Holy Baptism. Those places in the service where Lutherans have traditionally made the sign of the cross are marked with a cross (✠).



**Palm Sunday is a high point, as a crowd at the Jewish capital openly acclaims Jesus as Messiah. It is also a turning point, however, since it galvanizes His opponents. Like the crowds in**

**Jerusalem, we are prone to fickleness—today all for the Lord, tomorrow turning from Him. Though we often prove faithless, Jesus remains constant. His love and forgiveness never falter. • “‘Hosanna in the highest!’ That ancient song we sing; For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.” Amen. (*LSB* 443:3)**

