

# St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



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Palm Sunday  
April 2, 2023

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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**Jesus calls us to be a Lutheran community gathered around Word and Sacrament and sends us to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for our neighbors everywhere.**

**Welcome to worship** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you are a guest with us today, we would like to extend a special greeting from our family. We invite you to worship with us; sing with us; pray with us; believe with us; for God has sent His Son to bring life and salvation. The ushers will be glad to answer any questions you have. If you have special prayer requests or would like a visit, they will also be able to assist you. Make worship and Bible study the center of your weekly life. Be here each Sunday, that we may rejoice in the Lord together! May God bless us!



*Please enter your information using the QR code or sign our guest book before you depart today.*

## **For Those Who Desire to Receive The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

**ABOUT PALM SUNDAY:** Today we make a journey ... from the outside of the church to the inside where we meet Christ in his Word and Supper.

Jesus too made a journey on Palm Sunday from outside Jerusalem to his death. Christ made another journey from the death of the cross to the victory of Easter and onto heaven and resurrection where ascending to heaven he met God with the angels rejoicing.

We one day will make the same heavenly journey through death into the presence of God with the angels rejoicing over our entrance into the heavenly kingdom.

# Palm Sunday

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*The Liturgy begins outside (weather permitting).*

*Be sure to obtain a palm branch from an usher.*

*Please face the Pastor and join in the responses as printed below.*

## Procession of Palms

### Greeting

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

C **Amen.**

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

C **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.

C **Amen.**

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:1–11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

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.**

*The Procession into the Church begins with the congregation, following the Cross as we sing “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”. We continue singing this hymn until all are at their places.*

## 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*Refrain*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn 'All Glory, Laud, and Honor'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: '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.'

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,



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.

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## Greeting

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
C **Hosanna in the highest.**

## Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray.  
C **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. Amen.**

## Sit

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 50:4–9a*

- <sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem:** A Palm Sunday Antiphon

David C. Morgan (b. 1946)

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Thou that sittest in the highest heavens. *Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

### **Epistle**

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

# 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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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!

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## Sermon

### Stand

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

*(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically through our website at [stpaulcatonsville.org/donation](http://stpaulcatonsville.org/donation). If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)*

### Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*

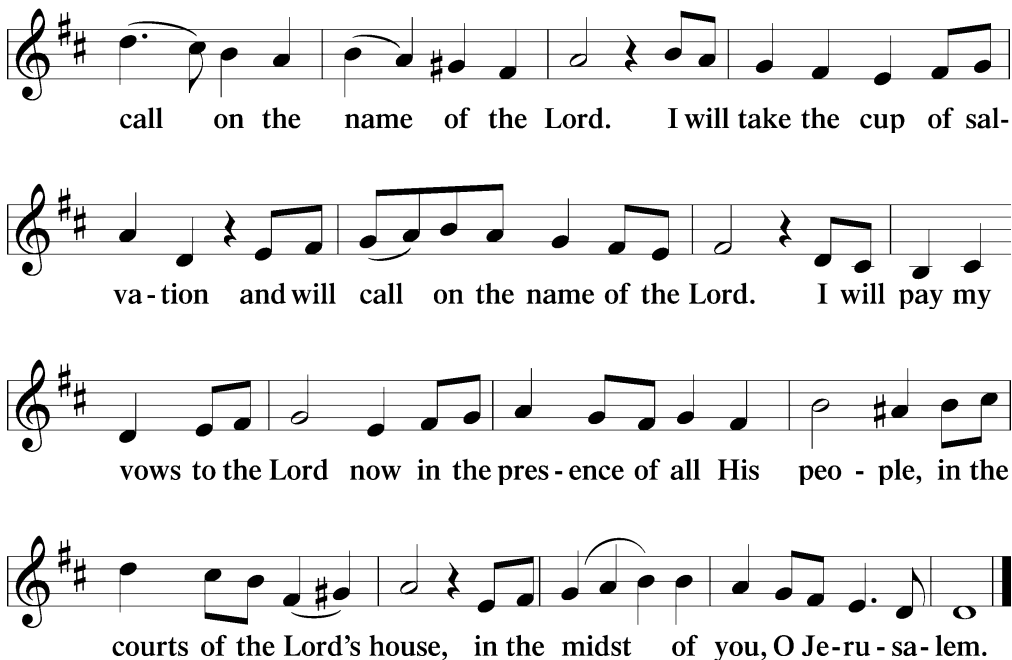


 What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



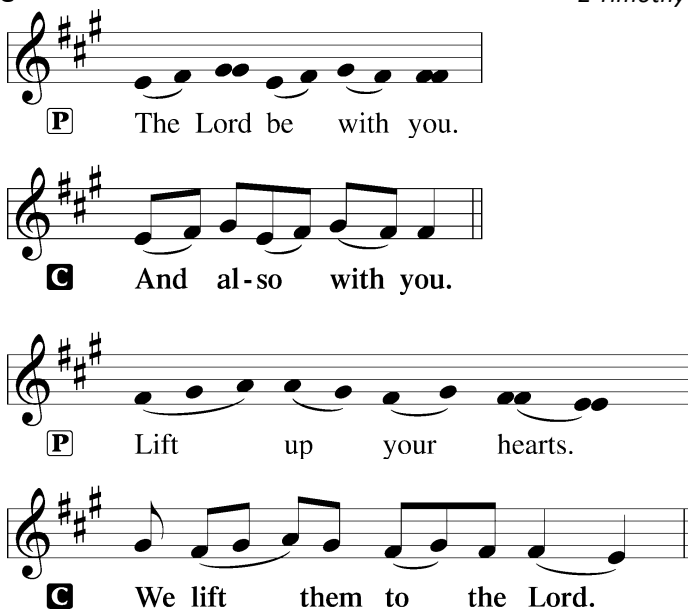


call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
 va- tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
 vows to the Lord now in the pres- ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa- lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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



**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.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

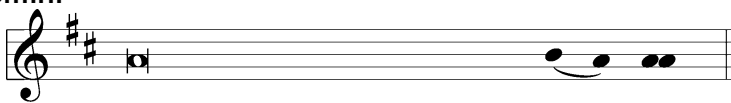
## The Words of Our Lord

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 T 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 T 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

John 20:19



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**C** 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

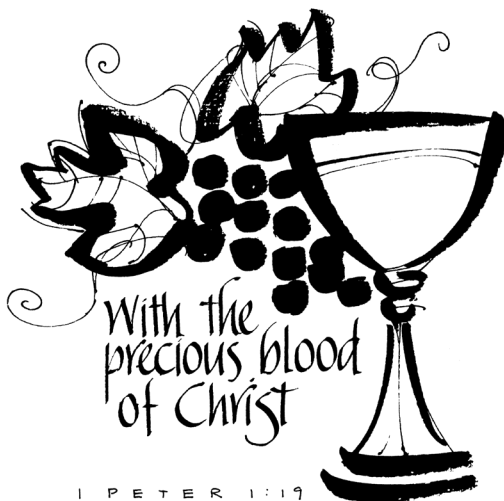


God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit



### 343 Prepare the Royal Highway

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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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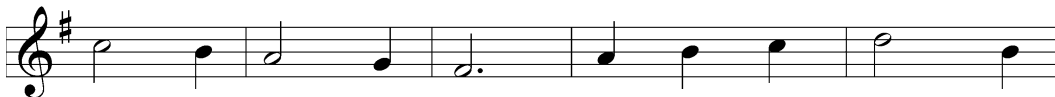
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# 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

LSB 560



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing  
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855-1928

Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838-96

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# 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

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**Stand**  
**Post-Communion Blessing**

**Nunc Dimittis: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace**

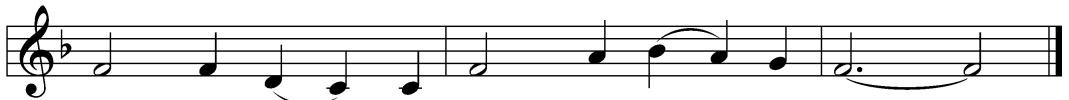
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1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
 Δ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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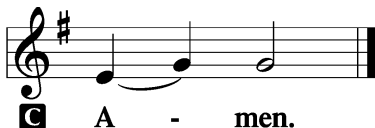
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## Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. . . .



*Sit*

## 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

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## THE READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD St. Matthew 27:11-66

*The story of Christ's suffering and death will be read by a variety of readers in a dramatic style.*

*The congregation may simply listen or read along below.*

*Before the death of Jesus is read the people will be asked to rise.*

*After the proclamation of His death a time of silence for meditation will be observed.*

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup>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, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>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.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink

it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "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." <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>"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. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

***(The congregation stands.)***

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup>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. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

***(A moment of silence is kept.)***

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When 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, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

<sup>55</sup>There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup>among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>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. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' <sup>64</sup>Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

#### 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440



3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a-lone Make me see Your pas-sion,  
 4 Grant that I Your pas-sion view With re-pen-tant griev-ing.  
 5 If my sins give me a-larm And my con-science grieve me,  
 6 Gra-cious-ly my faith re-new; Help me bear my cross-es,



But its cause to me make known And its ter-mi-na-tion.  
 Let me not bring shame to You By un-ho-ly liv-ing.  
 Let Your cross my fear dis-arm; Peace of con-science give me.  
 Learn-ing hum-ble-ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss-es.



Ah! I al-so and my sin Wrought Your deep af-flic-tion;  
 How could I re-fuse to shun Ev-'ry sin-ful plea-sure  
 Help me see for-give-ness won By Your ho-ly pas-sion.  
 May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav-ior,



This in-deed the cause has been Of Your cru-ci-fix-ion.  
 Since for me God's on-ly Son Suf-fered with-out mea-sure?  
 If for me He slays His Son, God must have com-pas-sion!  
 That I may in heav'n a-bove Sing Your praise for-ev-er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.  
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Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615

Dismissal

Postlude: Ride On in Majesty

Dorothy Wells  
 (1943-2021)

# News & Notes

## Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Jeffrey Hemmeter in celebration of Maria's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Altar flowers are also given by LaVerne & Jim Kyne in celebration of their daughter Kristin Doyle's birthday.



## Easter Flower Cross

Bring your LIVE flowers and bouquets (no plastic please!) on Easter Sunday to the outside of the church near the red doors where we will cover a wooden Lenten cross with fresh flowers. The flower cross will be a beautiful testament to the resurrection of Jesus and the new life He brings by his victory over death. So don't forget. . . bring flowers for Easter!

**Sunday School and Bible Study:** will not meet on Easter Sunday. Classes will resume the following Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Eggs on the Lawn!

Our community Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 8, from 10 am – 12 noon. Last year we hosted 148 children and their families at this event. Volunteers still needed. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

## Women's Guild Spaghetti Dinner and School Social Studies Fair

Women's Guild will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 until 6:30. This coincides with the Social Studies Fair our school is having that begins at 6:00. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 3 through 12. Family tickets of \$25.00 will also be available. Please consider supporting the Women's Guild and take some time after you eat to go upstairs and see what the children have been working on. This is a wonderful opportunity for our church family and school family to come together for a meal and to support the children of the school.

## Voter's Meeting

There will be a quick Voter's Meeting immediately following the church service on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> to elect Roy Krakat to the Board of Elders.

## Mission Trip

A mission trip is in the works for the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be traveling to western Kentucky to help with the rebuilding of housing needed after much was destroyed by a tornado in December 2021. There are 4 more openings on the team. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Alms.

## Altar Care Committee

For those who would like to participate in the *stripping of the altar* on Maundy Thursday, there will be a brief meeting after the service TODAY. The Altar Care Committee is in need of volunteers to cover the months of April and July. Also looking for substitutes who would be willing to serve occasionally. Please contact Robbin Dungey at [marthadungey@gmail.com](mailto:marthadungey@gmail.com) or 410-698-2766 if you are interested and want more information and/or training.

## Save the Date

Mark your calendars: Outdoor Worship and Church and School Picnic will be on Sunday, May 21st.

*Worship in the Park!*



## Community Craft Day

Due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no Community Craft Day in April. We look forward to seeing you on May 6 with your favorite project!

## Stellar VBS in SPACE!

Mark your calendar for June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12pm and get ready to Shine Jesus' Light at Vacation Bible School. Your help and support is needed with this exciting experience to help kids praise God and learn more about the wondrous things He does. If you are willing and able to serve this year or know someone who is, please reach out to Kirsten Hall at 925-605-9263 or [Kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org](mailto:Kirsten.hall@splscatonsville.org). There are many ways to get involved.

## Georgiana Blackburn

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Crosswalk Church located at 8940 Route 108, Suite D, Columbia, MD.

## Serving at St. Paul

	<b>This week</b>	<b>Next week</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Steve Haar	Steve Haar
<b>Reader</b>	Jay Barringer	Suzanne giguere
<b>Usher</b>	Greg McDonald	Bruce Staudinger
<b>Usher</b>	Jeffrey Hemmeter	Paul Lubell
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ella Nelson	Joshua Unglesbee
<b>Greeter</b>	Melissa Sunstrom	Bruce Staudinger

**Daily Readings:** **Apr 2:** Ex 8:1–32, Heb 1:1–14; **Apr 3:** Ex 9:1–28, Heb 2:1–18; **Apr 4:** Ex 9:29–10:20, Heb 3:1–19; **Apr 5:** Ex 10:21–11:10, Heb 4:1–16; **Apr 6:** Ex 12:1–28, Heb 5:1–14; **Apr 7:** Ex 12:29–32; 13:1–16, Heb 6:1–20; **Apr 8:** Ex 13:17–14:9, Heb 7:1–22.



# Sermon Notes

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# Prayer List

## CHURCH MEMBERS

Jeff Piegols (recovering from heart valve replacement surgery)  
Rik Johnsson (recovering from shoulder surgery)  
Rich Foks (recovering from knee surgery)  
Debbie Frech (cancer)  
John Gay (cancer)  
Lindsey Gay  
Paula Staudinger (strength and recovery from a back procedure)  
Bruce Staudinger (strength and grace as Paula's full time caregiver)  
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



## SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

John and Emily Garland, sister of RobbinDungey, and family (John in hospice care) 4/2  
Martha McGlynn, LWML president of the Baltimore Zone (prayers for positive test results) 4/2  
Bill Emmerich, twin brother of Betsy Mitchell (recovering from heart valve replacement) 3/19  
Joseph Reynolds, father-in-law of Gloria Waibel Reynolds (in Home Hospice) 4/2  
Arianna and Ian Grams, niece and nephew of Dana Stigdon (peace and wisdom as they learn to navigate life without parents) 4/2  
Anita Cohen (hospitalized for weakness after chemo) 4/2  
Ed Cohen, husband of Anita (strength and peace as caregiver) 4/2  
Pastor Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer treatments) 4/2



Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email [pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org](mailto:pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org) or [dana.stigdon@spiscatonsville.org](mailto:dana.stigdon@spiscatonsville.org) or call the church office at 410-747-1897. Family and friends will automatically be removed after one month. If you want your request to stay on for another month, just contact the office.



# Holy Week

Maundy Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m.

Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. with Lord's Supper