



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send
out disciples for Jesus Christ.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

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inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover
to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the
green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW)
and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page
about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us
online at www.graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

Our morning begins with joyful chaos. We wave palm fronds as we walk, shouting hosannas as we welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. By the time we leave, we have heard the shocking end of the story. A mockery is made of justice. A man whose message was the unconditional love of God is put to death by a world that runs on power and fear. Somehow, God uses this sorrowful ending to open up a new beginning. Today, we give thanks that the crucified One is truly God's Son, and that out of his death comes life.



✠ **GATHERING** ✠

We gather in the atrium.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

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.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1–11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it,⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

We raise our palms during the Thanksgiving.

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 him 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.**

We follow the cross in procession to the nave.

ENTRANCE HYMN: All Glory, Laud and Honor

(green) **LBW #108**

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 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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

GREETING

- P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- G** **Hosanna in the highest!**
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
Everlasting God,
in your endless love for the human race
you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature
and to suffer death on the cross.
In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

- L** The Word of the Lord.
G **Thanks be to God.**

The choir introduces the Antiphon; we join in singing each time thereafter.



- L Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;*
 my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
- G **For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;***
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.
- L I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
 a dismay to those of | my acquaintance;*
 when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- G **I am forgotten like a dead man, | out of mind;***
I am as useless as a | broken pot. (ANTIPHON)
- L For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;*
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
- G **But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.***
I have said, "You | are my God.
- L My times are | in your hand;*
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
- G **Make your face to shine up- | on your servant,***
and in your loving- | kindness save me." (ANTIPHON)

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
 ⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
 ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death —
 even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Philippians 2:8b

Michael D. Costello

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 15:1–47

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.

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

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

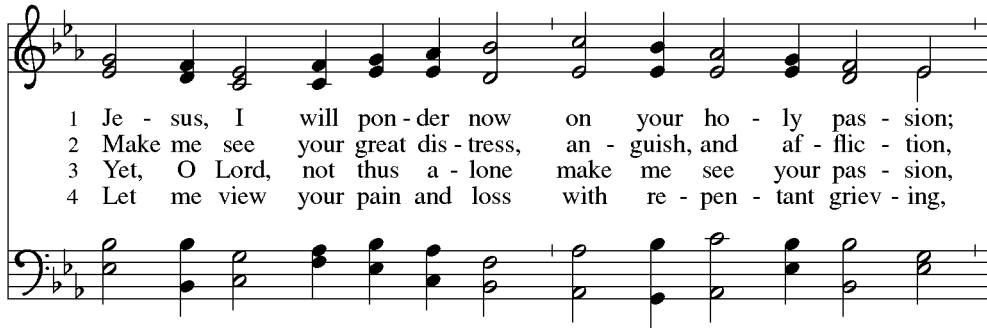
P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

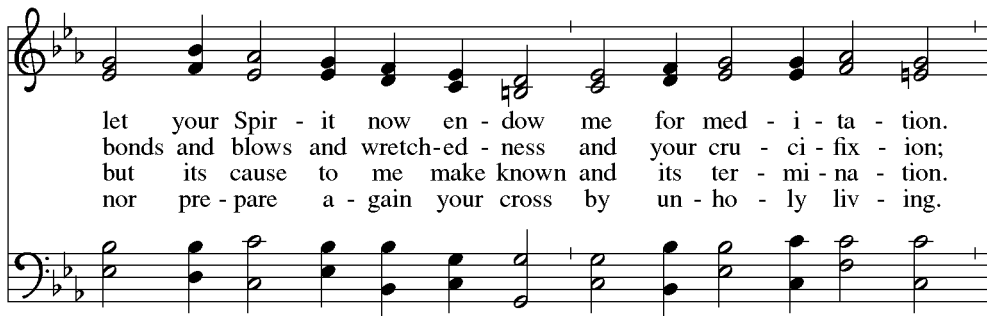
We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

(green) **LBW #115**



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,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



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,
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,

of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
G **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
G **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Jean Langlais

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Unto Him That Loved Us

Ralph Vaughan Williams

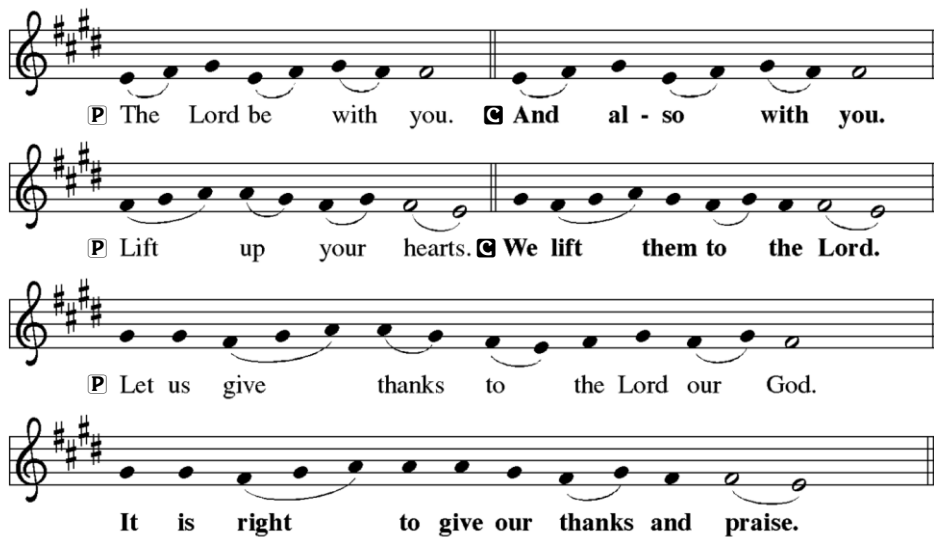
Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood
and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father,
unto him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5–6

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
G **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



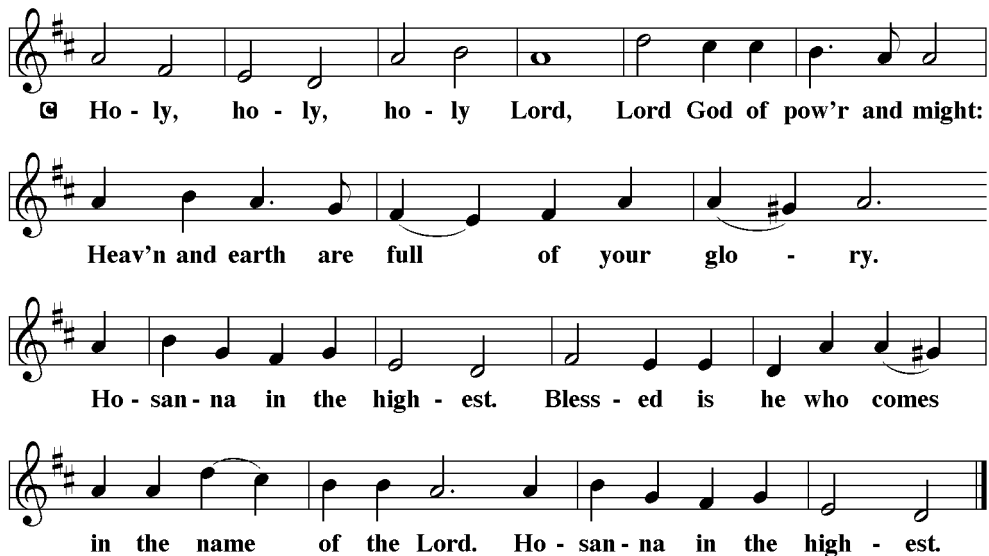
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- 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:



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.

☐ Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
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.

We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us
through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary
and rose again to make us living branches,
drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world.

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.

Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power,
to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord
who comes to us in his body and blood.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

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

☑ **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.**

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,



have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -



est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,



grant us thy peace! A - - - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown

Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Fair and Eloquent Flowers

Jonathan D. Campbell

Fair and eloquent flowers have the children strewn before the King.
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever.

Fair and eloquent flowers have the children strewn before the King.
My heart is stricken and withered like grass. I am too weak to eat my bread.

Fair and eloquent flowers have the children strewn before the King. Sing hosanna!
Ephrem the Syrian, 4th century, tr. Sebastian Brock, based on Isaiah 40:8 and Psalm 102:5

HYMN: My Song Is Love Unknown

(blue) **WOV #661**



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
stow; but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their
way; a mur - der - er they save, the prince of life they



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suff - 'ring goes



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

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683

Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland, 1879–1962

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ANTHEM: *Pueri Hebræorum*

*Pueri Hebræorum,
portantes ramos olivarum,
obviaverunt Domino,
clamantes et dicentes:
Hosanna in excelsis Deo!*

Randall Thompson

The Hebrew children,
bearing olive branches,
went forth to meet the Lord,
crying out and saying:
Hosanna to God in the highest!

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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, we give you thanks that you have fed us with the bread of heaven, the body and blood of your Son.

In your mercy, sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage, that faith in you might be revealed in acts of fervent love toward one another; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

G Amen.



SENDING HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane

(green) LBW #109



1 Go to dark Geth-se-ma - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Marking the solemnity of this Holy Week, we depart from worship this day in silence.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Rich Schubkegel, assisting minister

Lori Martin, deacon

Grace 5-8 Grade Choir

Johanna Johnson, director

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Mary Beth Logas, David Simpson, lectors

Ellen Claud, crucifer

Kathryn Jandeska, Paulette Reddel, gift bearers

Richard Calhoun, Mary Rasmusson, Scott Schwar, Alex Tan, ushers

Cindy Rohlving, Donna Serpico, altar guild

Ruth Reko, Allison and Avery Tan, greeters

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 Brad Bishop (*brother-in-law of Julie Modrich*)
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 Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
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 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
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 John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)
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 Betty McClerren (*aunt of Stephanie Wilkening*)
 Charles Miller (*friend of Ruth Reko*)
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 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
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Benevolence ministries

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For those who mourn

Steve Cross (*friend of Jill Koski*)

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Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

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Those studying abroad

Lila Shea (*England*)

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Those who are homebound

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Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong (earmstrong@gracriverforest.org) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht (kathy.lucht@gmail.com) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MARCH 24

Library Open (self service)	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m.
Holy Week Activity Packets Pick-Up (Atrium)	9:00 a.m.
White Garment Conversations (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room)	3:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers	3:45 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Morning Responsive Prayer	8:30 a.m.
Kontras Quartet Seven Last Words (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Training (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.
Dads of Gracce (Offsite)	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Responsive Prayer	8:30 a.m.
Women's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Responsive Prayer	8:30 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Maundy Thursday Worship – Holy Communion	8:30 a.m.
GriefShare (Church Library)	9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship – Holy Communion	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Journey to the Cross	8:30 a.m.
Adoration of the Cross	12:00 p.m.
Building closed until evening service	1:30 p.m.
Adoration of the Cross	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Vigil Rehearsal	11:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil – Holy Communion	7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Worship – Holy Communion	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
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(Prelude music at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.)

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