

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Vision:

“Messiah seeks to grow as a congregation of the ELCA called by Christ, gathered by the gospel, and sent by the Holy Spirit into our communities to share and celebrate God’s compassion and love.”

MARCH 25, 2018 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION



10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

*Pastor, Tom Pederson
Organist, Thom Britton
Choir Director, Keith Geiman*

Secretary & Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We welcome all friends and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. Please come forward to the altar to receive the sacrament. Non-communing children receive a blessing from the Pastor. White grape juice is available in an individual tray. Infants and small children are welcome at worship or the nursery is available for children kindergarten and under. If you need the nursery for your child, please speak with an usher.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

*ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

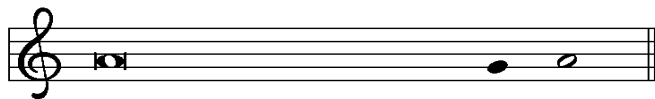
Praise to you, O Christ.

***THE GATHERING:** Congregational Hymn # 344 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
(Palms may be brought to the cross and placed at the base during the singing of the gathering hymn.)

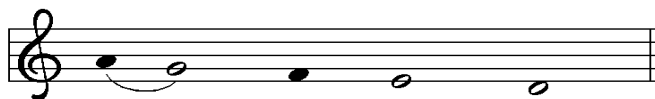
*GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

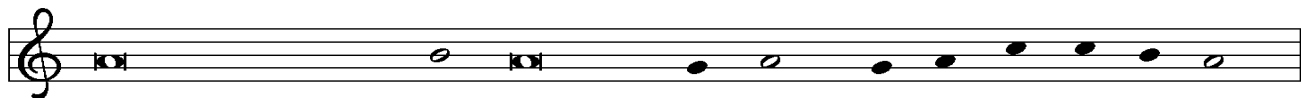
*KYRIE



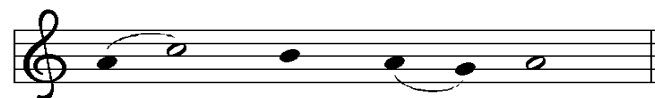
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

***KYRIE (CONTINUED)**



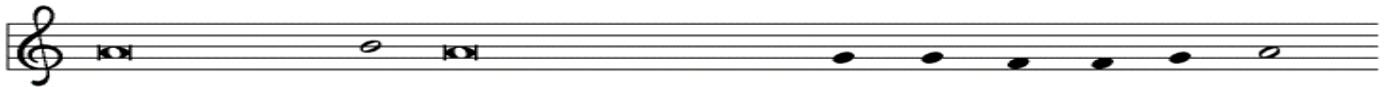
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“Hosanna”

SECOND READING:

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL READING:**

Mark 14:1-11; 15:1-39 (*referenced*)

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them.

¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

(*Mark 15:1-39*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pr. Tom Pederson

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** Congregational Hymn # 338 “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*”

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Response: **hear our prayer.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

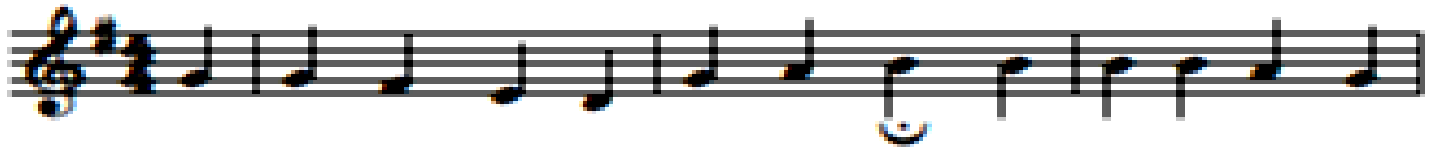
The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you always.

And also with you.

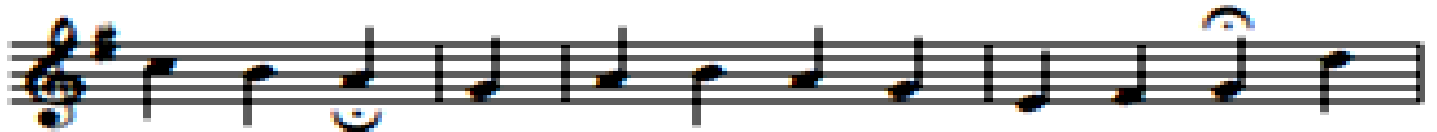
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*THE DOXOLOGY

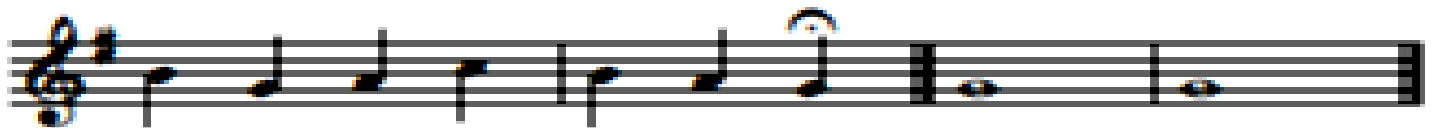
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea tures



here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION:



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

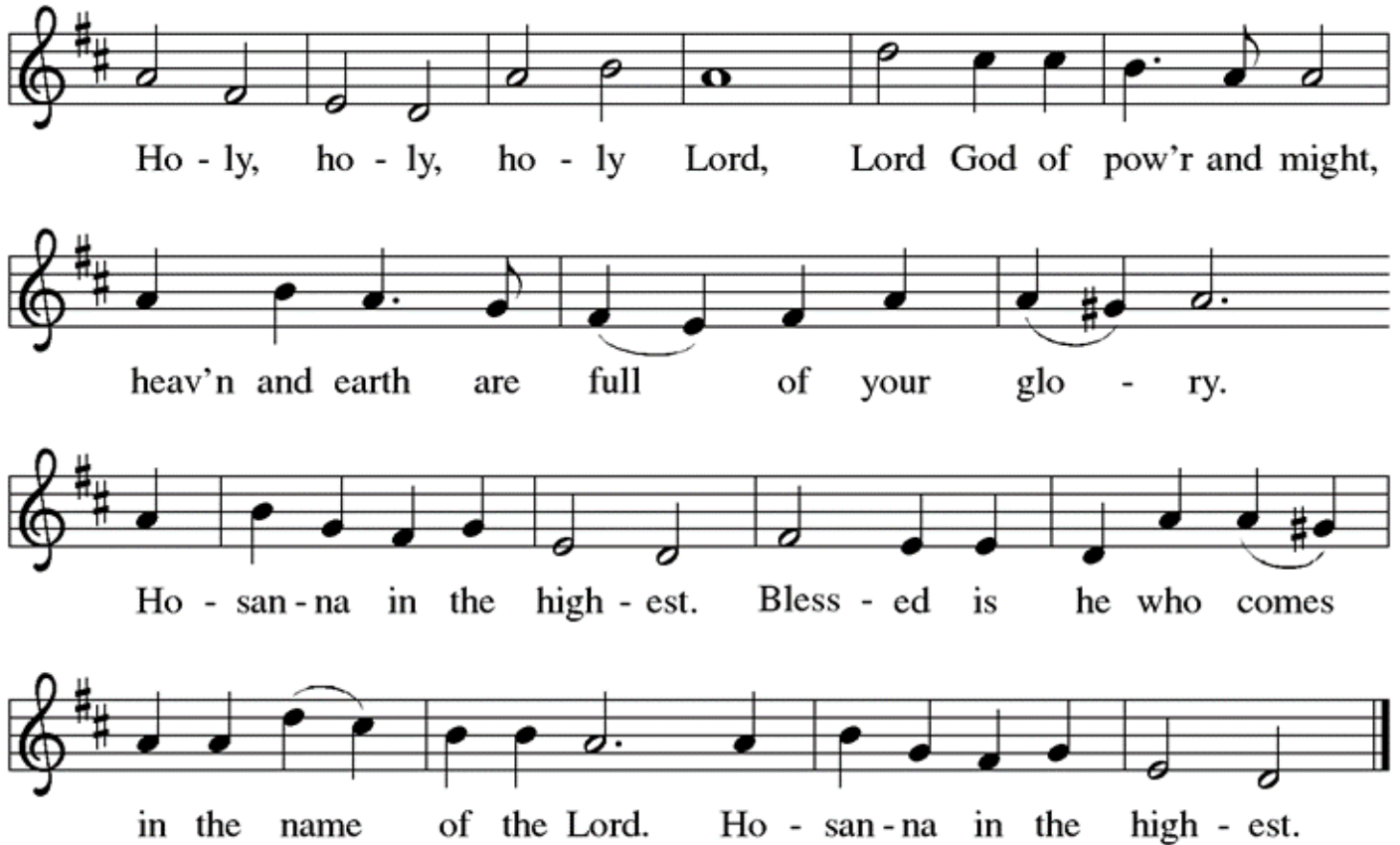


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



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.

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

The Lord's Table is the bridge that allows us to cross the divide of all our differences. Christ welcomes all of us to His Table for communion with Him and one another.

THE COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD:



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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *(After hymn is sung music will continue until the close of communion.)*

471 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

The embrace of the Father

Be the comfort you desire.

The name of the Son

Be the one on whom you rely.

The presence of the Spirit

Be with you every hour.

The Three in One

Be the focus of all you are.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

Sung Response: **Three-Fold Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN:** Congregational Hymn # 347 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

SENDING

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.