



HOSANNA

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Please turn off all cell phones.*

*If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.*

*Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.*

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In the order of service, the words  
that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

**Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.**

# **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY / PALM SUNDAY**

*Sunday, April 2, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

## PRELUDE

*The congregation gathers around the baptismal font.*

## PROCESSIONAL LITANY

Hosanna!

**Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

The One we have long awaited,  
the Son of David, has come.

**Hosanna!**

Riding into Jerusalem,  
not on a warhorse, but on a young donkey.

**Hosanna!**

This is Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.

**Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## PROCESSIONAL READING

Listen to the story of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem from the Gospel of Matthew.

### Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead 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, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<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 their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation returns to their seats up the aisles,  
following the cross and the pastors.*

## PROCESSIONAL

*“Prepare the Palms of Praise”  
MVLC Sanctuary Choir and MVLC Handbell Choir*

# KYRIE • "O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US"

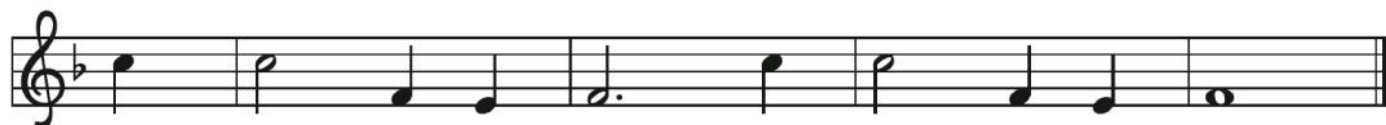
*All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven*



O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

## 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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE • "JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 335*



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Righteous God,  
you brought your son Jesus into Jerusalem  
to show people the radical grace of your love.

Show us this grace,  
and give us eyes to see your goodness.

We pray these things  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*



# PSALM 118 • "THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS"

*Lyric Psalter*



The stone re - ject-ed by the build - ers has be -



come the cor - ner - stone; the



stone re - ject-ed by the build - ers has be -



come the cor - ner - stone.

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust, trust in man;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **Refrain.**

I will thank you, for you have answered, and you are my savior.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes. **Refrain.**

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
I will thank you, for you have answered, and you are my savior.  
Give praise to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.  
**Refrain.**

# ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

*All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven*



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word,



we will trust . . . . . your word.

## READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

### Matthew 21:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

<sup>14</sup>The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup>But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry <sup>16</sup>and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?"

<sup>17</sup>He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

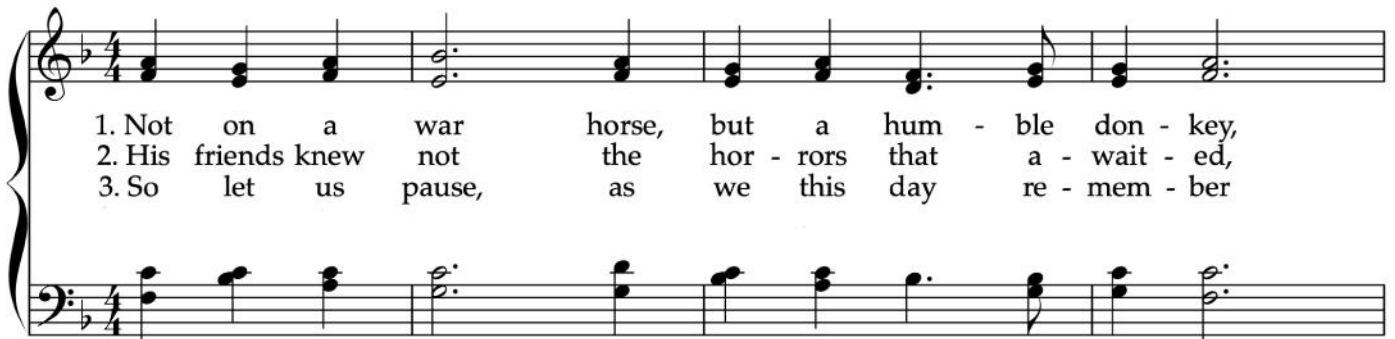
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Pastor Briana Merkle.

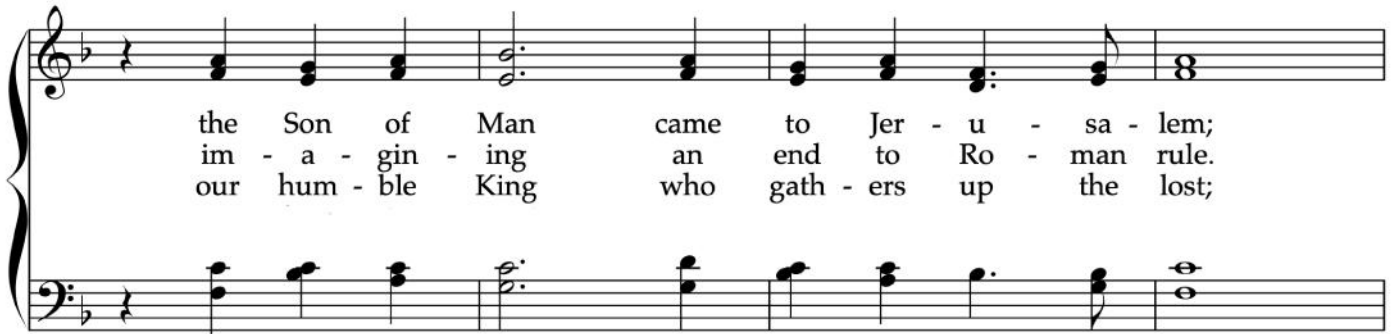
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# HYMN OF THE DAY • "NOT ON A WAR HORSE, BUT A HUMBLE DONKEY"

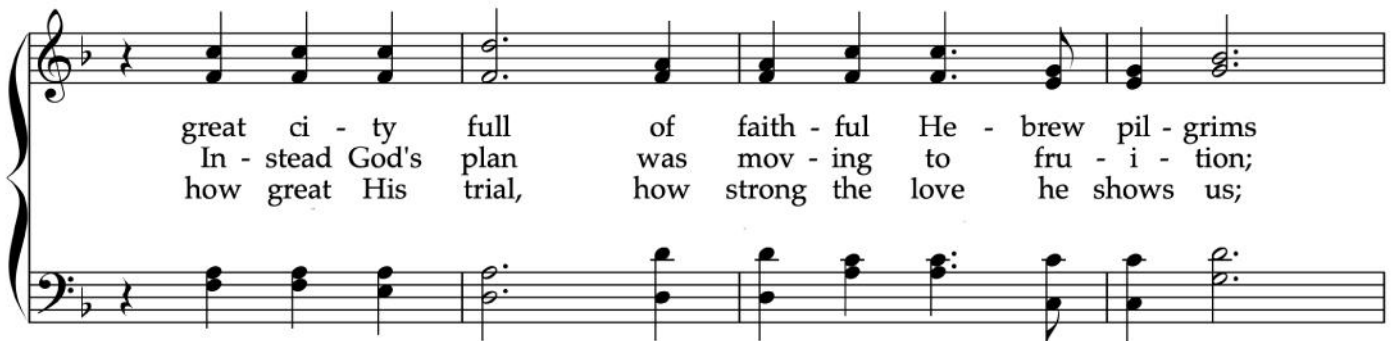
David Miller



1. Not on a war horse, but a hum - ble don - key,  
2. His friends knew not the hor - rors that a - wait - ed,  
3. So let us pause, as we this day re - mem - ber



the Son of Man came to Jer - u - sa - lem;  
im - a - gin - ing an end to Ro - man rule.  
our hum - ble King who gath - ers up the lost;



great ci - ty full of faith - ful He - brew pil - grims  
In - stead God's plan was mov - ing to fru - i - tion;  
how great His trial, how strong the love he shows us;

re - ceived one more as she had of - ten done.  
 his Son would gain a great - er vic - t'ry still.  
 how weak a faith that does not count the cost.

And yet this time, Christ jour - neyed in - to dan - ger; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not by the might of gath - ered re - bel ar - mies \_\_\_\_\_  
 We walk with Him, come through in - to the ci - ty; \_\_\_\_\_

— to be be - trayed, to suf - fer and to die.  
 — but strength of pur - pose and sub - mis - sive will.  
 — one fin - al meal, a sym - bol for God's grace.

# CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.**

**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 THE CHURCH

Sustained by God's abundant mercy,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit.*

## OFFERING

Christ has given his life for us. Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

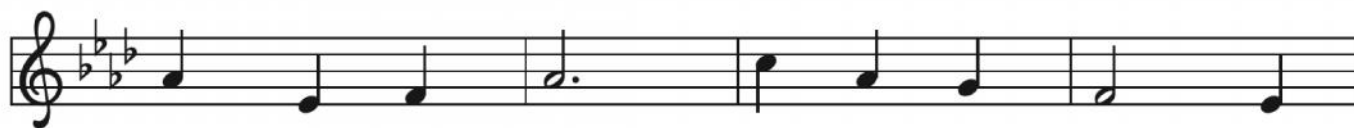
## OFFERTORY

*"A Palm Sunday Jubilation"*  
*MVLC Sanctuary Choir and MVLC Handbell Choir*

*Stand.*

# OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"

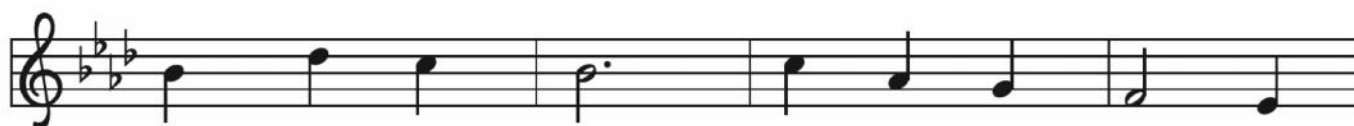
All Creation Sings 1000



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that renewed with the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

*All Creation Sings 1089*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.



. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom  
and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*Sit.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.*

# LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

*All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven*



O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -



on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Grant us your peace. A - men.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "AH, HOLY JESUS"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 349*



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "FORGIVE YOUR PEOPLE"

All Creation Sings 1008



For - give your . . . peo - ple, O Lord. For -



give your . . . peo - ple, for - give . . . us, O Lord.



- 1 For cold and cru - el nails that im - pale
- 2 For all the dead - ly blows that have torn
- 3 For bear - ing all our wounds, we a - dore
- 4 May your whole life out - poured now flow through



you, for rag - ged rings of thorns that as -  
 you, for all the bit - ter words that still  
 you. Show us your feet, your hands, we im -  
 us, and may your death re - store and re -



sail you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.  
 scorn you, for - give . . . us, O Lord.  
 plore you. For - give . . . us, O Lord.  
 new us. For - give . . . us, O Lord.

*Stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,

**at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.**

**With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,  
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors  
and touch the world with your love.**

**Amen.**

## DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to “make Christ  
and his redemptive love known by word and example.” (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion  
to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Eternal God,

**whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless  
those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our  
sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In your love  
and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this  
communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all  
feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God, the giver of love,  
+ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN • "COME INTO THE STREETS WITH ME"

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1. Come in - to the streets with me!      Come to where the crowds will be.  
2. All the peo - ple shout His name,      wav - ing branch - es, sing His fame;  
3. If the sol - diers draw their swords,      will we dare to sing these words;  
4. Je - sus goes where things are rough,      Je - sus knows when life is tough;

See a strange and gen - tle King      on a don - key trav - el - ling.      Come, and fol - low my  
Throw their coats up - on His road,      glad to praise the Son of God.  
Be His friends for just a day,      cheer Him on, then run a - way?  
Al - ways comes to us, His friends,      so His sto - ry nev - er ends.

lead - er,      Come, and fol - low my lead - er;      Je - sus Christ is

rid - ing by,      come, and fol - low my lead - er.



## SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*Upcoming stories from the Bible during Sunday worship:*

APRIL 9        *Easter Sunday • Matthew 28:1-10*  
APRIL 16      *Great Commission • Matthew 28:16-20*  
APRIL 23      *Peter's Vision • Acts 10:1-17, 34-48*  
APRIL 23      *Paul's Mission • Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18*

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*Upcoming Sunday morning Adult Education classes  
9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall:*

APRIL 9        *Easter Breakfast*  
APRIL 16      *ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission*  
APRIL 23      *“Faith and White Nationalism”*  
                  *with PLU Professor Seth Dowland*  
APRIL 30      *“Faith and White Nationalism”*  
                  *with PLU Professor Seth Dowland*

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*Both services*

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- J PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Todd Kelley.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Janice Harrison, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Karen Slavens.
- J BELL CHOIR: Mary Beth Dahl, Debbie Hushagen, Carol Petersen, Tina Thomas, Betsy Tunstall.

*8:15 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Chris Ray.
- J GREETER: Sandi Swanson.
- J ACOLYTE: Ezra Holden.
- J CRUCIFER: Kyra Kehm-Goins.
- J LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kathy Harris, Carol Powers.

*10:45 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Julie Kibler, Mark Kibler, Bob Yost (head usher).
- J GREETER: Barb Edmonds.
- J ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- J CRUCIFER: Camdon Cornell.
- J LECTOR: Bob Linden.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Edmonds, Ken Edmonds.
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