



*As a community following Christ,  
we **LOVE** with an open heart,  
**GROW** with a curious mind,  
and **SHARE** with a generous spirit.*

## 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.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.*

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Care Area, across from the Life Together Hall.*

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.**

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 236

# **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**

## **Palm Sunday**

*Sunday, March 24, 2024 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

### PRELUDE

*The congregation gathers around the baptismal font  
and in the Gathering Space.*

### 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 Mark.

### Mark 11:1-11

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

"Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then 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 our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

## PROCESSIONAL

*“Prepare Ye” from Godspell  
MVLC Sanctuary Choir and The Band for God’s Sake*

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 • "THE KING OF GLORY"

Worship & Praise 136

*Refrain*  
Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

Em Bm<sup>7</sup> Em

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

G C Bm/D D<sup>7</sup> G

- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
- 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
- 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

Em CM<sup>7</sup> G/B CM<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G *Refrain*

He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
 in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
 and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Hosanna!

King of all, you reign over all.

Reign in our lives,  
triumph over evil,  
and teach us to follow  
in your footsteps.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

## TEMPLE TALK

*Deacon Ministry.*



# PSALM • "THIS IS THE DAY"

Lyric Psalter, Year A • Psalm 118

*Cantor sings refrain; then all repeat.*

*Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain.*



This is the day the Lord has made;



let us re - jice and be glad.



This is the day the Lord has made;



let us re - jice and be glad.

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

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

**Refrain.**

"The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds; his right hand is exalted."

I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**Refrain.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord this has been done, a marvel in our eyes.

**Refrain.**

# ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

*With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting 5*



**Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your**



**God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to**



**an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.**

## READING

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 14:3-9

<sup>3</sup>While 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. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

*Stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "ASK THE COMPLICATED QUESTIONS"

All Creation Sings 1005



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

# 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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things,  
let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation,  
and a world in need.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace,  
and receive the prayers of our hearts,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit.*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus gave himself for the life of the world.

With humble hearts bowed in awe,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

*You can participate in the Offering electronically  
by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.*



## OFFERTORY

*“The Wondrous Day of Our God”  
MVLC Sanctuary Choir*

*Stand.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.

**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"

*With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting 5*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*Sit.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)*

*If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.*

*If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.*

## WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

Come! All who feel new or old,  
worthy or unworthy,  
loved or unloved.

Come! All who are ready  
to weep or to laugh,  
to mourn or to dance.

Come! All who are searching  
or have given up,  
whose lives are in turmoil  
or in peace.

Come! All who are here often  
or here rarely,  
who desire relationship  
or are uncertain.

Everyone, come!  
Not because the church invites you  
but because Jesus Christ invites you.  
All are welcome at this table.

Come!

# LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

*With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting 5*



**☞ 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 • "BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 474

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with



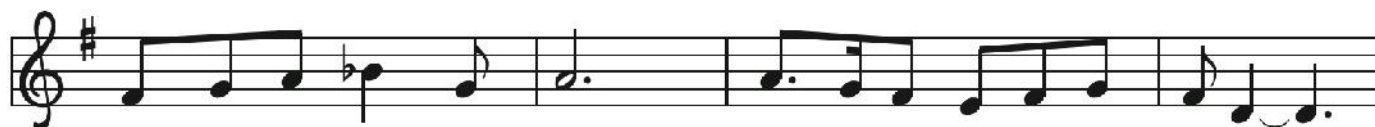
sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

# COMMUNION HYMN • "NOW IS THE TIME OF GRACE"

All Creation Sings 918

**Congregation sings refrain; cantor sings verses.**



Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.



Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.

This is the fast that God would choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to let the captives go free,  
and to break the yoke of oppression.

**Refrain.**

Sharing your bread with the hungry  
and welcoming homeless in,  
offering hope and offering help,  
this is what God requires.

**Refrain.**

Then shall your light break forth as dawn,  
and healing shall come to you quickly;  
then you shall call and God shall answer,  
God's love shall go before you.

**Refrain.**

# COMMUNION HYMN • "HERE WOULD I FEAST"

All Creation Sings 964



1 Here would I feast up - on the bread of God,  
2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness;



here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood;



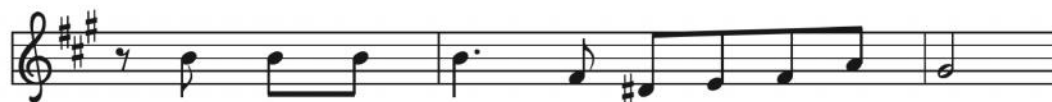
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.



3 Too soon we rise, the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;



the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



The bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,



near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

*Stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,

**at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.**

**Amen.**

## ANNUAL ALL-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.

Gracious 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 and 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 all may feast upon your abundant love  
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**



## LITANY FOR THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK

Jesus, Prince of Peace,  
**humble and riding on a donkey.**

Jesus, disturber of the peace,  
**you upset bad religion  
when it gets in the way of God.**

Jesus, upsetter of the self-righteous,  
**you turn questions on their head,  
offering no instant answers,  
but showing the way.**

Jesus, lover of the lost,  
**you say 'forgive'  
when we want to shout 'condemn!'**

Jesus, host at the table,  
**you share your best  
even in the face of our worst.**

Jesus, Savior of the world,  
**yes, even the world  
which wants you  
until it meets you.**

# SENDING HYMN • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

*All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting 11*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## SENDING

Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ.

Go forth in peace to love and serve the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

### ***Maundy Thursday***

Thursday, March 28, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.

### ***Good Friday***

Friday, March 29, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.

### ***Easter Vigil***

Saturday, March 30, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.

### ***Easter Sunday***

Sunday, March 31, 2024 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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*Both services*

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- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Soren Bostrom.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD:

*8:15 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Gary Larson, Eileen Newton.
- J GREETER: Flora Larson.
- J ACOLYTES: Penelope Neptun, Gretchen Schaefer.
- J CRUCIFER: Michelle Schweikl.
- J LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sandi Swanson, Betsy Tunstall.
- J SOUND: Tore Sleveland.

*10:45 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Alison Hutton, Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson.
- J GREETER: Barb Edmonds.
- J ACOLYTE: Emilia Olson.
- J LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
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- J SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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