

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church



PALM SUNDAY
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Welcome to worship this morning! Prince of Peace is a congregation of people who are called to Live, Learn and Grow in the Word of God. We strive to be faithful disciples in the world through our care for each other, our hospitality to those who come here to share in the fellowship of Christ, and our service to those who are in need in our community and throughout the world.

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign the guest register on the Usher's stand in the narthex and introduce yourself to the pastor.

This day, Palm/Passion Sunday, is a hybrid. We begin, celebratory tree branches in hand, with a parade inherited from the church in Jerusalem that now welcomes Christ into our cities and our assemblies, made holy by his presence. Then we soon hear the lengthy account of Christ's betrayal, arrest, torture, and death that is the apparent contradiction of everything celebrated in the entrance procession. Together, these two striking—and contrasting—liturgical events bear witness not only to the diversity of Christian liturgical traditions, but also to the tension at the heart of Christian theology. And as if that tension weren't already striking enough, we proceed from the passion reading into the meal that, as always, holds together Christ's death for us and his life for us, feeding us with both. This is the beginning of Holy Week. Take time to return for the rest of the week's worship and expand your faith and understanding of God's true love for each of us.

Pastor Bill Schaefer

Some Practical Things:

- **Restrooms** are located in the Sunday School section of the building. Walk out of the sanctuary and continue across the narthex, through the double doors and the restrooms will be on your right after you pass the two class rooms.
- **Children:** All children, even those who chat, cry, laugh or are having a rough morning, are always welcome here. If your child needs to move about, please feel free to walk around the back of the church or in the Narthex with your child during the service.
- **Holy Communion:** We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion every Sunday at Prince of Peace. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are welcome at this, the Lord's Table, to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You will find more information in this worship folder. Our ushers will help guide you.
- **Prayer Requests:** If there is someone you wish us to pray for over the next few days or weeks, please take a moment to fill out one of the white prayer cards that is in the pew racks and either give it to the pastor or one of the ushers or place it in the offering plate.
- **If you are interested in membership** here at Prince of Peace, please take a moment to speak with the pastor before you leave for more information about the congregation and membership.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able

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

C Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Mark 11:1-11

P The processional gospel according to St. Mark in the 11th chapter

C **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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

The congregation raises its palm branches to be blessed

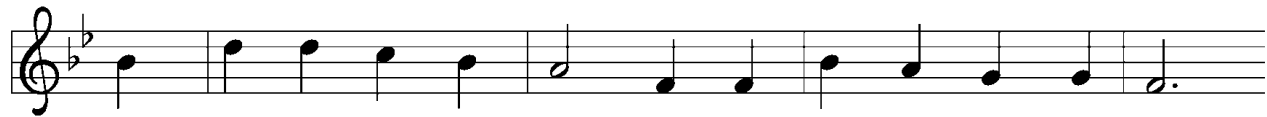
P Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow 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.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

GATHERING HYMN *All Glory, Laud and Honor*



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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

P As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

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?

Lector The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For 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.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

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.

Lector The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

You may remain seated for the reading of the Passion story.

GOSPEL

Mark 14:1--15:47

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus according to St. Mark in the 14th and 15th chapters.

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

The Gospel is not printed here due to its length. Listen to the Gospel today and listen for something that you have never heard before. Ponder what you heard and what it means for you in your faith journey.

The gospel concludes:

P This is Passion of the Lord.

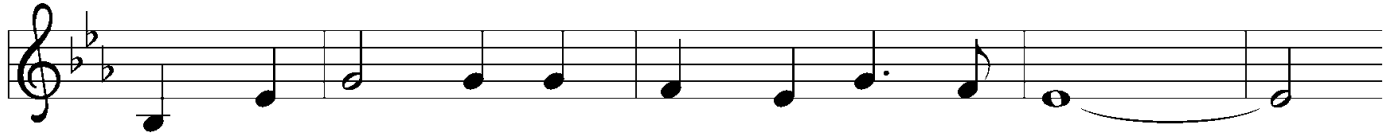
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A Time of Silence for reflection follows the reading of the Passion

Please stand as you are able as we sing the Hymn of the Day

HYMN OF THE DAY

Were You There



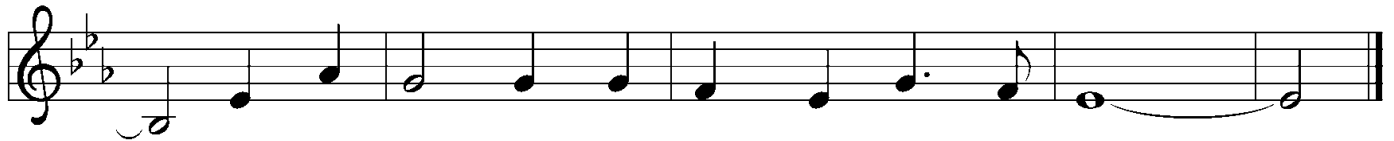
- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
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 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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 INTERCESSION

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Lord in your mercy **C** Hear our prayer

P Into your hands O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please stand as you are able and share the Peace of Christ with those around you as they are comfortable.

MEAL

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



☞ 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.
We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert,
pouring out his life for 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for
all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

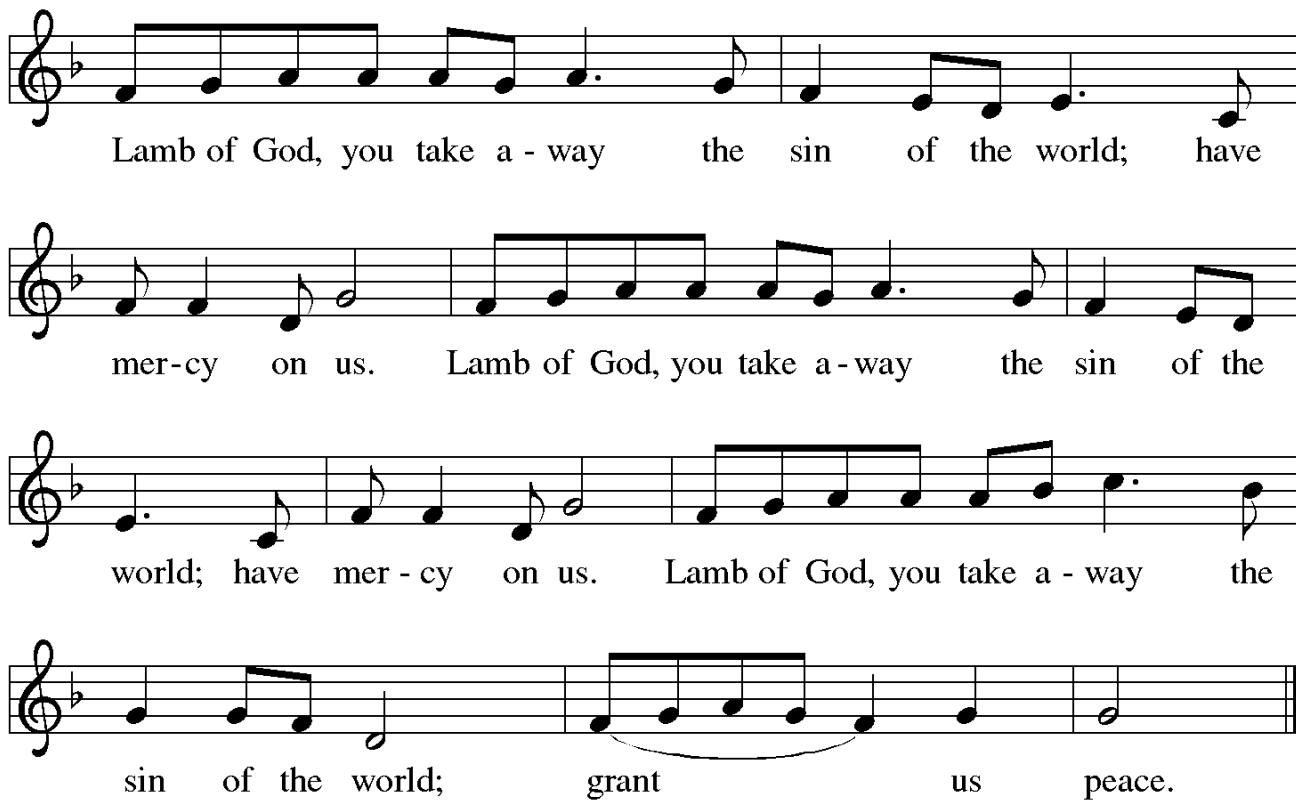
P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

P These are the gifts of God for the people of God, come for the banquet is now ready.



COMMUNION

*Please be seated. As we gather around the table of our Lord, all Baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. Children visiting with us today, who receive the Sacrament in their home congregation, should follow the practices from that congregation. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament this morning, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this to the Pastor as you come forward. The Sacrament will be distributed in both bread and wine today. The usher will invite you forward to come to the Altar. Please fill in the altar rail from the organ side around to the pulpit side and you may kneel or stand to receive the Sacrament today. You will receive the bread from the pastor and then the Lay Assistant will come to you with a tray of pre-filled wine glasses. Carefully take one and drink the wine. **Gluten-free wafers are available – ask the Pastor for them when you come forward.** There will be a basket on the end of the pew for you to dispose of your used cup. Then return to your seat via the side aisles. After all have communed, please stand as you are able.*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace unto life everlasting.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of your Word and this holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go out as your disciples in the world, following after Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *The Old Rugged Cross* (Printed on the next page)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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On a Hill Far Away

The Old Rugged Cross



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.



Holy Week

Wednesday in Holy Week March 27th
7:00 PM Taizé Service of Healing and Wholeness

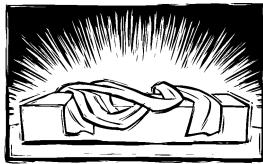


Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM at POP
Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 29th

The Church will be open throughout the day for you to come to pray and mediate on the Crucified Christ

7:30 PM at POP
Veneration of the Cross
and Service of
Tenebrae



EASTER

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM at POP
Festival Service of Easter at 9:00 AM at Trinity
Festival Service of Easter at 10:30 AM at POP