

**LORD's Day Service – April 2, 2023
Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

Preparation for Worship: *Isaiah 53:9; Psalm 22:29*

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

(Congregation gathers in back for procession into sanctuary)

* *Entrance* See Insert
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

* *Call to Worship* Matthew 21:1-11

Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Minister: Hosanna!

Congregation: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

Minister: Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that comes in the name
of the LORD!

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest!

* *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #173
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Reading of the Law – Call to Confession Isaiah 59:1-2, 12-13a

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against You, opposing Your will in our lives by breaking Your law. We have denied Your goodness in our thoughts and in failing to do good to others. We repent of the evil we have done, of yielding ourselves as slaves to sin. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, Who bore our sins on the cross, that we may abide in Your love and serve only Your will. Amen! (*Silent prayer*)

Assurance of Pardon Micah 7:18-19

The Almighty and merciful Lord forgive you of all your sins, and grant you true repentance, amendment of life, with grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!

Minister: It is right to praise You, Almighty God, for the 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 proclaimed King of kings by those who met Him with loud Hosannas. Grant that we who bear His name may ever obey Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name,, singing:

The Sanctus Songbook, #79

Hymn Psalter, #16B
Preserve Me, O God for in You Do I Trust

Let us pray: **Almighty and everliving God, in Your love for the world You sent Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our nature, to suffer death upon the cross, bearing our sin and curse, and to be laid in the tomb, resting on that holy Sabbath, in all this giving us the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 53:7-12
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson Romans 6:1-4
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 27:55-66
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Jesus, the Lord of Death, Buried"

Hymn Psalter, #118C (stanzas 14-17)
This Is the Day the LORD Has Made

* *We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God*

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Petitions & the Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Let Us Stand and Proclaim Our Faith

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ is coming again!**

* Hymn

Songbook, #66
Our God Reigns

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

- * *The Lord's Commission of Us* Romans 6:4
* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Romans 15:13
* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him* Psalter, #72D

Announcements

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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The simple, unadorned cross reminds us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus, he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is *"the message of the cross...to us who are being saved is the power of God"* (1 Co 1:18).

The color used in the sanctuary in anticipation of Easter is purple or violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.