

GRACE CHURCH

IN PROVIDENCE

*The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God,
a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel
through worship, proclamation, and service to each other,
to downtown Providence, and beyond.*



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: PALM SUNDAY

SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST
WITH THE BLESSING & PROCESSION OF THE PALMS
RITE II


APRIL 2ND, 2023
10:00 AM

THE LITURGY OF THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

All assemble outside in The Pavilion Courtyard. Palms are available on a table in The Pavilion and in the Narthex at the rear of the Church. Please turn off / silence any mobile devices before the service. Thank you!


THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT

Celebrant



Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People



Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ASSIST US MERCIFULLY with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Priest A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

WHEN JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES HAD COME NEAR Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE BLESSING OVER THE BRANCHES

Celebrant



The Lord be with you.

People



And al - so with you.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks_____ to the Lord_ our God.

People

It is right_____ to give God thanks and praise._

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 as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

All raise their palms

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

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

People

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

AT THE PROCESSION

Celebrant

Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.


People

Please join in singing the Hosanna as all process from The Pavilion Courtyard down Westminster Street and into the Church via the Front Doors.

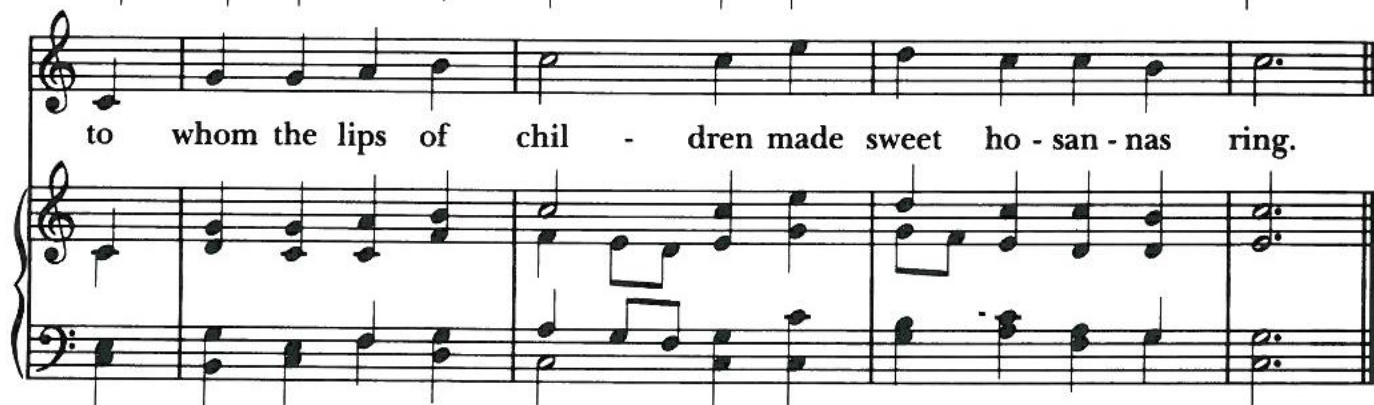
Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Bless - èd is he who comes!

Bless - èd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

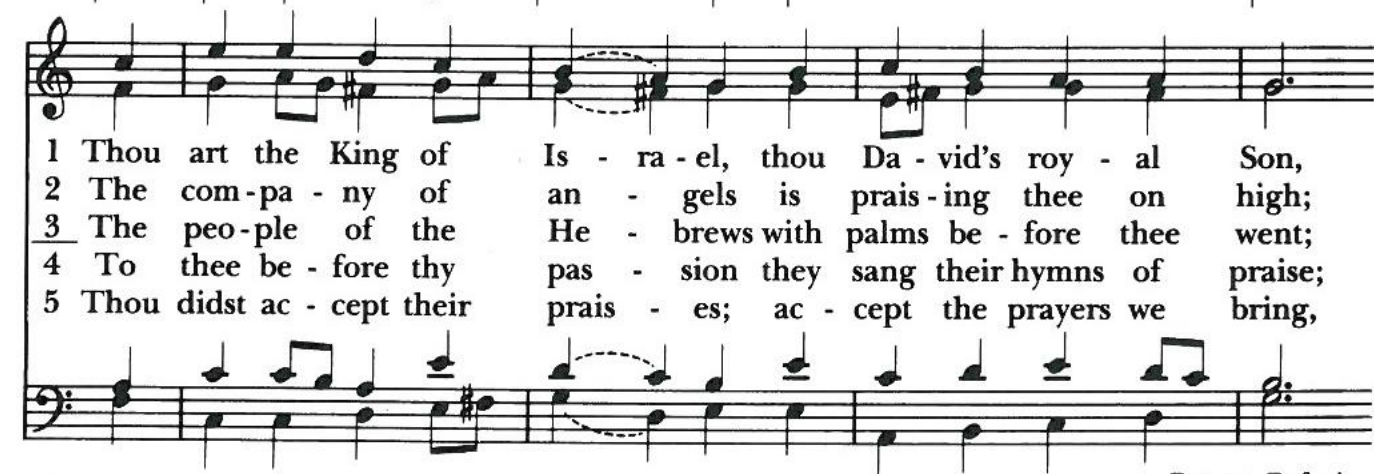
When the Choir enters the Church, please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

Refrain


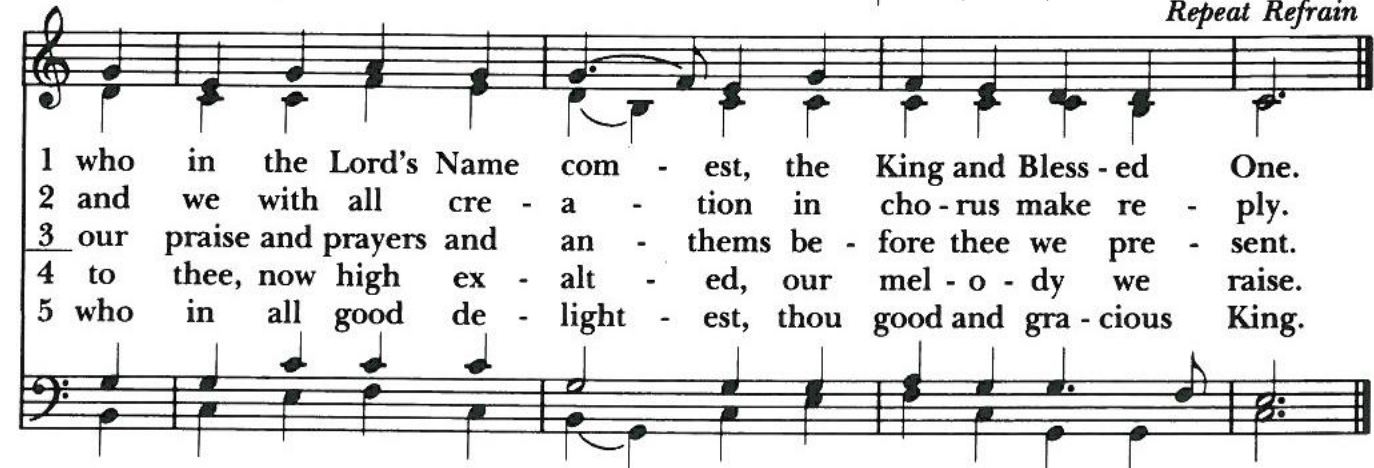
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King!



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain


1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

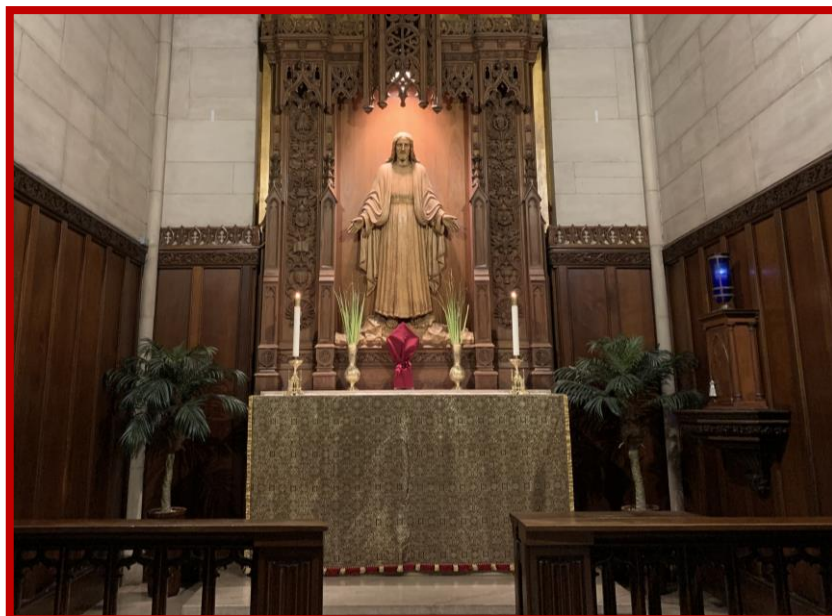
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

THE 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. The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I 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. The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the LORD God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 9 Have 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.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies, and even to my neighbors, *
 a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
 I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For 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.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
 and in your loving kindness save me."

Anglican Chant by Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

THE EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

LET THE SAME MIND BE IN YOU THAT WAS IN CHRIST JESUS, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able, and join in singing the hymn.

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 168

Stanzas 1 & 2 only

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.

Please be seated until all stand at the mention of the Crucifixion.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The Passion Gospel (Matthew 26:14-27:66) is read with the customary responses before and after omitted.

*The Congregation is seated until bidden to stand and recites all text in **bold**.*

ONE OF THE TWELVE, WHO WAS CALLED JUDAS ISCARIOT, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said,

“Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.” While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.” While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But

Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, **"He deserves death."** Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, **"Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, **"Barabbas."** Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, **"Let him be crucified!"** Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, **"Let him be crucified!"** So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered,

“His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, **“Hail, King of the Jews!”** They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called *Golgotha* (which means PLACE OF A SKULL), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, **“THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”** Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Please stand as you are able.

A moment of silence is held to contemplate the act of crucifixion, after which, the People remain standing.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, **“You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!” Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will

rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

A period of silence is kept, after which, the hymn is sung.

HYMN 168

Stanza 3 only

3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); Sts. 1-3, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)
Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

In the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, let us offer our intercessions to God.

We pray that the Church, teaching in the name of Christ, may sustain the weary with a word of courage, righteousness, and hope.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that civil authorities may open their ears and listen to the voices that cry out for food, for dignity, and for peace.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that those who face insult and degradation because of race, religious belief or political conviction may be supported by the disciples of the Lord.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that, as we celebrate this Holy Week, we may empty ourselves as Christ Jesus did, serving in unselfish love.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be delivered from the tyranny and violence of their oppressors, so that they may live in peace and safety.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for: *Adrienne and Michael Musson, Fr. Allen Warren Lucas, the repose of the soul of Peter Rossi, the family and friends of Father Livy Merchant, Victoria Jerine Gordon, James Rollins, Doris Crocker, Wally, Laura, Connie, Maya, and Erinn Huetteman.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those we name now either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

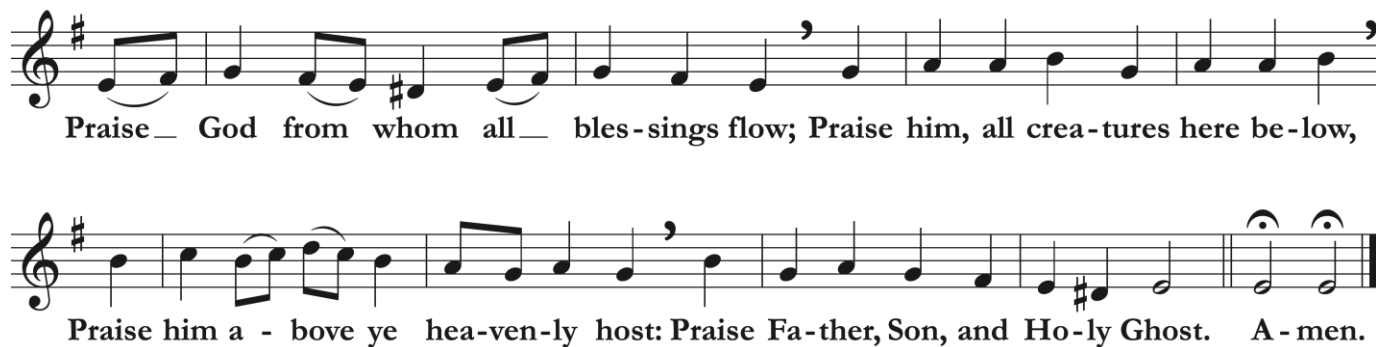
SURELY HE HATH BORNE OUR GRIEFS, and carried our sorrows!
He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;
the Chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Words: Isaiah 53:4-5

Music: from Messiah, Part the Second, HWV 56, George Frederic Händel (1685-1759)

Please stand as you are able, to sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward.

THE DOXOLOGY

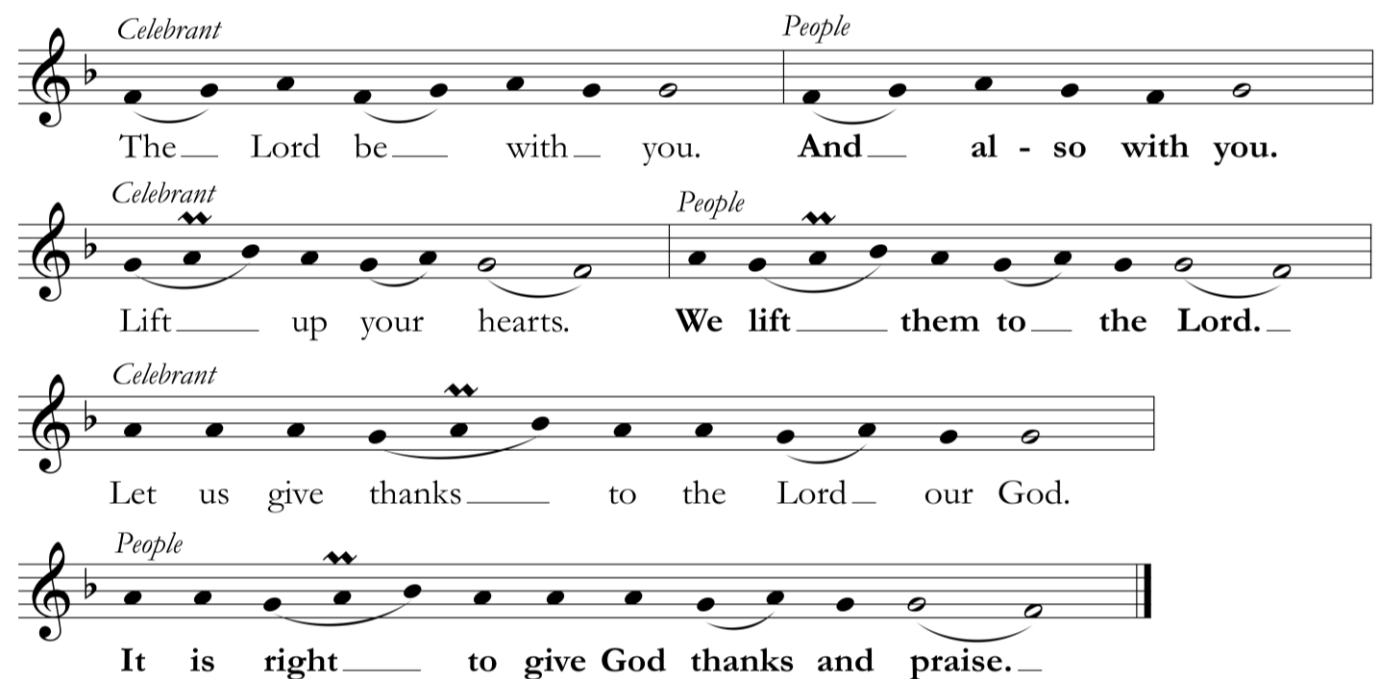


Praise— God from whom all— bles-sings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be-low,
Praise him a - bove ye hea-ven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder, 1543

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



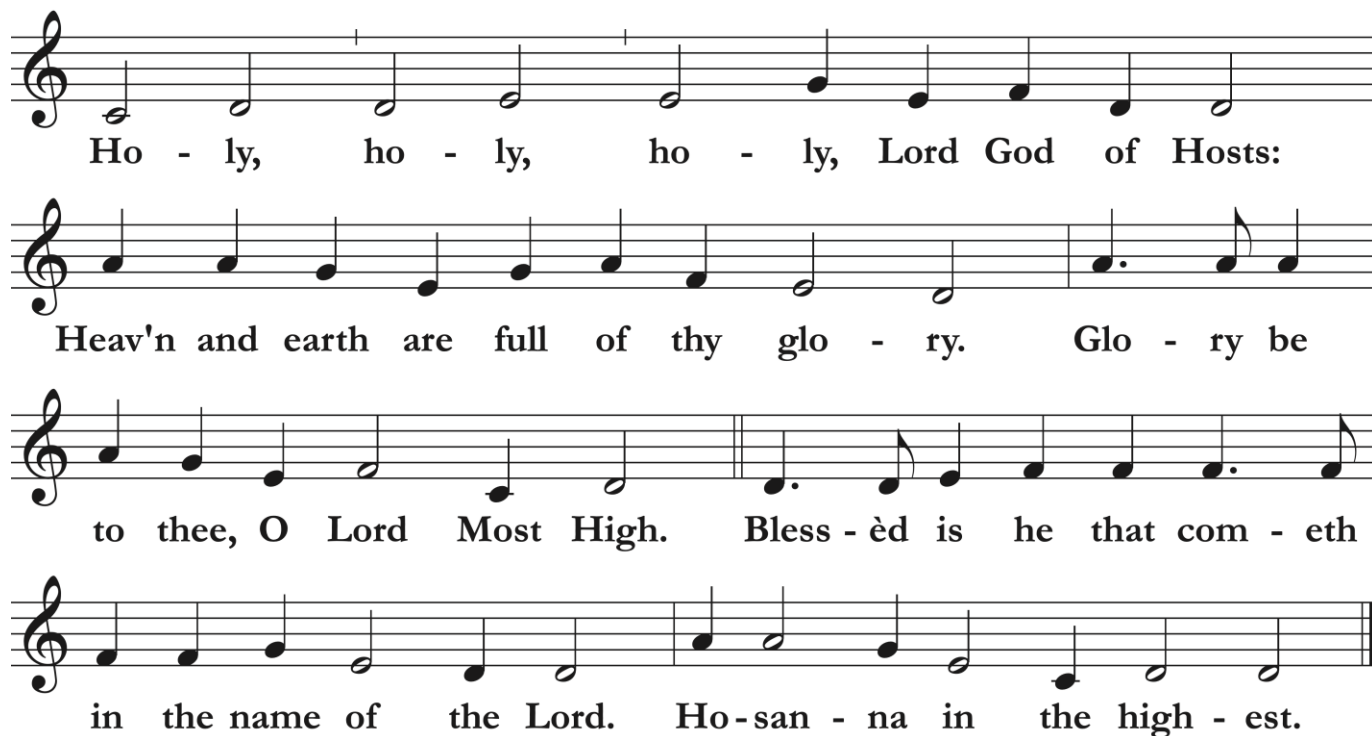
Celebrant The— Lord be— with— you. *People* And— al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift— up your hearts. *People* We lift— them to— the Lord.—
Celebrant Let us give thanks— to the Lord— our God.
People It is right— to give God thanks and praise.—

Celebrant

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Please join in singing the Sanctus & Benedictus on the following page.





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Communion Service (1549), John Merbecke (c 1518-c 1585), adapt. Hymnal 1982

Celebrant

HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

ON THE NIGHT HE WAS HANDED OVER to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

WE CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity,

constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Agnus Dei.

AGNUS DEI, S-157

Sung by all

A musical score for the Agnus Dei hymn, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the sins of the world,". The second staff continues the lyrics: "have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the". The third staff continues: "sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,". The fourth staff concludes the lyrics: "that tak-est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.".

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that tak-est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: Communion Service (1549), J. Merbecke, adapt. Hymnal 1982

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest, who will place the wafer in your hand (if you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one). If you wish to receive the wine in an individual cup, approach the Communion Station in the Baptistry to the left of the Eagle Lectern, take a small, compostable cup from the table next to the pillar, and the Minister of Communion will pour a small amount of wine into it. After drinking the wine, place the cup in the basket by the pillar and return to your seat via the Side Aisle. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar.

AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

IT IS A THING MOST WONDERFUL, almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven, and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died for love of those who loved Him not.

I sometimes think about the cross, and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns, and Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see Him die, I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire, is always burning in His heart.

And yet I want to love Thee, Lord; O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love Thee more and more, until I see Thee as Thou art.

Words: William Walsbam How (1823-1897)

Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)



Please join in singing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 474



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
 Music: Rockingham, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

We stand and say together

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us
 with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER & BLESSING OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

THE CLOSING HYMN, 479

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!
 3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

*Words: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.
 Music: Wem in Leidenstagen, Friedrich Filitz (1804-1860)*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

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Crucifer: Frank Ward

Lectors: Katherine Coumes, Erica Winter

Intercessor: Geneva Walker

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Greeters: Michael Colello, Lisa Gerlach & Lisa Doucet

Ushers: Robert Olawoye, Michael D'Alesandre, Brenda Micheletti, John Trosclair

Coffee Hour Servers: Pat Trosclair, Joe & Laurie DiBattista

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY AVAILABLE: Child care is now available for children through age 3 from 8:45am until the end of the service. Ushers are able to guide you to our Nursery.

EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC: Thank you for filling out a card located in the pews, and for your support of Easter flowers and music! Please print dedications legibly: *In memory of... in honor of... in thanksgiving for...* Place your card and gift in the green flower envelopes provided, and return in the offering plate or by mail. Dedications received **by April 4th** will be printed in the service bulletins for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

EASTER VIGIL CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION! Join us for The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter on **Saturday, April 8th at 8:00 PM**. The Vigil takes place the evening before Easter morning, and is the first celebration of Christ's triumph over death. Following the service a festive reception with champagne and sweets will be held in The Pavilion.

PARKING FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Free parking will be available for the Maundy Thursday and Easter Vigil services at the lot on Snow Street between Westminster and Chapel Streets (opposite the church's lot, which is always available for parishioners!).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2023 BROCHURES: In observance of the Paschal Triduum Grace Church offerings several special services leading up to the Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Day. To learn about the multiple worship opportunities during Holy Week, please pick up a copy of the Holy Week & Easter 2023 Brochure found on the tables in the rear of the church. We hope that you join us for these moving liturgies that illustrate the progression of Christ's betrayal and death to his glorious resurrection!



HOLY WEEK AT GRACE

PALM SUNDAY – 8 AM & 10 AM
with The Blessing & Procession of Palms

SPY WEDNESDAY: TENEBRAE – 8 PM
A Service of Darkness & Light with Chant

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 7 PM
with Foot-washing, The Stripping of the Altar, & The Garden Watch

GOOD FRIDAY – 12 NOON & 6 PM
12 Noon – Sung Passion; 6 pm – The Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY: THE GREAT VIGIL – 8 PM
Candlelight, Baptism, & The First Eucharist of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY – 8 AM & 10 AM
Choir, Organ, & Brass Quartet at 10 am

✠ **ALL ARE WELCOME!** ✠



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