

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

Traditional Worship

Austin Campus 9:00 AM, Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

P: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

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

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

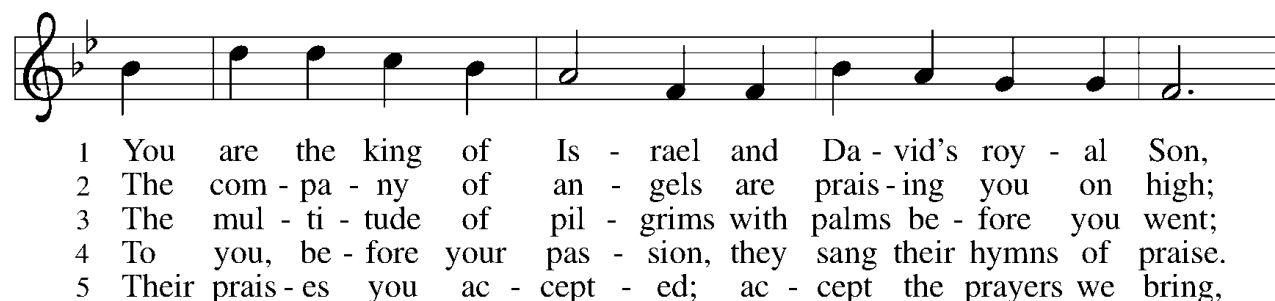
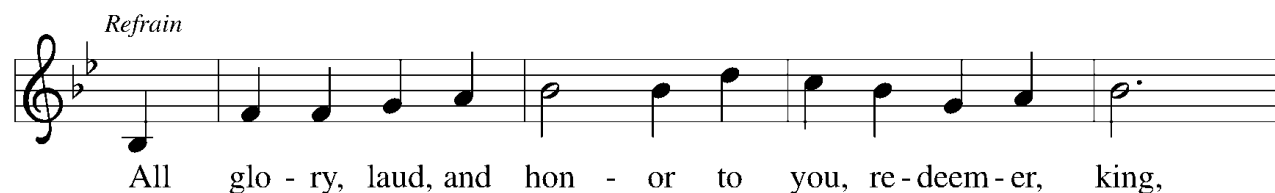
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

BLESSING OF PALMS



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 118:1-2,19-29

A: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

C: God's mercy endures forever.

A: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

A: "This is the gate of the Lord;

C: here the righteous may enter."

A: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me;

C: you have become my salvation.

A: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

A: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: Hosanna! O Lord, save us!

C: We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

A: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;

C: we bless you from the house of the Lord.

A: The Lord is God and has given us light.

C: Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

A: You are my God, and I will thank you;

C: you are my God, and I will exalt you.

A: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

C: God's mercy endures forever.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9

⁴*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 awakens—
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.*

⁵*The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.*

⁶*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.*

⁷*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;
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?*

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: PAVE THE WAY WITH BRANCHES

(2. Hope for the downtrod. 3. Land for the landless. 4. Jesus is coming.)

* Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 THE CHURCH

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

M e a l

OFFERING: *HOSANNA TO THE KING (Craig Courtney)*

Epiphany Chorale

OFFERTORY: CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

#185

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.'

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
Music © 1993 Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ELW 2

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are mostly quarter and half notes, often beamed together in groups of four. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

SANCTUS: ELW 2

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.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The notation includes eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a whole note. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: O God triune...

The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: Amen and amen.

C: Amen and amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend worship due to health concerns, please contact the church office to be included on the homebound list.

Christ welcomes you to the meal of grace! All who desire to receive Christ's nourishment and grace may join us at the Lord's Table. (9:00) Please come to the table by the center aisle and return to your seat by the front or side aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the bread in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. (10:30) Please come to the table by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by the center or a front aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the wafer in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available at the front of the center aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN: 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,

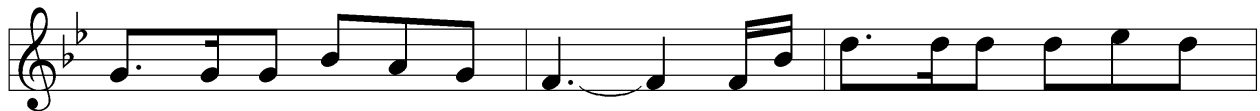


for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

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.

Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958

Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME* (vv. 1,3,5)

#590



- 1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;
2 What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;
3 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,
4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us
great woe a - rose on ev - 'ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -
we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this foun -
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for
vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as
da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; bap - tized in -
creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our



all the world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.
God in mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.
to your death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.
neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.

- 5 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit!
Lord, you have saved us by your grace;
all glory to your merit!
O triune God in heav'n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name we hallow.
- 6 Your kingdom come, your will be done
in this world as in heaven;
give bread for each new day begun;
our sins be all forgiven,
as we forgive what others do;
in ev'ry trial see us through;
from evil save us. Amen.

SENDING

A: As we leave this place, we carry the echoes of “Hosanna!” in our hearts.

C: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

A: The road before us leads to the Upper Room, to the garden of sorrow, to the cross of sacrifice.

C: We will follow in the footsteps of Christ.

A: The joy of this day will soon give way to the shadows of betrayal and suffering.

C: Yet we will not turn away, for Christ walks this road for us.

A: In the breaking of bread, in the agony of prayer, in the silence of the tomb—

C: Christ’s love will not fail.

A: Let us go now in faith, carrying the hope of resurrection even as we journey toward the cross.

C: We go in the peace of Christ, trusting in God's unfailing love. Amen.

Serving in Worship

Austin Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Pianist:	John Benjamin
Lay Reader:	Brittany Albert

Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Sandy Hought
Organist:	John Benjamin
Sound:	Melanie June Warren
Ushers:	Lon & Therese Molnar
Communion:	Wendy Beavers, Felicity Glass, Debbie Hauberg, Verity Snyder