

SENDING

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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*VISION STATEMENT

**Rooted in Christ,
we will invite all to experience God's grace,
grow as Christ's disciples,
and make a positive difference in our community and world.**

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Welcome to Worship

St. Mark Lutheran Church

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Palm Sunday
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We Are Gathered for Worship

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Birthdays and Anniversaries)

PRELUDE

***GREETING**

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

All: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us,

All: O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you heal the universe and give us true life; through your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

Mark 11:1-11

***THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

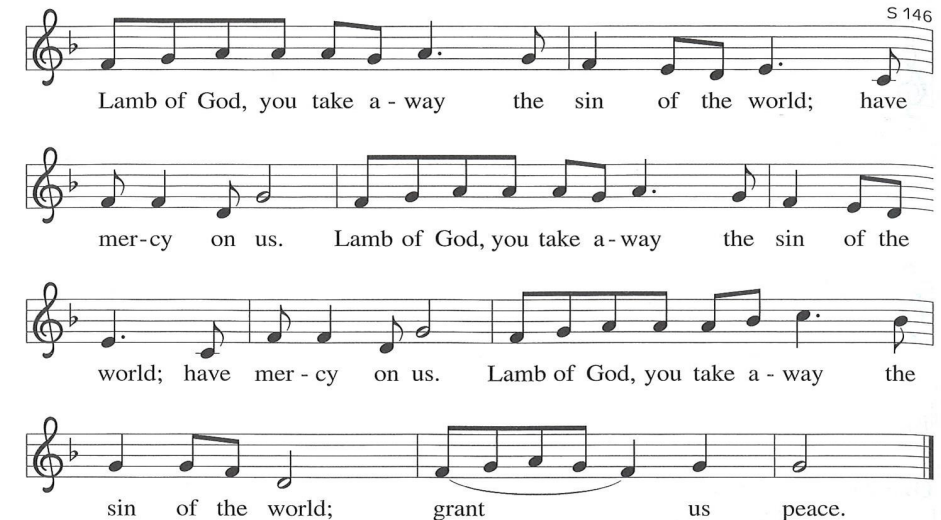
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, O God, for your great acts of love, by which you have redeemed the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. On this day he entered the holy city in triumph and was acclaimed the Messiah and King by those who spread their garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who bear 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. **AMEN.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



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COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, God of steadfast love,

At this table you gathered your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN

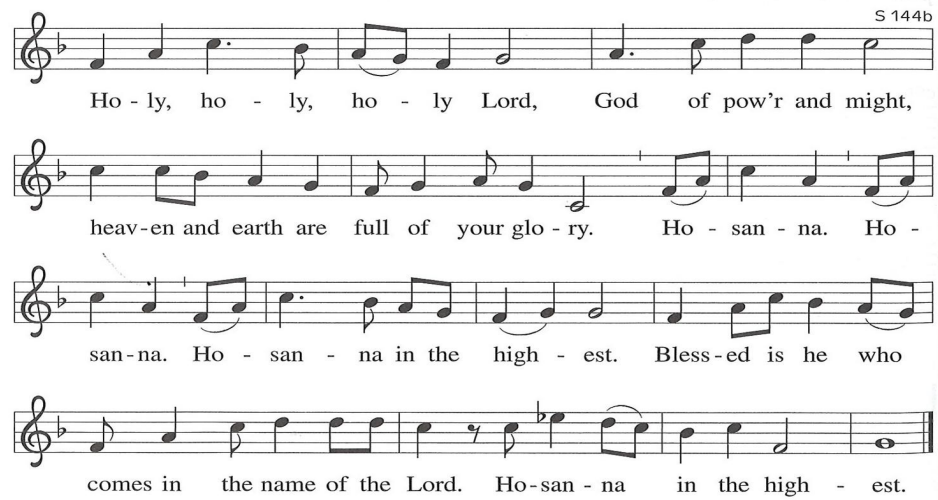
Linda Bender is authorized by the synod bishop to preside at the Lord's Table today.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray... Faithful God,
You walk beside us in our desert places, and you meet us in our hunger
with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass
over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

*The 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 God thanks and praise.
It is indeed right...we praise Your name and join their unending hymn...



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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

*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.

*PALM PROCESSIONAL

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR ELW #344
Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- [1] You are the king of Israel and David’s royal Son,
now in the Lord’s name coming, our King and Blessed One. (refrain)
- [2] The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (refrain)
- [3] The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
- [4] To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (refrain)
- [5] Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (refrain)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion or our Lord Jesus Christ
and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial,
and resurrection, let us pray.
O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer
your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve
us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

L: Word of God, Word of life. P: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16 (responsively)

**9 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.**
10 For my life is spent with sorrow
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.
**11 I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.**
12 I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
**13 For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.**
14 But I trust in you, O Lord;
I say, “You are my God.”
**15 My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**
16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

L: Word of God, Word of life. **P: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-15:47

HOMILY

Intern Linda Bender

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: Apostle’s Creed

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 again 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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those
in need, and all of God’s creation.

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING *We offer God all that we have and all that we are...*

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*