



*Sunday of the Passion*

*Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015*

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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# Welcome to Emanuel

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## **WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!**

*Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.*

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# SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

MARCH 29, 2015

9:30 AM

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## PRELUDE

*Partita on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Michael Burkhardt

## PROCESSIONAL ENTRANCE

*The congregation gathers at the entrance to the church with Palm branches. The service begins with the presiding minister's proclamation and the congregation's response, repeated three times.*

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 Gospel according to Mark, chapter 11.

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup> Then 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.

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

## BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. *(A brief silence)*  
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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*      *Red Book #344*

*Refrain and verses 1, 3 & 5 are sung by ALL; Women sing verse 2; Men sing verse 4*

**Refrain**      All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

**Verse 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**

**Verse 2 (women)**      The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3**      The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

**Refrain**

**Verse 4 (men)**      To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

**Refrain**

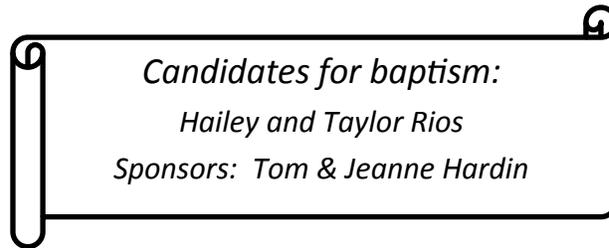
**Verse 5**      Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king.

**Refrain**

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

## BAPTISM & NEW MEMBERS



*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather at the font. The congregation is seated.*

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:*

**I present HAILEY AND TAYLOR for baptism.**

P *Hailey and Taylor*, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Each candidate responds:*

**I do.**

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your *granddaughters* baptized into Christ?

**I do.**

P As you bring your granddaughters to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your granddaughters may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your granddaughters grow in the Christian faith and life?

**I do.**

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**I do.**

P People of God, do you promise to support **HAILEY AND TAYLOR** and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C **We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The congregation stands and joins in the responses.*

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **BAPTISM**

*The assembly may be seated.*

P **NAME**, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,  
the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

Sustain **NAME** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C Amen**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.*

P **NAME**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen**

*A lighted candle is given to each of the newly baptized.*

A Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me  
will have the light of life.



### **Affirmation of Baptism and Welcome of Transfers**

*The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.*

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Friends in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for **Teri and Susan** in *their* life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### **Welcome**

A Let us welcome these newly baptized and new members of the family of Emanuel.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

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**

P Please be seated.

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a**

*The image of the servant of the Lord 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.*

- 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 wakens —  
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;



## SECOND READING: Philipians 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.*

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<b>HYMN</b>	<i>Where Charity &amp; Love Prevail</i>	Red Book #359
<b>THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK</b>		Readers Group
<b>HYMN OF THE DAY</b>	<i>Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	Red Book #335

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. You are invited to kneel.

**Response:** Lord, in your mercy,... **Hear our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Robert Leaf

Connor Skustad, Clarinet

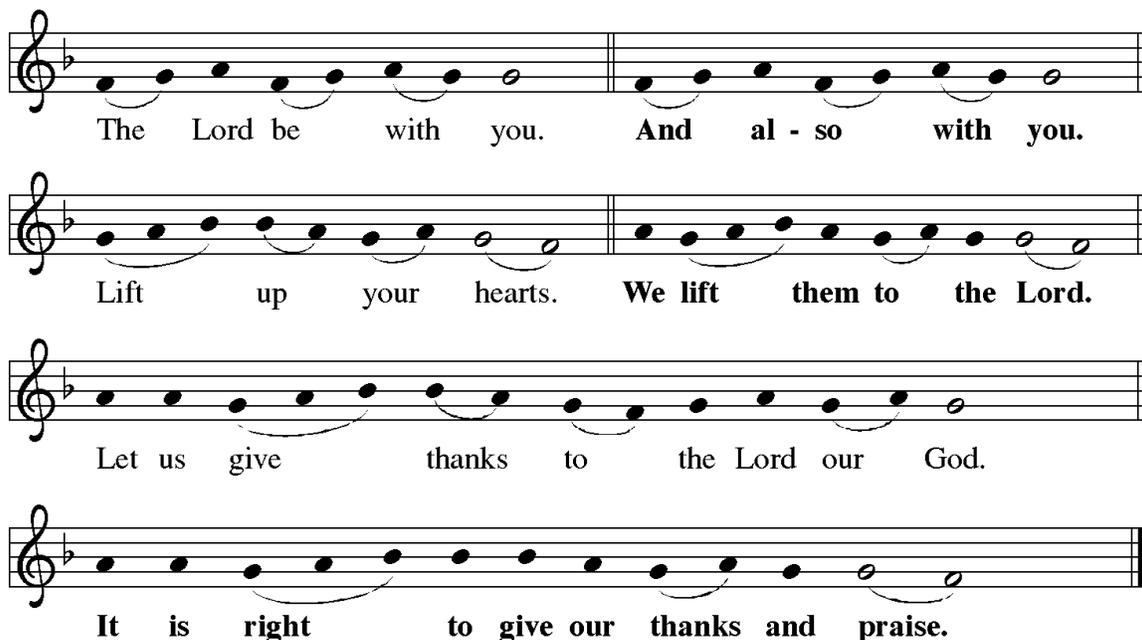
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

God of all creation,  
all you have made is good,  
and your love endures forever.  
You bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
Nourish us with these gifts,  
that we might be for the world  
signs of your gracious presence  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C **Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Great Thanksgiving musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with slurs indicating phrasing. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

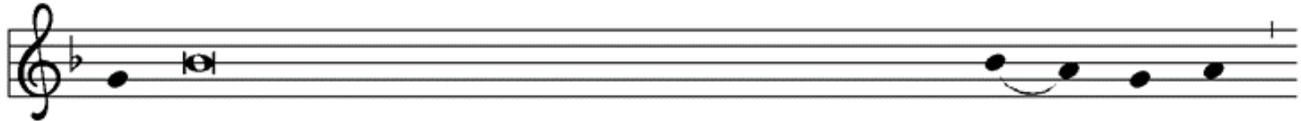
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



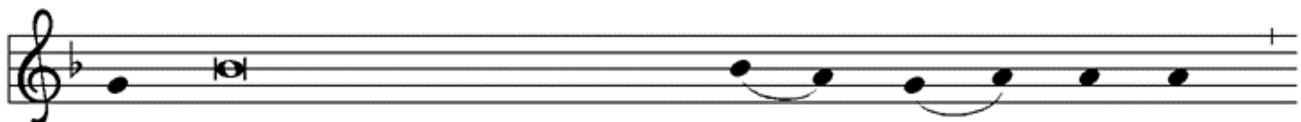
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;



whose suffering and death gave sal - va - tion to all.



You gather your people around the tree of the cross,



trans - form - ing death in - to life.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

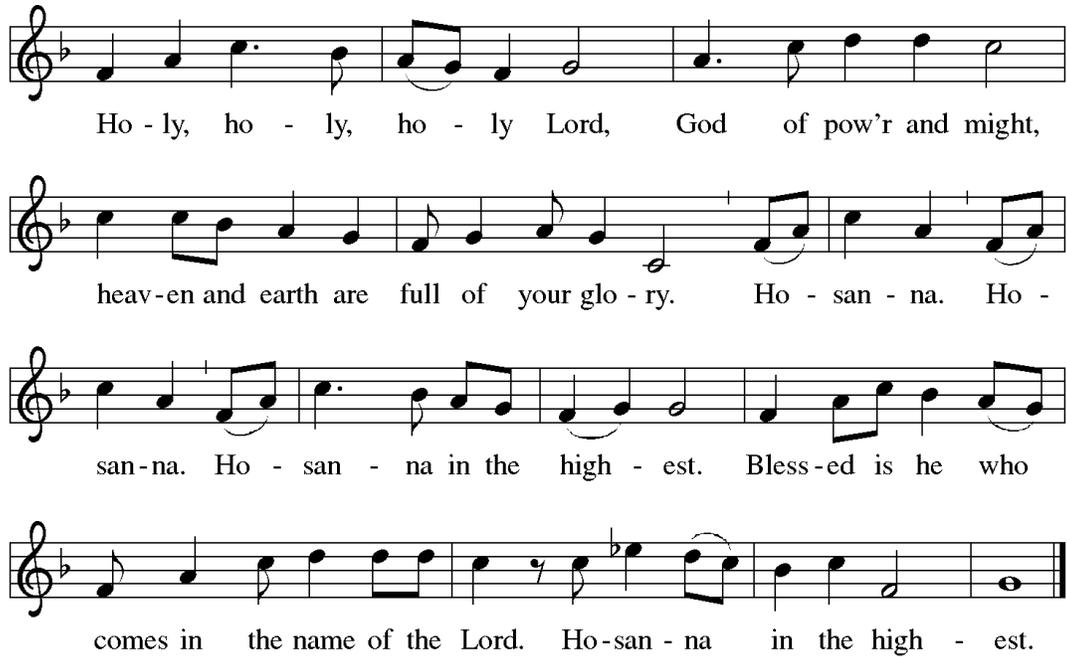


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**C Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.

Please be seated. *We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Were You There?*

Red Book #353

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

Red Book #337

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P (Please rise.) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## **BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS**

P Let us Pray...

**C O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

Red Book #346

### **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Remember the poor!

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Ride on, Ride On in Majesty*

Robert A. Hobby

## THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY

**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Bill Ruth  
**Assisting Minister** ..... Bill Reinheimer  
**Acolyte**..... Alora Skustad  
**Lectors** ..... Paula Kroeze, Dianne Santana  
**Communion Assistant** ..... Dianne Santana  
**Usher/Greeter** ..... Mike and Jeanine Clarke  
**Altar Care**..... Lois Silva



# Announcements

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*Please use your “soft” voice during and following the Prelude,  
as others may be in prayer and meditation. Thank you.*

*The purple Lenten banner was donated by the Women's Monday Night Bible Study  
in memory of Dorothy Klee, the beloved mother of Kristine Kraft.*

**Confirmation Class** with Pr. Bill Ruth after service at 10:45 am.

**Choir Rehearsal** after service at 10:45 am.

**1st Communion Class** after service at 10:45.

## **Emanuel Youth**

The Youth Group will be filling Easter eggs and having a Board Game Night **TODAY** (3/29) from 4:00—6:00 pm in the Youth Room. Bring your favorite board game and join the fun! All are welcome. Dinner will be provided

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** is cancelled for April 2nd. We will resume on April 9th.

## **HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENED AFTER EASTER?**

Who was the stranger in the garden?

For answers to this and other questions, make sure and attend the 9:30 Worship Service on Sunday, April 19. You will want to be there!

Please note that Debbie Van Diepen will be away this week (3/30 - 4/3).

# *Holy Week*

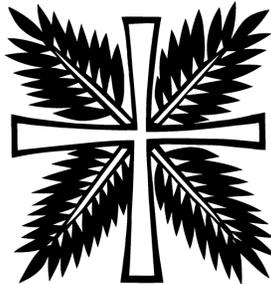
- Wednesday Lenten Vesper Service 7:00 pm
- Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
- Easter Service 9:30 am
- **Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast** 10:30 am, Easter Egg Hunt following. Be sure to sign up so that we know how many will attend.

# *Holy Week Evening Services*

## *7:00 pm*

*Final Lenten Vesper Service, Wednesday, April 1*  
*Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 2*  
*Good Friday Service, Friday, April 3*

Our journey to the joy of Easter Morning takes us to Holy Week and the final Lenten Vesper service. The week concludes with communion at the Maundy Thursday service on April 2 and a Good Friday service on April 3. All Holy Week services begin at 7:00 pm.



**Family Promise** guests return to Emanuel on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Your participation is essential in supporting these families as they work to establish more permanent housing and get their lives back on track. Please keep the program and guests in prayer as Emanuel members sign up to bring and serve a meal, host an evening (6:30 -8:30 pm), spend the night, or supply funds for supplies. The volunteer sign-up chart is in the Narthex and contributions may be placed in the offering plate. Direct your questions to David Holtz ([davidholtz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidholtz@sbcglobal.net) / 578-0926).



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 30	TUE 31	WED 1	THUR 2	FRI 3	SAT 4	SUN 5
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study <b>CANCELLED</b> <b>will resume</b> <b>4/9/15</b>	OFFICE CLOSED		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am Communion Service
						10:30 am Breakfast & Egg Hunt
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ J. Hardin's		7:00 pm Final Lenten Vesper Service	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm Good Friday Service		10:45 am Confirmation Class 10:45 am Choir Rehearsal

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Apr 2 Maundy Thursday	Pastor Bill Ruth	Paula Barton	D Holtz M Dieterich	Mary Lou Dieterich	Kailyn Knoll	Smith/ Knoll	Waggoner, Wilke, Knoll
Apr 3 Good Friday	Pastor Bill Ruth	Kathleen Reuter	P Barton W Teaney			Dieterich/ Reuter	
Apr 5 Easter Day	Pastor Bill Ruth	Eric Obermeyer	B Reinheimer S McCready	Susan McCready	Emily Cline	Fox Family	Debbie Van Diepen

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

April 2 Maundy Thursday	April 3 Good Friday	April 5 Easter Day
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8



# Prayer Requests

**Prayer Requests:** Dan & Vince—health, well-being and healing (Ixcot); Stan Schmidt—health and birthday (3/22) (Schmidt); Darrall Tuggle—healing of bone cancer (Teaney); Deborah Johns, Joy Morgan, Alley and Gregory Taylor—well-being and healing (Scott); Cindy Thompson—healing of breast cancer (Silva)

**Our Members:** Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey

**Our Homebound Members:** Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson, Esther Johnson

**Our Family:** Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith); Torrie & Nathan (Teaney); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Ian McKenzie and Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Don Harlow (Virginia Dall's son-in-law); Trevor Jeske (Steve's son) (B. Norquist); Heide Brockmann (Petersen); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Reta, Edgar, Bianca (Wise); Riegan family (Scott); Lisa Dieterich (Dieterich); Nicole and Doug Souza (Santana); Alexandra & Gregory Taylor, and Joy Morgan (Scott); Angela Gufstafson (Dieterich); Roy Harris (Dieterich); John Berlin (Lori Skustad's father); Corbin (Hollmann); Joyce Morgan, Alexandria & Gregory Taylor (Scott); Ali Moraitis (Watkins); Doug McKenzie (Schmidt); William Mangnall (Dieterich); Alice Pitts (K. Turner)

**Our Friends:** Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Nancy (Owen); Donna (Waggoner); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Kathy Laughton and Loy Rodriguez (Hardins); Donna Thayer (Petersen); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family (Reinheimer); Juan Raza & Dennis Faught (Teaney)

**We Pray for Peace** in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces. **Ryan Dangerfield, USAF** in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

**MARCH 29, 2015**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. You are invited to kneel. *(Pause for silence.)*

We pray for the church, that congregations be a home for the lost, a haven for the oppressed, and a source of healing for those broken by life's circumstances. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for new life springing forth from the earth; for those who groan in labor, those who are adopting children, and those who are unable to conceive. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians who do not have the freedom to worship openly, for political prisoners, refugees, widows, and orphans. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who care for the weary and vulnerable: nurses, hospice workers, childcare providers, and social workers. We pray that you will gently touch with healing those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. *(Pause for silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly as it enters this holy week. Sustain our pastor, musicians, staff, volunteers, and all those who will prepare for and lead worship this week, and bring us all to the joy of Easter. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the blessed saints who showed us how to live and taught us how to die. Lord, in your mercy,

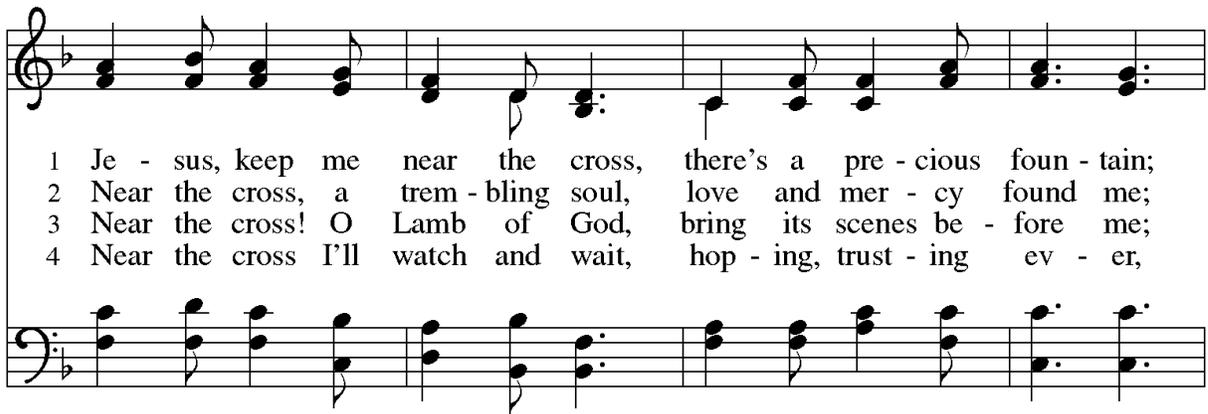
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

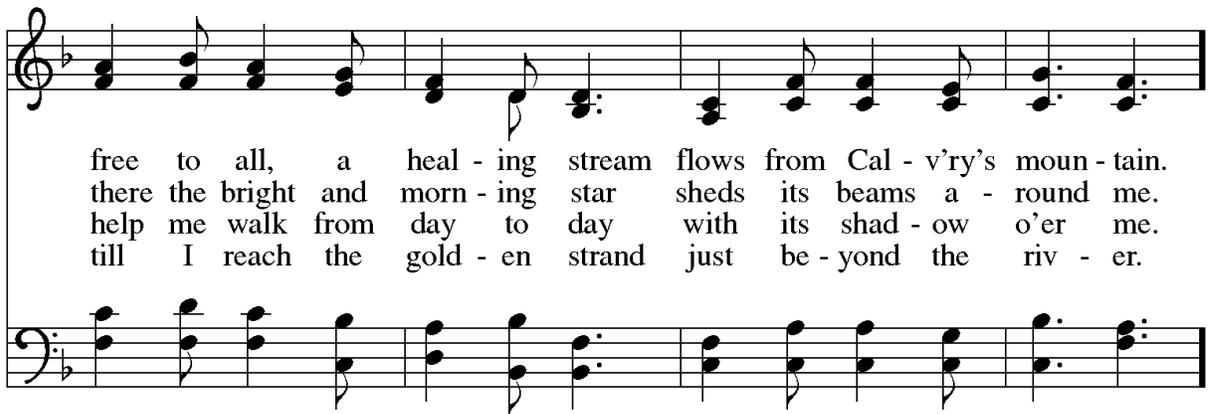
**Amen**

**Hymn #335**

**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

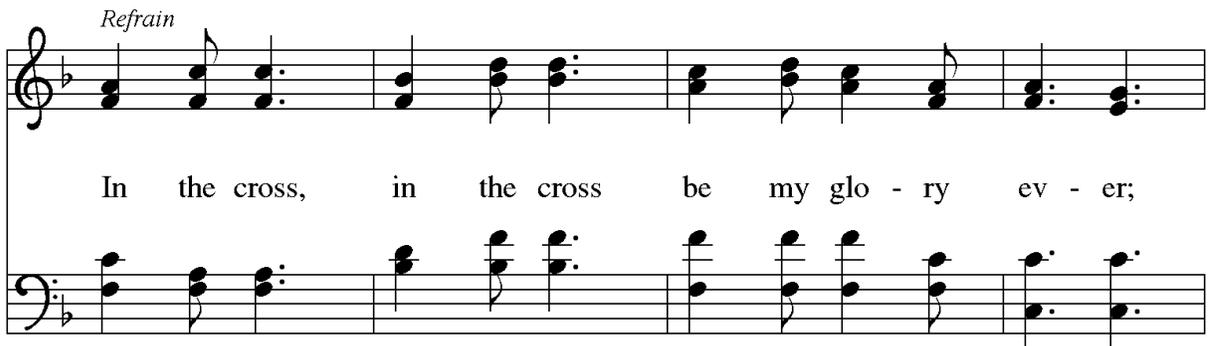


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



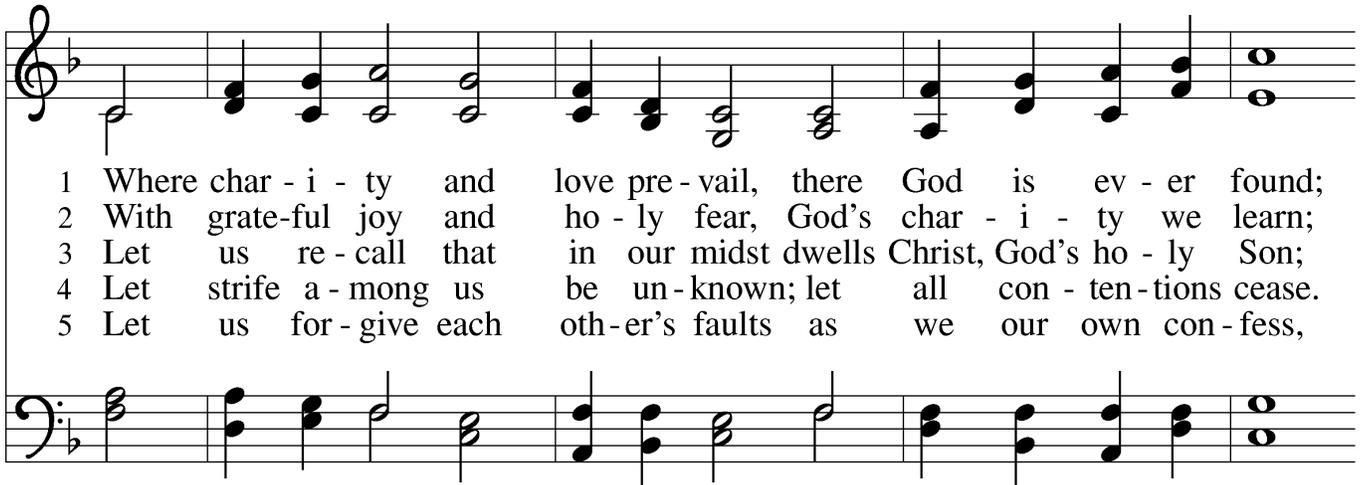
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



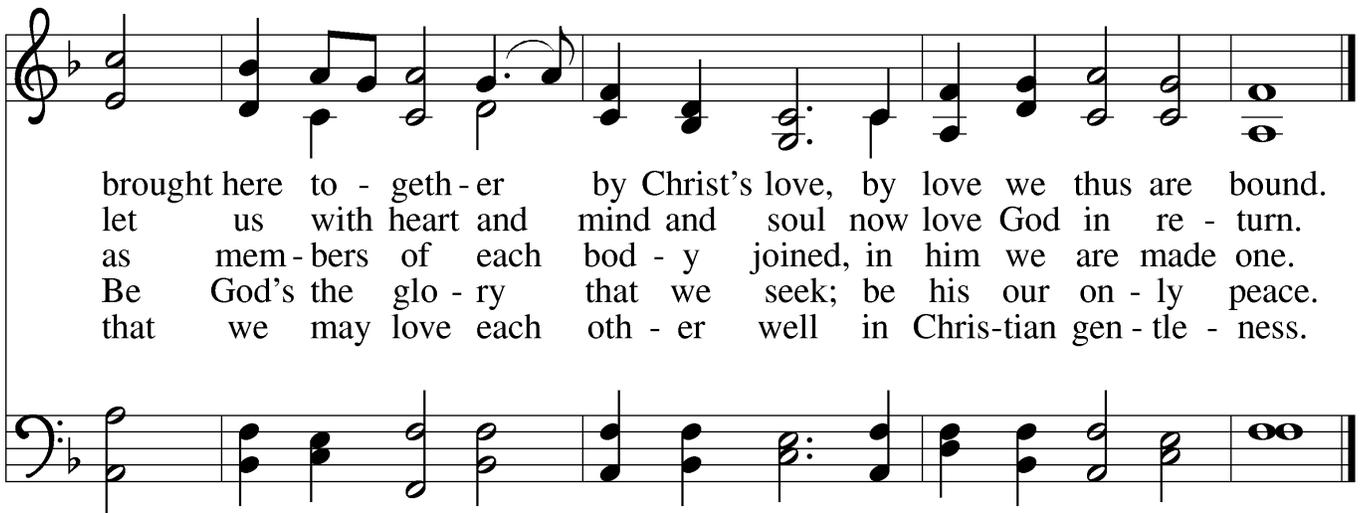
till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

**Hymn of the Day #359**

# Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.  
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842  
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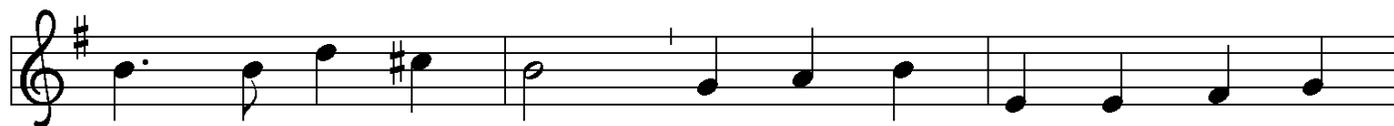
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## Sending Hymn #346

### Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.

Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912-1993

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