

# Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

9:30 AM

(You are welcome to share a prayer request to be used in worship today. Prayer Cards are in the wooden holder on the back of each pew. They will be collected by the ushers during the Praise Song.)

#### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Conch Shell

AN OBSERVER'S REFLECTION ON PALM SUNDAY

by Rev. Valerie Peyton Kingsbury

## JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM Mark 11:1-11

Reader: According to the Gospel of Mark, this is the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem:

<sup>1</sup> 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,

All: "Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Reader: <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.

All: Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

(All follow the conch shell leader and banner waving your palms, and continuing to shout "**Hosanna!**" as you go out of the Fellowship Hall, through the gate, around the front of the church, through the front doors, into the Narthex, and into the Sanctuary. When the front of the sanctuary is reached, place your palm on a pile on either side in front of the chairs, and then use the side aisles to take a seat in the pews or chairs. Then join in singing Blessed Is the One.)



Text: Psalm 118:26

Music: BLESSED IS THE ONE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977

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(The Altar candles will be lit during the processional song.)

#### HIGHLIGHTED HAPPENINGS TO COME



## **OPENING DECLARATION**

Leader: The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem,

tells us that after his celebrated arrival.

He went into the Temple

and looked around at everything.

As we gather here for worship today

may it be with a sense that Jesus

has walked in too, and is looking around.

May our eyes be open to see Him,

may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him,

may our worship be worthy of His presence,

and may we be transformed

so that we see the world through His eyes.

All: Amen.

#### **WELCOME**

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Kent Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Duwamish and Muckleshoot peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Children of God, Rejoice!

Sing out in celebration, God's people! Your King is coming to you, humble, riding on a donkey, on a donkey's foal.

All: Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name.

Glory to God! Hosanna!

#### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Leader: When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way?

Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions of the world?

As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God,

praying together,

#### CONFESSION

Leader: We confess:

Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom,

All: but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation.

Leader: You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips,

All: but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness.

Leader: You beg us to learn the songs of salvation,

All: but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives.

Leader: Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness.

All: As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness,

peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds.

May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; Pastor:

> setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.

This is the good news, my friends:

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!

Amen. Response:



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



# THE WORD

#### THE GOSPEL READING Mark 14:1-15:47

Narrator: The holy gospel according to Mark.

Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

(The parts which have bold print are for the congregation to take part in this reading – same as ALL: )

Narrator: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief

priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him;

for they said,

Chief Priests: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

Narrator: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a

woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to

one another in anger,

Disciple 1: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold

for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

Narrator: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me.

For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of

her."

Narrator: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to

betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to

give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his

disciples said to him,

Disciple 2: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the

Passover?"

Narrator: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and

wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, `The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large

room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

Narrator: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told

them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places

and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

Narrator: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

Disciple 1 and 2: "Surely, not I?"

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For 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."

Narrator: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave

it to them, and said,

Jesus: "Take; this is my body."

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank

from it. He said to them,

Jesus: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will

never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the

kingdom of God."

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said

to them.

Jesus: "You will all become deserters; for it is written, `I will strike the shepherd, and the

sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny

me three times."

Narrator: But he said vehemently,

Peter: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

Narrator: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: "Sit here while I pray."

Narrator: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.

And said to them,

Jesus: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were

possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

Jesus: "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what

I want, but what you want."

Narrator: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray

that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh

is weak."

Narrator: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came

and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what

to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of

Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer

is at hand."

Narrator: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with

him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and

the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

Narrator: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: "Rabbi!"

Narrator: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who

stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit?

Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But

let the scriptures be fulfilled."

Narrator: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They

caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put

him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him,

saying,

Accusers: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three

days I will build another, not made with hands."

Narrator: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up

before them and asked Jesus,

High Priest: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

Narrator: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

High Priest: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and

`coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your

decision?"

Narrator: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to

blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

Accusers: "Prophesy!"

Narrator: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest

came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

Narrator: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on

seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant Girl: "This man is one of them."

Narrator: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Bystanders: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

Narrator: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: "I do not know this man you are talking about."

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that

Jesus had said to him,

Jesus: "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

Narrator: And he broke down and wept.]

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over

to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: He answered him,

Jesus: "You say so."

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for

them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them

instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: They shouted back,

Crowd: "Crucify him!"

Narrator: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: "Crucify him!"

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging

Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And

they began saluting him,

Soldiers: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots

to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him,

shaking their heads and saying,

Bystanders: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself,

and come down from the cross!"

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him

among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come

down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator: which means,

Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

Narrator: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him

to drink, saying,

Bystanders: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Narrator: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was

torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw

that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary

Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there

were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother

of Joses saw where the body was laid.

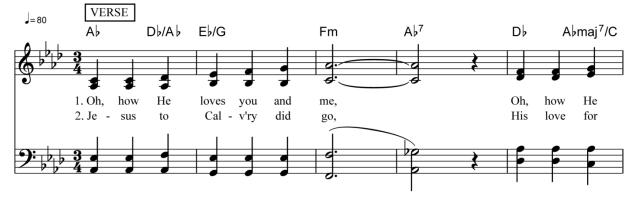
Narrator: The gospel of the Lord.

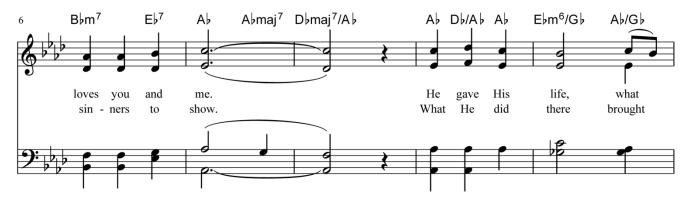
Response: Praise to you, O Christ.



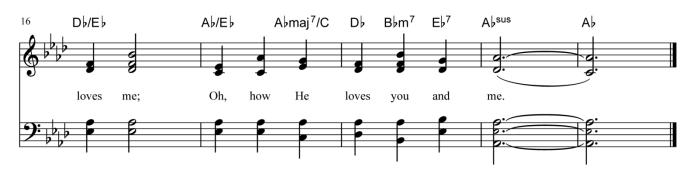
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#### **DECLARATION OF FAITH**

Leader We declare our faith:

I believe in God.

The God of all creeds, with all their truths.

All: But, above all, in the God

that rises from the dead to become part of life.

Leader I believe in the God that accompanies me along

every step of my path on this earth,

All: many times walking behind me, watching me, and suffering with my mistakes,

other times walking beside me, talking to me, and teaching me,

and other times walking ahead of me, guiding, and marking my pace.

Leader I believe in the God of flesh and blood, Jesus Christ,

All: the God who lived in my skin and tried on my shoes,

the God who walked in my ways, and knows of lights and shadows.

Leader The God who ate and starved,

All: who had a home and suffered loneliness,

who was praised and condemned, kissed and spat on, loved and hated.

Leader The God who went to parties and funerals,

All: the God who laughed and cried.

Leader I believe in the God who is attentive today, who looks at the world

All: and sees the hatred that segregates, divides,

sets people aside, hurts and kills,

Leader who sees the bullets piercing the flesh,

All: and the blood of innocent people flowing on the earth,

who sees the hand that dips into another's pocket,

stealing what somebody needs to eat,

Leader who sees the judge that favours the highest bidder,

the truth and justice of hypocrites,

All: who sees the dirty rivers and the dead fish,

the toxic substances destroying the earth

and piercing the sky

who sees the future mortgaged and

man's debt growing.

Leader I believe in God who sees all this ...

All: and keeps on crying.

Leader But I also believe in God

All: who sees a mother giving birth – a life born from pain,

Leader who sees two children playing – a seed growing,

All: who sees a flower blooming out of the debris – a new beginning,

Leader who sees three crazy women clamoring for justice – an illusion that doesn't die,

All: who sees the sun rising every morning – a time of opportunities.

Leader I believe in God who sees all this ...

All: and laughs,

because,

in spite of it all, there is hope.



#### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

Leader: Let us pray:

Christ, we pray that you would hear our prayers, and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you, that we might be vessels of your humility and grace.

Jesus, you emptied yourself,

trading in the form of God for the form of a servant; we pray for the Church and all her people and ministers --

particularly our congregation, our committee members, our pastor,

and our church leaders, especially our ELCA leadership -

our national Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton,

and our Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, Shelley Bryan Wee.

Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.

God in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Leader: Jesus, you were born in human likeness,

and found in human form;

we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine, or terror.

God in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Leader: Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation,

you humbled yourself even to the point of death;

we pray for our nation, our leaders,

and all the people who live within these borders.

Bless us with your humility.

God in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Leader: Jesus your humility and your love for us

is so broad and deep, it cost you your life.

We pray for those who we love who have died,

especially the family and friends of .....

and as you were highly exalted, may they rest with you in glory.

God in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Leader: In your exaltation, Jesus

you were given the name that is above every name;

we pray in your name for those who are poor,

those who are hungry,

and those who are hurting in any way.

Give them your grace. God in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Leader: We also pray, in your name Jesus, either aloud or silently,

for those who are in our hearts ....

(silence for personal prayers)

(congregational prayers are lifted up)

God in your mercy,

Response: hear our prayer.

Leader: You humbled yourself in the manger,

and you humbled yourself on the cross; and to you Jesus we bend our knee with those above and those below, to the glory of the maker of all.

Response: Amen.

The complete list of all whom the congregation is praying for this week is in the announcement insert in your bulletin.

# PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS AND RECEIVE THE MEAL OF GOD'S PRESENCE



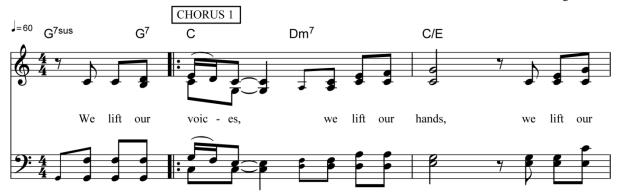
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#### **OFFERING SONG**

# We Are An Offering

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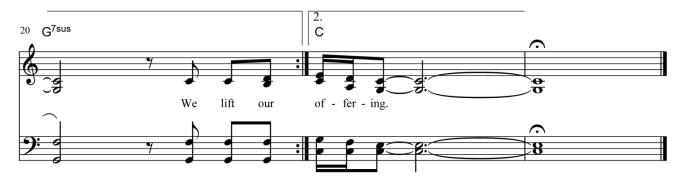
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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Leader: As you humbly ride on the back of a donkey,

we are reminded that all we have

has come from you.

As we shout "Hosanna",

we are reminded that our time is yours.

As we wave our palm branches,

we are reminded that we should share with everyone.

Open our hearts to love and serve,

share and give for what we have is yours.

All: Amen.

# INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Reader: Come to the table to be made whole.

Come to participate in the work of making us one with Him and each other.

Come, for this is a table where all are invited.

All are welcome.

If you are joining us online and want to participate in Holy Communion, gather your bread or cracker and your wine or juice. You will be communed after those who partake in the sanctuary.

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: 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.



# LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We join in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

All: 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.



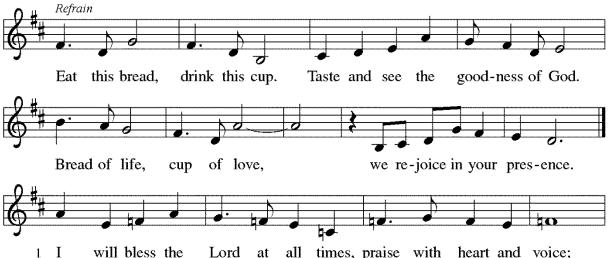
#### **ABOUT COMMUNION**

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. Please wait in your pew until the usher indicates that it is your turn, then come forward using the center aisle. If you and/or your children are not comfortable participating in the Rite of Communion, know that all are still welcome to come forward for a blessing – just let the presider know your preference when you and/or your children are at the rail. When you are at the front, please fill in a vacant spot at the altar rail. You may either kneel or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you. If you would like a gluten free alternative to the bread, or If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please indicate that to the presider. After you have communed, please discard the empty cup to be recycled in the trash can by the side wall before returning to your seat.

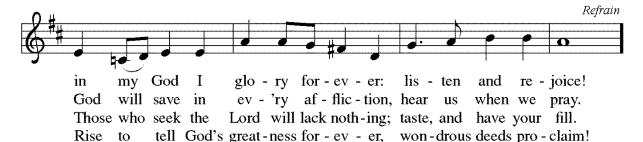
#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

Pastor: Come, for this is a table where all are invited and all are welcome.





- will bless the times, praise with heart and voice;
- Look up on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a way.
- An gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



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(when all in the sanctuary have been fed)

Those joining us online – pick up your bread and hear these words:

This is the body of Christ given for you.

Eat and receive saying, "Amen."

Lift up your cup of wine or juice and hear these words:

This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

Drink and receive saying, "Amen."

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

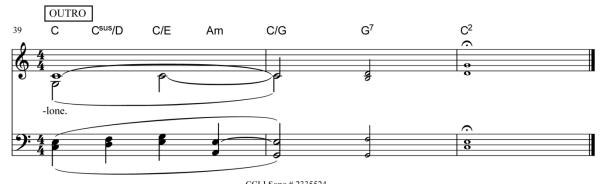
Response: Amen.



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# **WE GO**

Leader: This is a vision of the way it can be, the way it should be—

Shouts of welcome, a joyful procession, a community celebrating together.

All: The same vision is offered to us today:

We can welcome Christ into our lives; We can celebrate his transforming power.

Leader: How swiftly things changed back then,

How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

All: May we hold fast to his vision of goodness—

Peace from the practice of justice, equality from the practice of respect.

Leader: As this week unfolds,

All: We will let ourselves be overtaken by God's love

We will pour it back out into the world.

# **SENDING**

Pastor: With God's blessing we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: In the name of Christ,

Amen.

Pastor: Let us share God's peace with one another as we leave today.

# **POSTLUDE**







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## lives and celebrates the accepting love of Christ

#### **CORE VALUES**

We affirm the following values:

- \* We value the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus;
- \* We value God's love as a gift to be shared with everyone;
- \* We value everyone as a child of God, and invite all to be embraced by God;
- \* We value providing a loving, caring environment supporting spiritual needs;
- \* We value that all people are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God and community.
- \* We value the participation of people of all ages, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, educational background, different abilities, and economic conditions.

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**Kent Lutheran Church,** a Christ-centered, sacred place for spiritual, cultural, and community enrichment.

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