

# *Saint Martin Lutheran Church*



***Palm Sunday***  
***March 29, 2026, 10:30 am***

***The Day*** Today we hear of cloaks and branches being spread before the Lord and shouts of hosannah to the son of David; to Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee. Yet today soon after this celebration and rejoicing we also hear of Jesus before Pilate, and of the chief priests and elders persuading the crowds to call for the very crucifixion of Jesus. Amazingly, all this was according to God's plan, and as we hear today in Philippians, the Son of God who humbled himself even to the point of death on a cross is now exalted and his name is above every name.

## **PRELUDE**

*Please silence electronic devices during this quiet time of preparing our hearts for worship.*

*Stand*

## **ACCLAMATION**

- P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** Hosanna in the highest.

## **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

*An assisting minister or the presiding minister reads the processional gospel.*

- P** A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Matthew.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go

into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>10</sup>And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord

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

## BLESSING OF PALMS

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

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.**

## THE PROCESSION

*The assisting minister addresses the assembly.*

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of Christ. Amen.

*The assembly follows the ministers into the church. The Procession begins.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

**ELW #344**

### ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*  
 now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** 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.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Beatty

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

▣ A reading from the book of Isaiah, the 50th chapter, beginning at the 4th verse.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord God helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALMODY

Psalm 31:9-16



<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my  
belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are  
consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dis-  
may to | my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;  
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.  
I have said, “You | are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | per-  
secute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love.”**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev-| er. Amen.**

## SECOND LESSON

## Philippians 2:5-11

*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

**L** A reading from Philippians, the 2nd chapter, beginning at the 5th verse.

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**G** Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death<sup>l</sup> on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above ev'ry name. (Philippians 2:8-9)

## HOLY GOSPEL

## Matthew 27:1-31

*In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins.*

**P** The Passion of our Lord according to Matthew.

<sup>1</sup>When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. <sup>2</sup>And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. <sup>3</sup>Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, <sup>4</sup>saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." <sup>5</sup>And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." <sup>7</sup>So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. <sup>8</sup>Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." <sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. <sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in

a dream.”<sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.<sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”<sup>23</sup> And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.”<sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”<sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him.<sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,<sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”<sup>30</sup> And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.<sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

**P** Here ends the reading.

*Sit*

**SERMON**

“Every Knee and Tongue”

**Pastor Beatty**

Stand

# HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #430

## REJOICE, FOR CHRIST IS KING!

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**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.**

## **INTERCESSIONS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all  
people according to their needs.

***P/A** Lord in Your Mercy,      **C** hear our prayer.*

**A** Father of all mercies, you announce words of grace and truth. Give  
wisdom to all bishops, pastors, deacons, and workers in your church.  
Bless them as they lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and  
resurrection. Open our hearts as we encounter the infinite life you offer  
in Jesus. Let this same hope be in us as we enter Holy Week that your  
one, holy, catholic and apostolic church may grow in faith, love and  
obedience to your will. Lord in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**A** Almighty God, your Son humbly rode into Jerusalem to the shouts of “Hosanna!” so that he might give us righteousness and salvation by his death and resurrection. Mercifully grant that we would in his presence as he visits us with his body and blood in His Holy Supper worthily receive his gifts this day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Mighty Lord, all the might of man is nothing before you, yet you have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give to our president Donald, our governor Brian and all faithful leaders the strength to serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in law enforcement and the armed forces especially in this time of conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** In this holiest of weeks as we walk the way of the cross and come to the fountain of life grant peace in our time. Be with all who suffer the ravages of war especially Ukraine, Iran, Israel, Christians around the world, Venezuela, and all who suffer from human or natural calamity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord of mercy your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day especially those who are named in our bulletin and those we name before you now. *(after silence count to 10)* Lord in your mercy,

**G** **Hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord of mercy and life, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Lord in your mercy,

**G** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

## PEACE

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

**G** **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Peace be with you.    **R** *Peace be with you.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*The ushers collect our gifts of tithes and offerings, the ministers make ready the bread and wine.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**arr. Robert Bergt**

## THE ROYAL BANNERS FORWARD GO

*Stand as gifts are presented.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### PREFACE

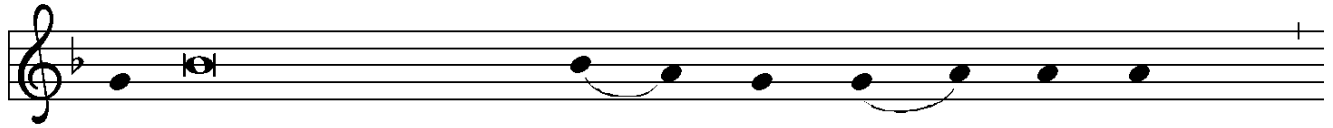
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

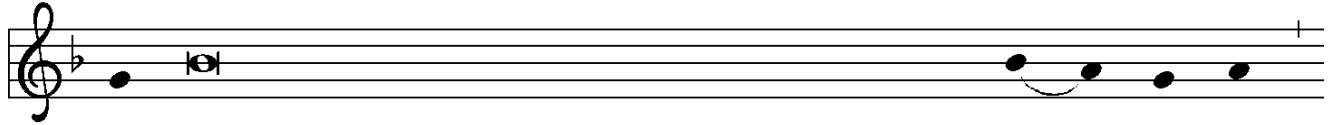
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

# PROPER PREFACE



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



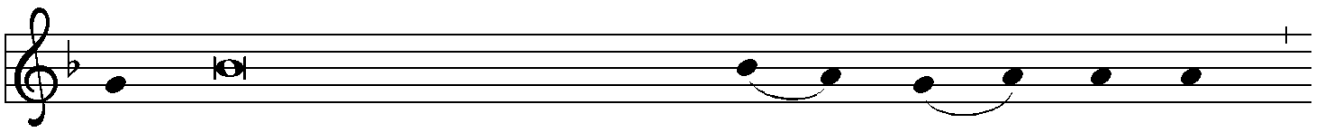
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



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,



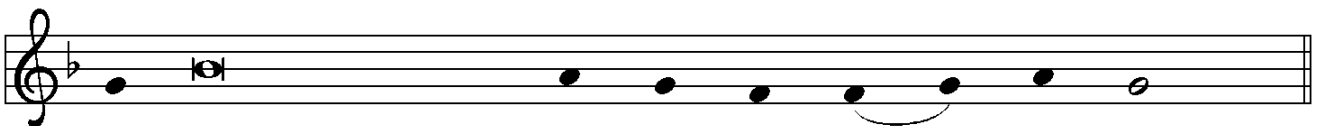
trans - form - ing death in - to life.



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:

## SANCTUS



☪ 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 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

☪ 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.

☪ Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your  
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as  
we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial and de-  
liv-er us from e-vil, for the king-dom, the pow'r and the  
glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er.

*Sit*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

# AGNUS DEI

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. A - men.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## BREAD OF LIFE, OUR HOST AND MEAL

ELW #464

1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

## AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW #465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were

gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from

all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Stand*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen ✝ you and keep you in God's grace.

**C** Amen.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**A** Let us pray: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** Life is short, and we do not have much time  
To gladden the hearts of those who journey with us.  
So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind;  
Living in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# SENDING HYMN

ELW #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!

## DISMISSAL

**A** Love The Lord!

**C** Live The Mission!

Together!

## POSTLUDE