ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PALM & PASSION SUNDAY 2021



Welcome, celebrate, collaborate, and grow, with Christ and in Christ.

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

PRELUDE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Presider Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Mark 11:1-11

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

"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!"

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.

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the

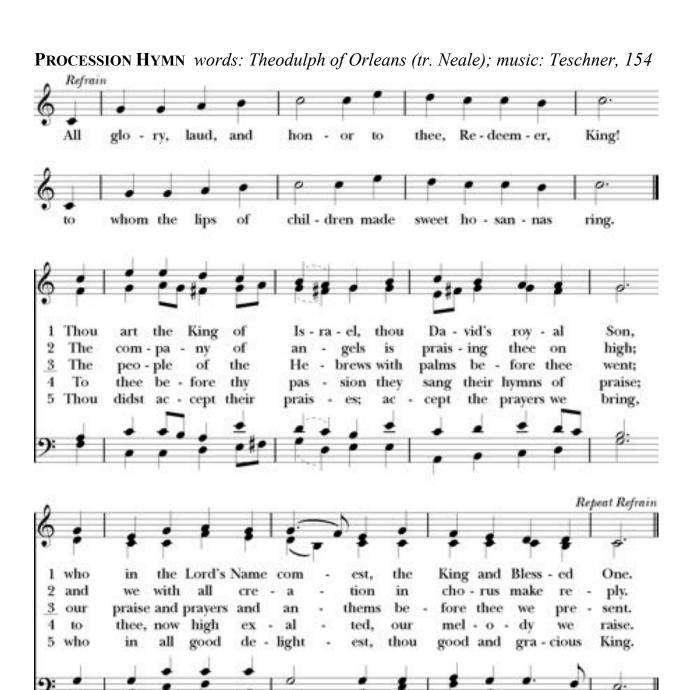
way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Presider Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Let us go forth in peace!

People In the name of Christ. Amen.



Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHER TO SING & PRAY

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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.

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

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.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?



THE PASSION ACCORDING MARK The congregation remains seated until the mention of Golgotha.

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

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,

Disciples "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,

Disciples "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,

Disciples "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.

Narrator 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.

(At the mention of Golgotha, all stand as able.)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Give your Church the courage to give up our preoccupation with ourselves and to give more time to your mission in the world. May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

Lord, meet us in the silence:

silence

give us strength,

and hear our prayer. All

Intercessor

Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray that victims of violence everywhere may be comforted, and for the conversion of heart among those who abuse their power. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence:

silence

give us strength,

and hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods and communities. We pray that we may be reconciled with those with whom we are in conflict, and that our shared humanity may prevail over our divisions. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live in community with one another.

Lord, meet us in the silence:

silence

give us strength,

and hear our prayer. All

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. We pray for those we now name, aloud or silently: ______. May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

Lord, meet us in the silence:

silence

give us strength,

All and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to welcome your blessings in our lives with humility, and to put others before ourselves as we discern the best use of your gifts to us. Especially we pray that you will lead us to new life through our disciplines of prayer, study, and service this Lent. May the loving heart of Jesus lead us to order our lives in loving care for one another. Lord, meet us in the silence:

silence

give us strength,

All and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. Especially those we hold in our minds and hearts and those we now name ______. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence:

silence

give us strength,

All and hear our prayer.

Presider Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but lived for, through faithful word and deed. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and

make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14



Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. People

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. At the following words

concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who have consecrated bread now share it, saying:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

Those who do not have consecrated bread may say the following Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

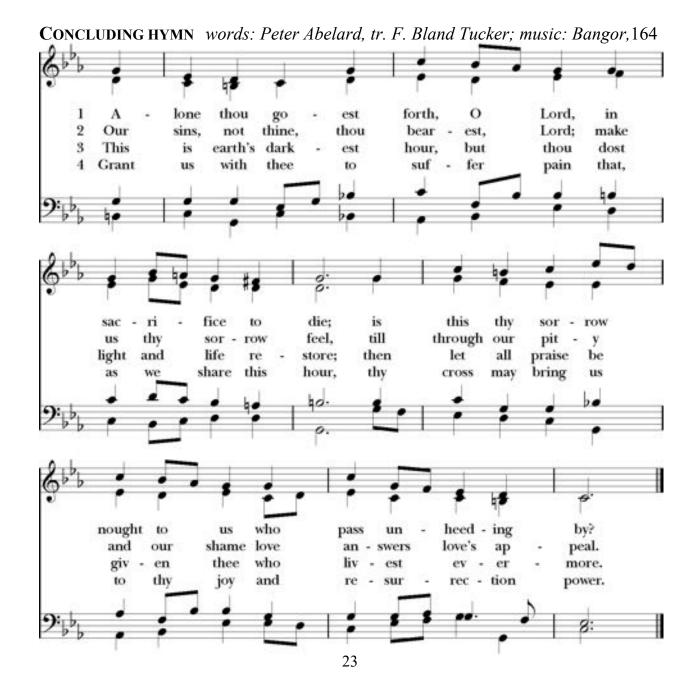
Presider Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

People AMEN



DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Dmitri Kabalevsky, Etude in A

Coffee Hour is online, immediately after the service. You're invited!

LeAnn is this week's host. Please join us via Zoom. Didn't get the link? Sign up for our email newsletter at www.stlukeswoodland.org

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, 4/1 from 11am – 1pm in front of the Church Curbside Shared Home Communion consecrated bread p/u for Maundy Thursday.

Maundy Thursday Service, 4/1 at 6:00 pm

Good Friday Services, 4/2 at 12 noon & 6pm

Easter Sunday Service, 4/4 at 10am





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