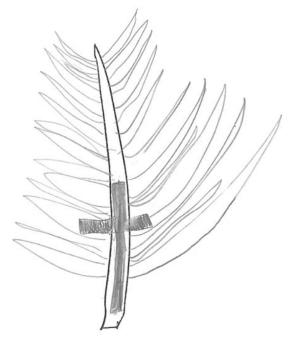
# Connected Worship Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023 8:30 AM

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"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Luke 19:38a

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

While we worship in the sanctuary, our youngest children explore in "Little Church" the things we do here in "Big Church." The kids will rejoin their families in the sanctuary at the Offering. Parents are encouraged to sit near the front of the church so that their kids can easily find them and can see up close what they are learning about!

We're so glad you're here today! Let us know by filling out the Friendship Register at the end of the pews and returning it to the center aisle for the ushers to collect after the sermon.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Five

The paraments are purple during the season of Lent. This deep rich color has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence, and prayer.

# + GATHERING +

The assembly gathers along the sidewalk in front of the church. Palm crosses are distributed.

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

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

Hosanna in the highest!

#### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### **BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.

Amen.

#### **PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace,

#### In the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the choir and ministers into the church. "All glory, laud, and honor" is sung by the assembly upon entering the sanctuary.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

# **WELCOME**

# + WORD +

**PSALM** 31:9-16 *Verse 9: Choir; Verses 10-16: ALL* 



<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 my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,

a dismay 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 <sup>1</sup> all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>1</sup> take my life.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.

I have said, "You | are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love."

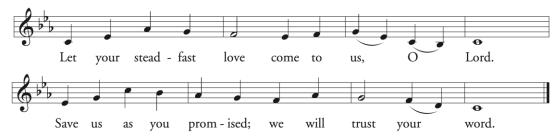
### **SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

We stand.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL** Matthew 26:1-25

The holy gospel according to Matthew. The assembly responds: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified. Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her." Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples." So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

The gospel of the Lord. The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON Rev. Joe Yucha

We stand.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** 342 There in God's Garden

SHADES MOUNTAIN

We sit.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### **NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**

We stand.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

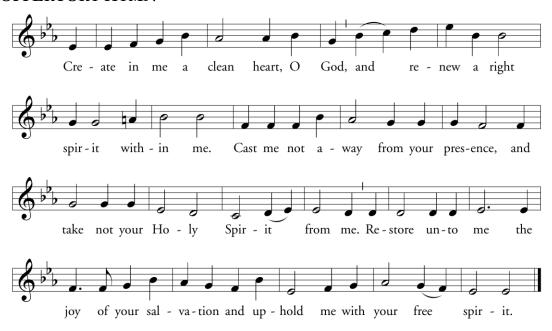
#### **PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

# + MEAL +

## OFFERING OFFERTORY HYMN



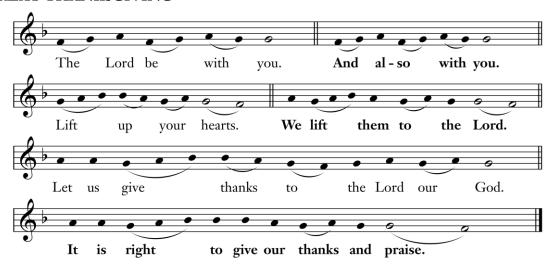
## Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

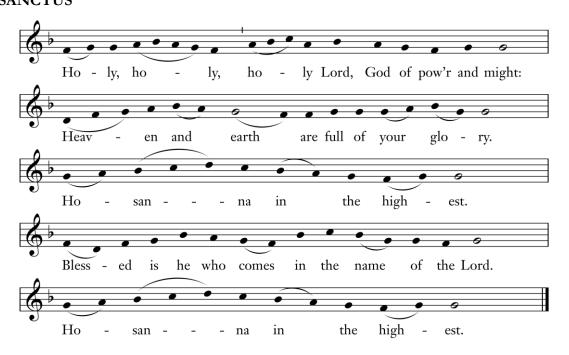
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . praise your name and join their unending hymn: **SANCTUS** 



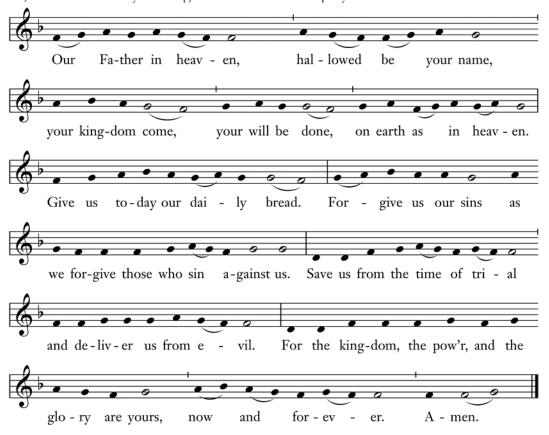
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

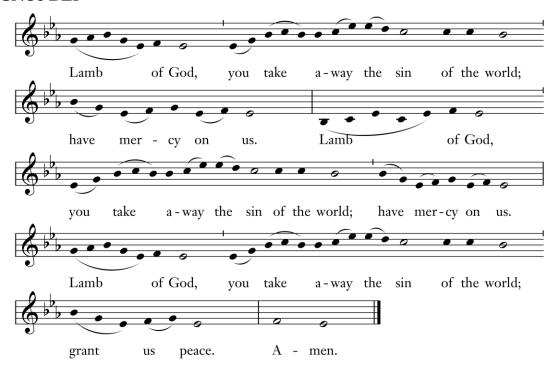
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.



#### **AGNUS DEI**



We sit.

#### **COMMUNION**

Holy Communion is available to all who believe, through two options. Those who are able are invited forward to receive the bread and wine through the method of intinction. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten-free wafer or grape juice option. You may also choose to receive an individual pre-sealed communion kit from an usher that you are welcome to bring forward for the Eucharistic Proclamation. The pastors will come to the pews of those unable to come forward. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead of communion are asked to cross their hands when they come forward.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

**ANTHEM** Ave verum corpus

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine,

Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,

Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,

Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

Hail, True Body, born of the Virgin Mary,

Truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man,

Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood,

Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.

**HYMN** 337 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

music: W.A. Mozart

text: medieval sequence for Corpus Christi

We stand.

#### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

# + SENDING +

#### BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

#### Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

#### Amen.

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

**SENDING HYMN** 346 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

THE KING'S MAJESTY

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Fantasy in C Minor, BWV 537i

J.S. Bach

# Soli Deo Gloria

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# HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

# Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 Service of Holy Communion **Noon** 

Service of Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar **7:30 PM** 

# Good Friday

April 7, 2023 Good Friday Liturgy with Bidding Prayer **Noon** 

Service of Tenebrae **7:30 PM** 

# Easter Vigil

April 8, 2023 **7:30 PM** 

(please note: this service will begin in the columbarium)

# Easter Day

April 9, 2023 Service of Holy Communion – Outdoor Gathering Space 8:30 AM

Festival Service of Holy Communion – Sanctuary **11:00 AM** 

There will be no activities on Easter evening.

Divine Doodles	



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The Reverend Katie B. Bryant, Youth & Emerging Ministries

Our rostered ministers observe Friday as their sabbath day. Please refer to the announcement sheet for the pastor on call.

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