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A Jesus-Centered Community of Scripture, Faith, and Grace.

Passion & Palm Sunday

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WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN!!!

Welcome! University Lutheran is a Jesus Centered Community of Scripture, Faith, and Grace. Thank you for being with us this morning.

Invocation (please stand)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We exclaim, several times:

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Even the king of Israel!

From the Gospel according to St. John, the 12th Chapter

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;

behold, your king is coming,

sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

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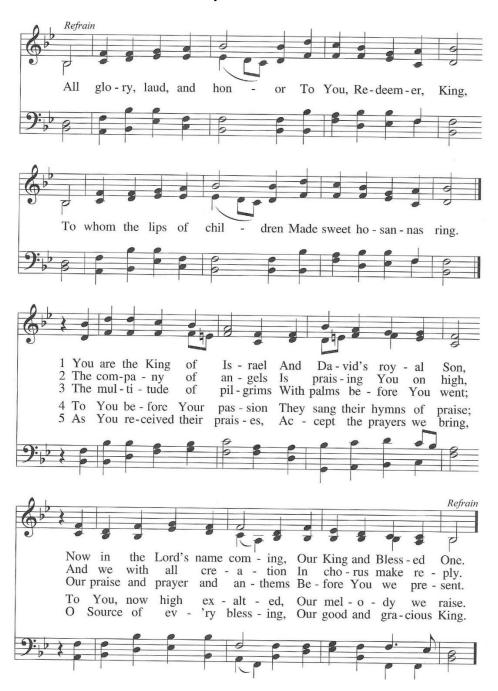
Hosanna! Even the king of Israel!

Let us pray. We praise You, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior and King, 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 us who carry these branches today and grant us grace to enter Your gates with praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

All Glory Laud and Honor



The Service of Confession and Forgiveness

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord!

He made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

and He forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and what you have been saved from.

Most merciful God,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You, in Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, would be gracious to me, a poor sinful being.

Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

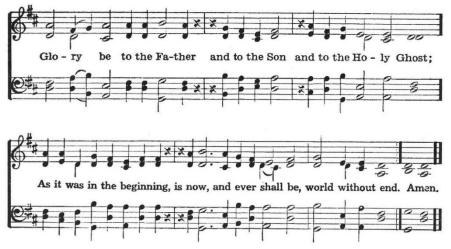
The Service of the Word

The Greeting

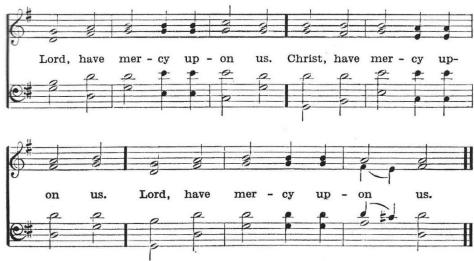
The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

Gloria Patri



Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you!

Let us pray. Almighty God,

Your Son, our King, emptied Himself upon the Cross, taking the form of a slave, and humbling Himself. Let us have this mind in ourselves, that we might humble ourselves before His Name, which is above every Name, that at the Name of Jesus Christ, every knee might bow. Amen.

The Lessons (Please be seated)

The First Reading – Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Psalm of the Day - Psalm 118:19-29 (Spoken responsively)

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

The Second Reading - Philippians 2:5-11

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

The Reading of the Passion

Pastor: The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(You may be seated until the appropriate time in the Gospel reading, you will be asked to stand at that time.)

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said,

"Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her.

But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!

It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom

of God." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, 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." Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." But Peter said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.

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And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled. And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the

courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, "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." Yet even about this their testimony did not agree.

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But he remained silent and made no answer. **Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"** And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. continued on next page

And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate

And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

And he answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." **But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.**

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again,

"Crucify him."

And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

"Crucify him."

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means 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 garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

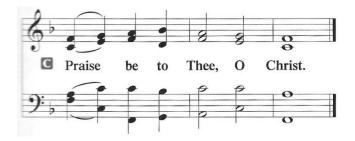
And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

We rise and take a moment of silence to consider the death of our Lord. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

And when evening had come, 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 looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. **And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb**. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

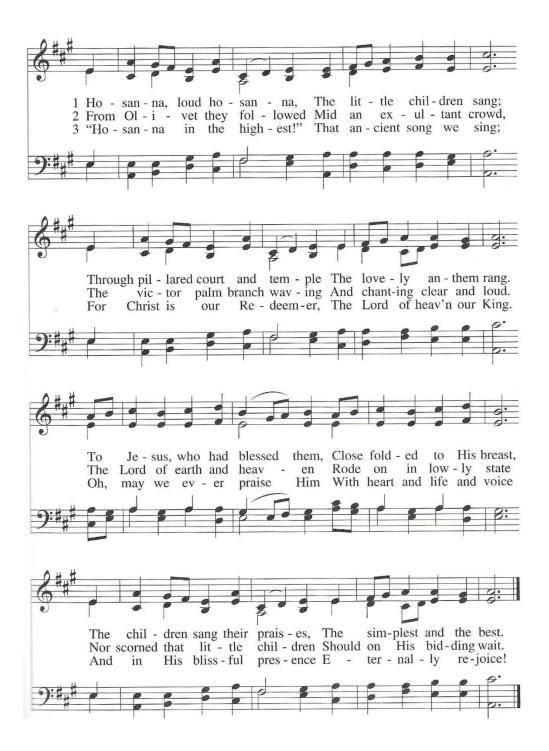
This is the Gospel of the Lord!





The Sermon

The Hymn of the Day Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made Man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

* "catholic" from the ancient text meaning the whole Church as it confesses Christian doctrine

The Gathering of Gifts and Prayers

(We ask that place your response and prayer request card in the offering basket.)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Help us to see You more clearly, O Lord,

That seeing what You have given for the sake of the world, we too would give for the sake of the world. Let these offerings be used in Your Kingdom from the proclamation of Your Holy Work. Amen.

The Offertory (please rise)



The Prayers of the Church

Heavenly Father, we ask that You would hear us now as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Increase our hope through these Holy Days in which we remember the preparation and sacrifice of our Lord. Grant that through them, our eyes would look beyond the palms, beyond the meal, beyond death, and finally beyond the tomb, that we may see Your Salvation which is beyond what any of us could hope for. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We cry hosanna to You, our King. O Lord, save us, for You come to us as the only righteous one who has our salvation. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

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We cry hosanna to You, our King. O Lord, save us, for You emptied Yourself, taking the form of our servant, and through this, every knee shall bow to Your holy Name. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We cry hosanna to You, our King. O Lord, save us, for You are the very Son of God who takes away the sin of the world. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

other intercessions are offered here

We continue to pray for our world especially in the midst of this virus outbreak. We ask that You would bring a swift end to the pain and suffering caused by the virus, that You would comfort those who mourn and those concerned for their loved ones, and we ask that You would empower those whose vocations serve the endangered and infected. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

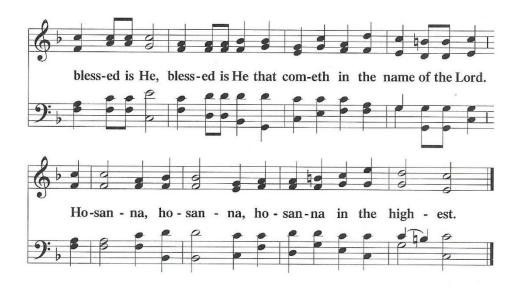
We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through 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, together with Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:





The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, and eat, this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, this cup is the new testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lord, we are unworthy to receive You,

But only say the word, and we shall be healed.

(Matthew 8)

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

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 forever and ever. Amen.



Distribution

(This church believes that in the mystery of Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Jesus are truly found in, with, and under the bread and wine* for the forgiveness of sin. We consider the act of partaking in this holy meal as an active affirmation the beliefs of this church within the Body of Christ. If you are not ready for such commitments, we ask that you refrain from partaking and come forward for a blessing.)

Communion Hymn - O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



^{*} Non-alcoholic communion cups are available in the middle of the communion cup tray for those unable to consume alcohol because of medical infirmity or vow of abstinence.

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A Prayer for the Spiritual Communion of Those Joining Remotely Lord Jesus,

We believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament. We love You above all things, and desire to receive You into our souls. Since many cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally, we ask that You would unite them with Yourself and with us by the power of Your Holy Spirit until that day comes when we are gathered together at Your throne in the Resurrection. Amen.

The Post Communion Blessing

The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. We give thanks to You,

Almighty God, for You have refreshed us through this healing gift of Your Son's Body and Blood broken and spilled on our behalf. Furthermore, we appeal to You that by this gift You would strengthen our faith in You and reinforce our fervent love toward one another. All this we ask on behalf of the hope of the world: Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. The Blessing

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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

Announcements

- Holy Week Schedule Join us online at Facebook and/or YouTube this Holy Week for the following live streamed and recorded events:
 - Wednesday No Events No Wednesday events due to Holy Week.
 - Maundy Thursday 6:30pm Join us as we engage with an abbreviated moment of contextualizing the Passover Seder that Christ celebrated.
 - Good Friday 7pm Join us as we commemorate the death of Jesus and its deep meaning for us.
 - Easter Sunday 9am and 11am Join us as we celebrate the victory that Christ has over sin, death, and disease.

