

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Celebrant: Dear friends, we gather on the ancestral territory of the Anishnaabeg Algonquin, the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet.

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

CHILDREN'S TALK

(Children are invited to join the procession at the church entrance.)

Celebrant: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the Highest.

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of Christ's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our king, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life. Let us pray.

Celebrant: Assist us mercifully with your help, God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

Reader: The holy gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then 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.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

Celebrant: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus

as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ 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 forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter
through them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter
through it.**

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my
salvation.

²²**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.**

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be
glad in it.**

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you,
give us success!

²⁶**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of
the altar.**

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I
will extol you.

²⁹**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast
love endures forever.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Pave the Way with Branches

ACS 928

Jesus is coming.
Pave the way with branches.
Jesus is coming. Hosanna. Repeat
Hosanna, Jesus is coming.
Hosanna to the Prince of peace. Repeat

Additional verses ad lib.:
Release for the captives . . .
Hope for the downtrod . . .
Land for the landless . . .
Debts are forgiven . . .

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our
human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel
cross. May we follow the example of his great humility,
and share in the glory of his resurrection; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

A Reading from 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?

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Ps 31:9-16

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

¹⁰ **For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹² **I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.**

¹³ For I hear the whispering of many-- terror all around! - as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ **But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."**

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Were You There

ELW 353

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK

(The Congregation joins in at the parts marked "Crowd"; the congregation remains seated until the time indicated)

- Narrator* The Passion Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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,
- Priest* "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."
- Narrator* While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,
- Disciple* "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.

- Jesus* "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."
- Narrator* Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,
- Disciple* "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"
- Narrator* So Jesus 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* "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."
- Narrator* They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,
- Disciple* "Surely, not I?"

- 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.
- 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.
- 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."
- Peter* "Even though all become deserters, I will not."
- Jesus* "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."
- 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 Jesus 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.
- 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.

- 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,
- 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* Judas 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.
- 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,

Crowd **"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,

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

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

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

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

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,

Crowd "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 "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 "This man is one of them."

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

Crowd "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 Peter broke down and wept. As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"

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!"**
- 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,
- Crowd** **"Hail, King of the Jews!"**
- Narrator* They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him,

they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

(The Congregation is asked to stand at this point)

Narrator 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,

Crowd **"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,

Priest "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,

Bystander "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,
- Bystander* "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.

Reflection

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One: Almighty God, as we gather on this blessed Palm Sunday, we come before you with hearts filled with gratitude and praise. We remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, as crowds waved palm branches and hailed him as their King. Grant us, O Lord, the grace to welcome Jesus into our lives, not just with fleeting enthusiasm, but also with steadfast devotion and commitment. We pray to the Lord,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Forgive us, Heavenly God, for the times when we have faltered. Strengthen our faith, that we may boldly proclaim your name and live lives that reflect your love and compassion. Grant us the courage to walk with you and to bear our crosses faithfully. We pray to the Lord,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Bless our communities, O God, that we may be agents of your peace and reconciliation in the world. Help us to reach out to those in need, to comfort the afflicted, and to stand up for justice and righteousness. For people of all faiths, may you provide comfort and sanction from war, famine or persecution. Closer to home, we ask that those without shelter find a roof over their head, those without food find a warm meal and those without family find a kind ear to hear their voice. We pray to the lord,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In our Christian community, we particularly pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; and Shane, our Bishop. We pray for Christopher, our National Indigenous Archbishop. In our own parish, we pray for Kathryn, and Chung Yan. We also pray for Brian, pastor of First United, with whom we share this building. We pray to the Lord,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In our immediate church community, we pray for those who have requested our prayers:

All: **Linda T.; Alana A.; Kevin A.; Emily S.; Shari R.; Peter F.; Michael F.; Brian O.; Michael L.; Cinde C.; Mary H.; Véronique S.; Sylvia K.; Charlotte M.; Sonia A.; Cedetia P.; Rowan J.; Samia M.; Eric B.; Allan M.**

One: and for those who we name silently or aloud
And we pray for those who have died, and for those who we name silently or aloud We pray for the family and loved ones of Erica Mitchell Prescesky (friend of Janet Holgate) as they mourn her death. May they be surrounded by compassion and grace in their grief. We pray to the Lord,

All: **hear our prayers.**

One: As we journey through this Holy Week, may our hearts be ever open to your presence, and may the story of Jesus' passion and resurrection transform our lives now and forevermore. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, we pray.

All: **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN CP 184

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;

but all made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know:
but O my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

They rise and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Celebrant: Gracious God,
the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son,
makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do
nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive
your love and mercy.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,

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

Celebrant: We praise you, merciful God, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in

his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

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

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray [sing],
(to be read during Sunday 8:00 am and Wednesday 10:30 am)

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

(for 9:30 am to be sung)

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your holy name
Your kingdom come your will be done
In all the earth as in heaven
Your kingdom come your will be done
In all the earth as in heaven
And give to us give us this day
Our daily bread O Lord we pray
Forgive our sins as we forgive**

Those who have sinned against us
 And save us in time of trial
 Deliver us from evil
 Yours is the kingdom yours the power
 Yours is the glory now and ever
 Our Father in heaven Amen.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your ho - ly name.
 Your king - dom come, your will be done, in all the earth as in heaven,
 Your king - dom come, your will be done, in all the earth as in heaven
 and give to us, give us this day our dai - ly bread, O Lord we pray.
 For - give our sins as we for - give those who have sinned a - gainst us,
 and save us in time of trial. De - liv - er us from e - vil.
 Yours is the king - dom, yours the pow - er yours is the glo - ry now and
 ev - er. Our Fa ther in heav - en. A - men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread,
All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat
 which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: With those joining us online, I will lead the Prayer for Spiritual Communion: In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, O Christ;

I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come.

All: **Amen.**

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN Stay with Me

ELW 348

Stay with me,
remain here with me,
watch and pray.
Watch and pray.

At the Name of Jesus

CP 375

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: God our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic
food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and
resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation,
for he is Lord now and for ever.

DOXOLOGY

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: *and the blessing...*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING SONG

May the Lord rejoice with you,
may the Lord bless you,
and make his face to shine upon you,
the God of Heaven loves you.

SENDING HYMN I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)

VU 352

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me:
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. *Refrain*

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

LM: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**