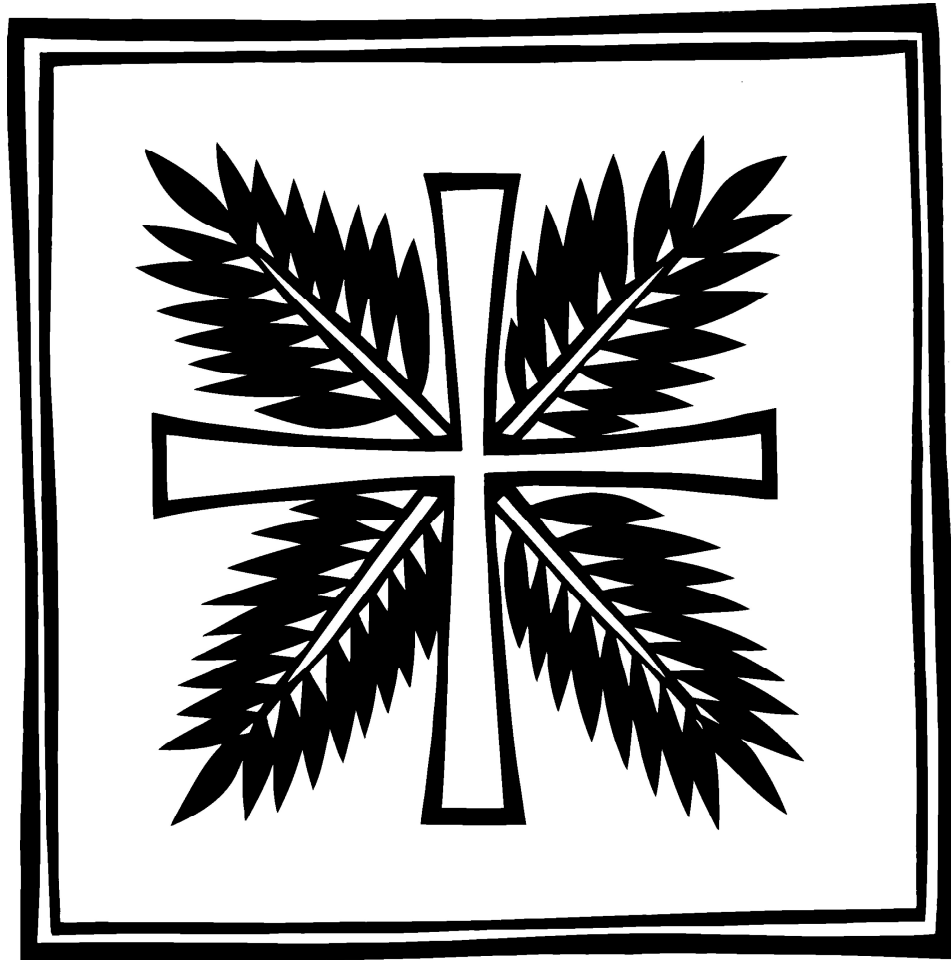


**Palm Sunday**  
**April 2, 2023—8:30am**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

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Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*All are invited, as able and weather permitting,  
to gather outside to begin the service.*

**+ Acclamation**

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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.**

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

**+ Blessing of Palms**

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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.**

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*The assembly processes into the church,  
waving palms and singing the Processional Song.  
Please remain standing in your pew.*

**+ Processional Song**

“Hosanna”

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Lord, we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God! Hosanna in the highest!

Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of Kings!  
Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of Kings!

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>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

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he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### **Second Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

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**+ Gospel Acclamation**

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and  
mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

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**+ Gospel Reading**

Matthew 26:14--27:66

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**Young at Heart Message**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

“Lamb of God”

Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died. The humble King, they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God

**Refrain:** O Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God, I Love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called the lamb of God.

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**+ Nicene Creed**

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

\* universal

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**    sung refrain: “O God, We Call” ACS#1075  
Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church,  
the world, and all of creation.

**Refrain:**    **O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep inside we  
yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside  
we yearn for you.**

Linnea Good, b. 1962
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Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all.

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us.

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep.

**Refrain**

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful, especially those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (*pause for names*).

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you.

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.**

**Refrain**

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**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at*

*[https://tithely.com/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611](https://tithely.com/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611).*

*Checks can be also be sent to church:  
521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325*



**+ Offering Prayer**

Please stand as you are able.  
Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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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 our thanks and praise.**

**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**



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**+ Lord's Prayer**

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

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

**+ Invitation to Communion**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

**Communion Song**

**"Bread for the Journey"**



1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,  
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.  
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.  
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.  
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.  
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.  
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

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Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla

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**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

**Refrain:** So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share

**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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### Postlude

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