

**The Sunday of the Passion,
Palm Sunday
The Liturgy of Holy Communion
March 29, 2026 - 9:00 A.M.**

THE PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS

The Prelude: *The Palms*, Jean Baptiste Faure

P. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C. Hosanna to the Son of David!

P. Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“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.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!” ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.



[PLEASE LIFT YOUR PALM BRANCHES]

P. Let us pray.

P. 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.

C. Amen

P. Let us go forth in peace.

C. In the name of Christ. Amen

The Processional Hymn: #344 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

[When all have reached their places...]

P. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of the Day

P. 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.

P. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen

[Please be seated.]

The Passion of Our Lord according to Matthew 26:14-27:66

[No Acclamations are spoken on this day]

We Adore You, Jesus Christ

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name; tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing, tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in the left hand.

We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name;

tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing,

tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing.

[Silence for reflection]

(please stand)

The Hymn of the Day: MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to our king. Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, And for his death we thirst and cry.
- 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering goes That he his foes from thence might free.
- 5 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heavn' was his home But mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 6 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!

The Prayers

A. Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(Kneel)

(after each petition, please respond)

A. God, in your mercy, **C. receive our prayer.**

P. Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C. Amen

[please be seated.]

The Offering: *Ah, Holy Jesus*, arr. Lani Smith

The Offertory: "Create In Me..."

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

The Offertory Prayer

P. Let us pray.

P. Merciful God,

C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Preface Dialogue (spoken)

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P. We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.....Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

C. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

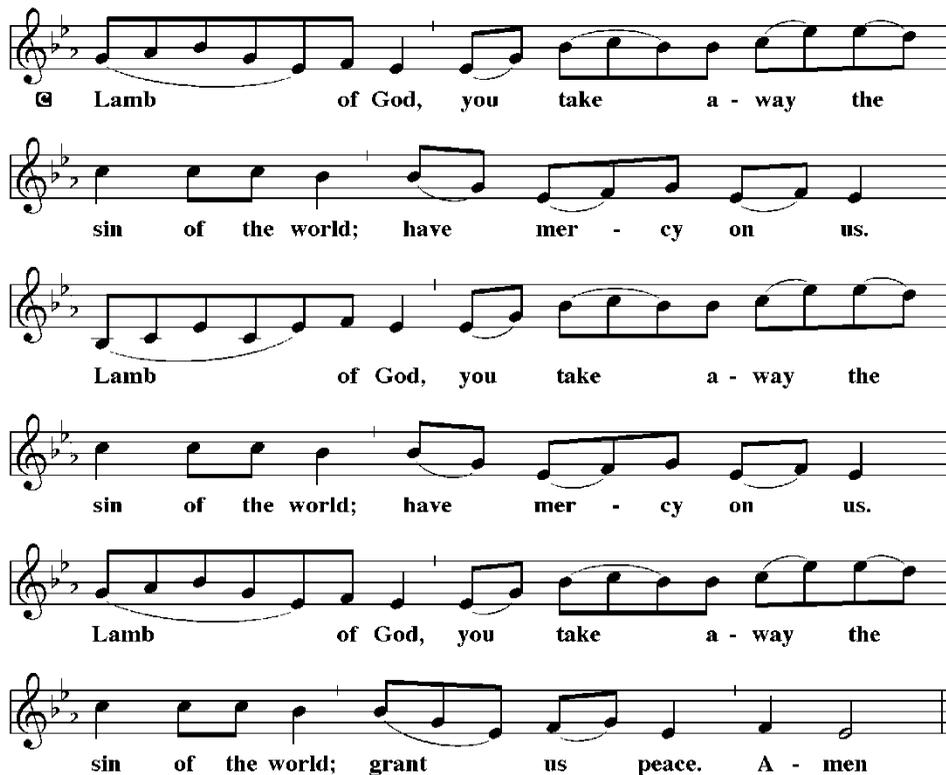
C. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The Fraction

P. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

C. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The *Agnus Dei*: LAMB OF GOD



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

[Please be seated at the conclusion of this hymn.]

The Distribution

[All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful]

#338 BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

#353 WERE YOU THERE

#803 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

#335 JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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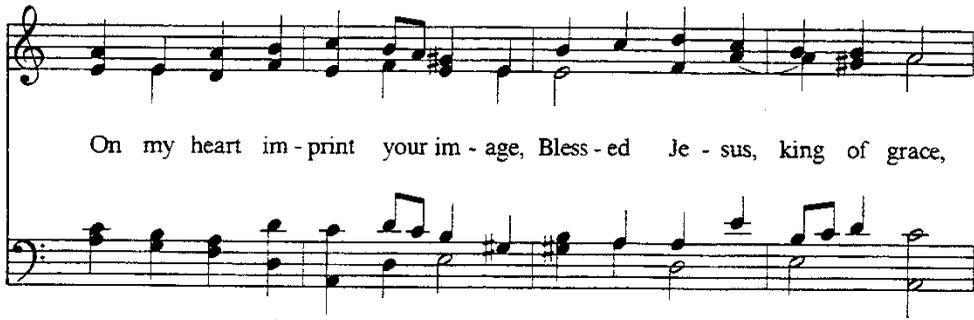
The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system also ends with a repeat sign.

The Blessing of Communicants

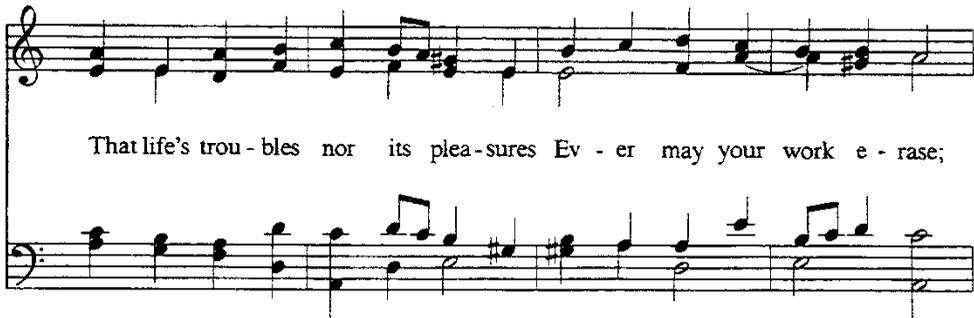
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

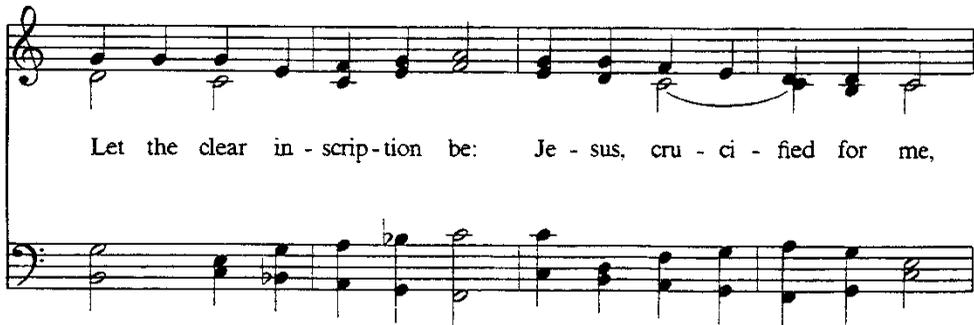
Post Communion Canticle: *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*



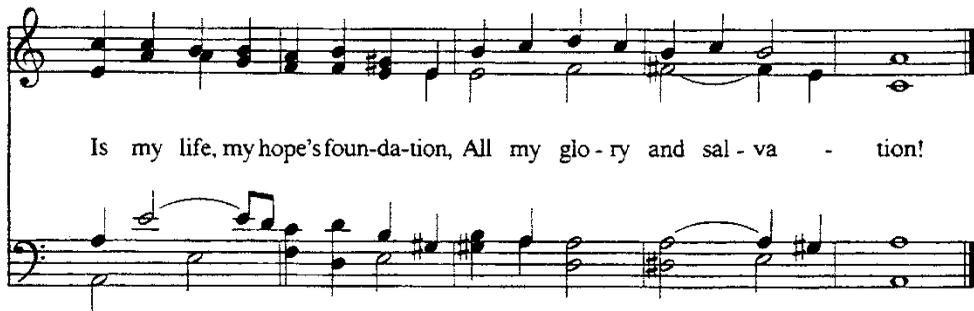
On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



That life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures Ev - er may your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, All my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

The Post Communion Prayer

P. We give you thanks almighty God,

C. that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Benediction

P. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen

The Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Serve in love.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, arr. Robert Lau

[PLEASE, REMAIN IN YOUR PEWS WHILE THE MINISTERS ARE MOVING TO THE ENTRANCE. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO GREET THOSE AROUND YOU. YOUR GREETING IS IMPORTANT. IT MAY BE YOUR GREETING THAT ENCOURAGES ANOTHER PERSON TO RETURN.]

It is always a privilege to welcome visitors. Please sign the guest book, and join us both throughout Holy Week, as well as for the celebration of Easter next Sunday. Come again!

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Please do not forget to fill out a Communion Card. A communion and contribution of record are necessary each year for confirmed Members to maintain their voting status.

ASSISTING MINISTERS

9:00 John Weiss

LECTOR

9:00 Judy Williams

COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 Heather Zimmerman, Ed Quirke

ACOLYTES

9:00 Lillian Doughty, Dylan Lynn,
Patrice Mull, Judy Williams

USHERS

9:00 Steve Sweigart, Sue Watts,
Carl Rentschler, Andy Sweigart

AV

Matt Shirker

Deliver Flowers: Winnie Gerlach

Holy Trinity Staff

Pastor: Rev. Mark Luscombe
Organist and Bell Choir Director: Debbie Fortna
Choir Director: Deb Olson
Administrative Assistant: Sue Johns

ALTAR GUILD

9:00 Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader

Launder Linens: Patrice Mull

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:

✠ In memory of Joyce Hooper's paternal
Bixler family.

HOLY WEEK

Worship services

Evening Prayer: Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30PM.

THE TRIDUUM:

Maundy Thursday: April 2 – 7:00 PM.

Good Friday: April 3 - 7:00 PM.

The Easter Vigil: April 4- 7:00 PM.

Easter Sunday: April 5 – 9:00 AM



Prayers of the People

Gay Weller – friend of Alice and Larry Hummer

Kathryn Sweigart – 99 Bethany Rd. Personal Care Rm. 113, Ephrata, PA 17522

Jake Hinkle – 4 No. Line Road, Stevens, PA 17578

Ken Fortna Jr. – Debbie’s brother

Julia Perella – Judy Williams’ great niece

Terry Gehman – 11 Pleasant Road, Gordonville, PA 17529

Janet Wiest – 1125 Marilyn Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522

Kathrin Baltz – 10 Windolph Ct. Lititz, PA 17543

Bob Snader – 154 Wyneberry Drive, Ephrata, PA 17522

Sue Gilbert – Rob Gilbert’s mom

All persons affected by war and violence

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Trump and leaders of this nation, leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries serving those in need



If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please get in touch with the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish a name to be included on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please get in touch with the church office.

CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstances, making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvena

Emmalyn Mulvena

Janet Brunner

Andrew Campbell

Michael Spennath

Tony Perella

Mike & Claudia Belden

Henry Perella

Peyton Harter

COL. Eric Bowers

Dan Wierbiki

Jacob Hinkle Jr.

Karen Woerner

Kim Harnish

Rick Gerhard

Wyatt Geisthweit

Les Doremus

Scott Hambleton

Jim Weik

Heidi White

Johnny White

Jacob Connelly

Sue & Denis Rowe

Crystal Perry

Hank & Pat Kajetzke

Terry Gehman

Jill Puleo

Brent Stever

Alan & family

Dori Hoch

Cindy Stahl

Martha Becker

Chris and Karen Payonk

Alysha Fassnacht

Melissa Hughes

John Surdich

Ava Berkosky

Amy Pasili

Theresa Cimino

Eric Mortorell

Duke & Bonnie Leeper

Sheldon Garman

Devin Collins

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