# Palm/Passion Sunday Sunday, April 10, 2022

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## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** 

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" F. Simpson Bell Choir

#### **OPENING PROCLAMATION**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.** 

#### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>28</sup>After [Jesus] had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." 32So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." (Luke 19:28-40)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

[Please lift your palms.] Bless these palms and those who lift 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.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

"The Palms"

J. Faure

1. O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay Are strewn this day in festive preparation, Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away, E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

## Refrain:

Join all and sing His name declare, Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation, Hosanna! Praised be the Lord! Bless Him, who cometh to bring us salvation!

- 2. His word goes forth, and people by its might Once more their freedom gain from degradation, Humanity doth give to each his right, While those in darkness find restored the light. [Refrain]
- 3. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, Of all thy sons sing the emancipation, Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem Brings faith the hope to thee forevermore. [Refrain]

### **CLOSING PROCLAMATION**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.** 

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world, let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## **WORD**

## 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 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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. (Isaiah 50:4-9a)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 31:9-16 (read responsively)

<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 all 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 all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

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

I have said, "You are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

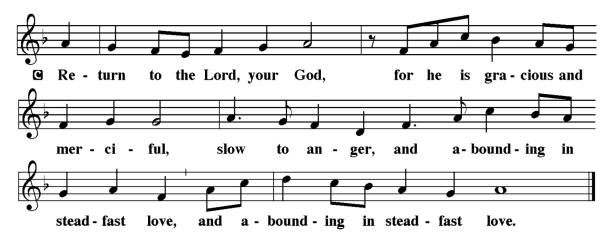
<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

## A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the 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. (Philippians 2:5-11)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## **Passion Reading**

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Luke. Glory to you, O Lord. (The congregation is invited to say aloud the words indicated by boldface.)

Narrator: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Priests: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to

the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: You say so.

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, Narrator:

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from **Priests:** 

Galilee where he began even to this place.

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Narrator:

Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction,

he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this, they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and

the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and

> here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I

will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Then they all shouted out together, Narrator:

Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us! Crowd:

Narrator: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that

had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept

shouting,

Crowd: Crucify, crucify him!

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the

sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release

him.

Narrator:

But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So, Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus:

Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Narrator:

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus:

Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator:

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by,

watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**Priests:** 

He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Narrator:

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

**Soldiers:** 

If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Narrator:

There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? We indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until

three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last.

#### - SILENCE -

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly, this man was innocent.

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle

saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was

beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath, they

rested according to the commandment.

**SERMON** 

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" [See back of bulletin]

### THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

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 worshiped 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we journey toward the Easter Feast, let us turn to our God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Your Son entered Jerusalem to proclaim your truth. Give us courage to live the gospel without reservation. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

We pray for children throughout the world who suffer from violence, famine, and disease. With your mighty arm, rescue them from their affliction. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

You create all things good and give creation to us as a gift. Help us to share all that you have made and keep it safe from harm. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Give us the mind of Christ and free our hands from foolish endeavors. Teach us to reach out to those whose lives are spent in loneliness, sorrow, and misery. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Comfort those who daily suffer insults and injustice. Strengthen those who are imprisoned or tortured for the sake of their faith. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.** 

Draw close to you all who are sick, ill, or in pain. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list and the suffering people of Ukraine. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.** 

Lead us through this holy week and fix in us a desire to empty ourselves in service to this troubled and broken world. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Give us grace to follow in the way of the cross that we may join all the faithful departed who were obedient even unto death, and, with them, rejoice together in the victory of Christ's resurrection. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

(*The Pastor concludes*): Gracious God, hear the prayers of your people whose hunger and thirst you satisfy in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.** 

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in Unison)

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.

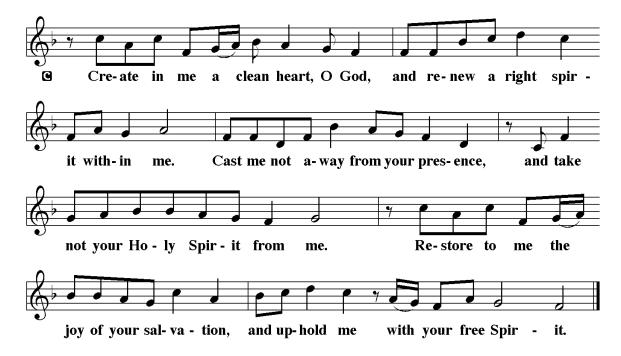
## **OFFERING**

**ANTHEM** 

"Is This the King?"

J. Martin

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

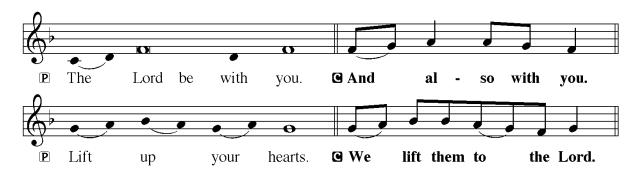


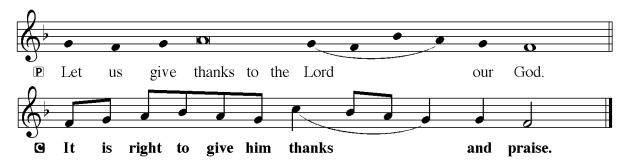
#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God, you do not feed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and all that you have given into our care that this feast that we share might be transformed into a bountiful feast that welcomes all, in the name of Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. **Amen.** 

## **MEAL**

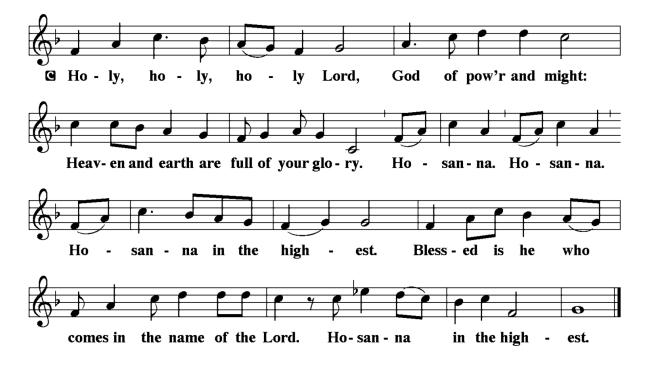
### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**





It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we 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 (read in unison)

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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

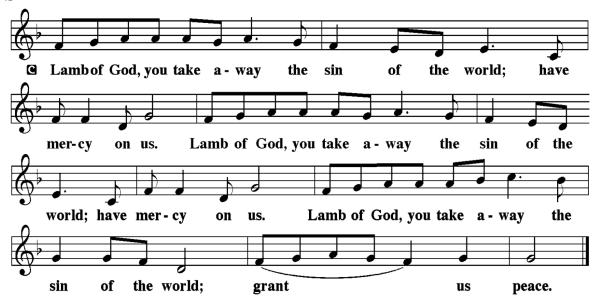
#### DISTRBUTION

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We share the Sacrament by intinction, that is, by allowing communicants to dip a wafer of bread (which is the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (which is the Blood of Christ) before they consume it. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews. The pulpit side of the church is communed first.

If you (or your child) would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

#### **AGNUS DEI**



#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Were You There" [See back of bulletin]

#### TABLE BLESSING

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

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, by his death on the cross, your Son freed us from the bondage of sin and death. Watch over your Church and all who celebrate these Holy Mysteries. In this Sacrament, give us food for our journey from death to life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

SENDING HYMN

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" [See back of bulletin]

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Trust in God. Rest in his faithfulness. Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE** 

"Behold the King"

F. Ritter

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**Altar flowers** are presented in honor of Lindsay's, Lily's, and Jayda's birthdays by Cindy and Jeff Ritschel.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in honor of Julianne Schenck's birthday on Good Friday by Kurt and Sue Schenck.

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## **SERVING PALM SUNDAY (4/10/22)**

#### 8:00 AM

**GREETER:** Pastor Mike

LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul; COMMUNION ASST.: Kay Weidensaul

#### 10:30 AM

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Deb Bolinsky; LECTOR: Jeff Ritschel

**COMMUNION ASST.: Doug Travor** 

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlene Eidam

## SERVING MAUNDY THURSDAY (4/14/22 at 7:00 PM)

GREETER: TBA; LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; USHER: Wayne Lutsey

COMMUNION ASST.: Jeff Ritschel

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner

## SERVING GOOD FRIDAY (4/15/22 at 7:00 PM)

GREETER: TBA; USHER: Connie Teter; Lector: Pastor Mike

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Diane Brobst

## **SERVING EASTER SUNDAY (4/17/22)**

## 8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Connie Teter

**COMMUNION ASST.: Connie Teter** 

## 10:30 AM

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHERS: Kate and Danika Bolinsky LECTOR: Julianne Schenck; COMMUNION ASST.: Greg Sklar

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Diane Brobst

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

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Introduction to the Day: Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

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#### WELCA EVENT

All St. Paul's women are invited to attend the Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at 1:00. Our guest speaker will be Grace Coffin, Community Outreach coordinator for Schuylkill County Vision which includes the Suicide Prevention Task Force. Our December in-gathering offering of \$263 was given to this group. A letter of their deep appreciation was received. At this meeting, a vote will be taken to designate the recipient of our next in-gathering offering which will be received at our May meeting.

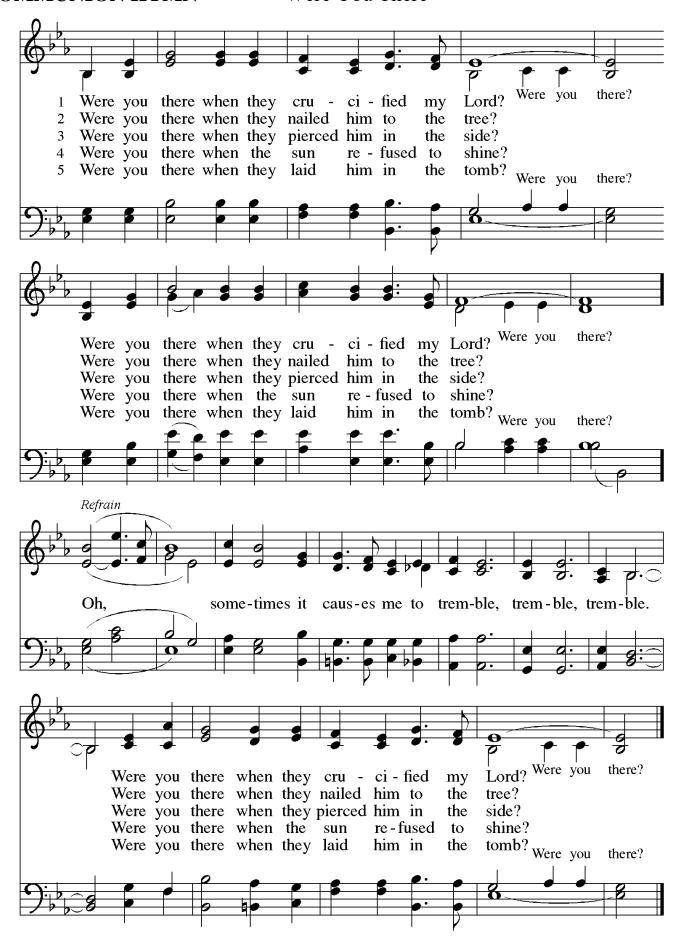
THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S		
Sunday, April 10	pril 10 Palm/Passion Sunday	
	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday, April 12	1:00 PM	WELCA
Wednesday, April 13	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
• •	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 14	Maundy Thursday	
	7:00 PM	Worship with Holy Communion
Friday, April 15	Good Friday	
	7:00 PM	Tenebrae Service
Saturday, April 16	Holy Saturday	
	5:30-7:00 PM	Silent prayer, meditation, and reflection
Sunday, April 17	The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter)	
	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"



#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

"Were You There"





## **SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!**

We continue to host a Sunday School for children every second Sunday of the month. Children ages 1-10 are invited to join us during the 10:30 a.m. service TODAY, for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. Teenagers are also invited to participate as helpers. Please contact Sarah Eger at 570-394-3522 or swoodring86@hotmail.com.