

A brown donkey with a white patch on its belly is standing in the center of the image. The background is a light blue and white dotted pattern. At the top, there are several green palm fronds. The text "Look for the Unexpected" is written in a dark brown, serif font. At the bottom, "Palm Sunday" and "April 2, 2023" are written in a green, cursive font.

Look for the  
*Unexpected*

*Palm Sunday*  
*April 2, 2023*



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;  
however please know a nursery space is available for  
parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

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*Please silence your cell phones at this time.*

## **Introduction—Lookin' for Love in All the Wrong Places**

*Traditionally, Palm Sunday was commemorated in worship as a day of pomp and circumstance, celebrating a conquering king's triumphant entry into the capitol. The focus of the day was on waving palm branches and singing Hosannas. We will still wave branches and sing Hosannas, but the intention of worship today is to draw us into and make us participants in the story of Jesus' last days. We call this story the "Passion of Jesus" as a reminder of the extremes Jesus endured to express the intensity of God's passionate love for us.*

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

(All) Hearts o - pen, minds a -  
wake, change us now for heav - en's  
sake; leave us not a - lone in ha - tred's wake. -  
- Show us how - to love, show us how -  
- to love, show us how, show us how -  
- to love.

### Procession of Palms

#### L **Matthew 21:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"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."

L <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

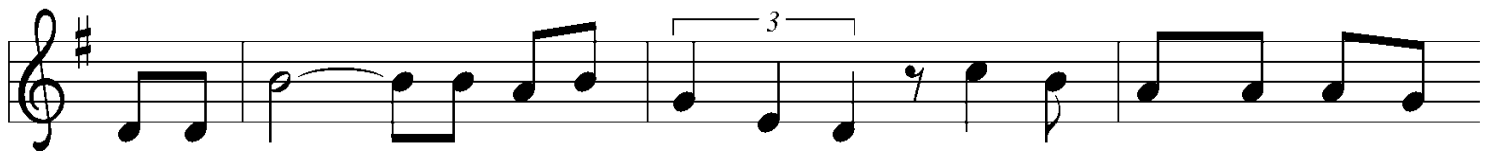
“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

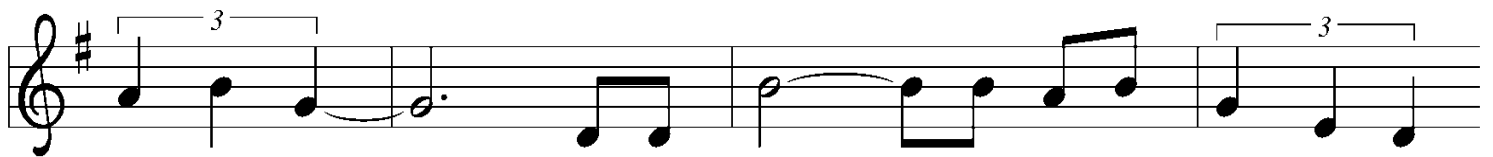
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

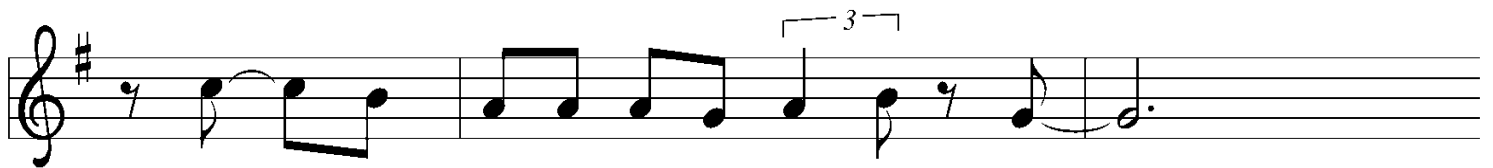
### We Are Marching in the Light of God



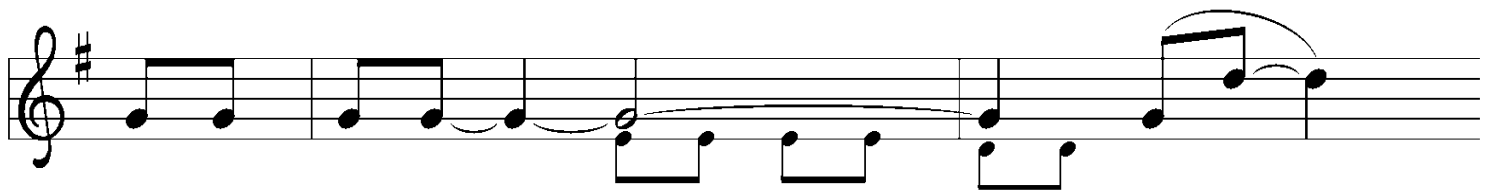
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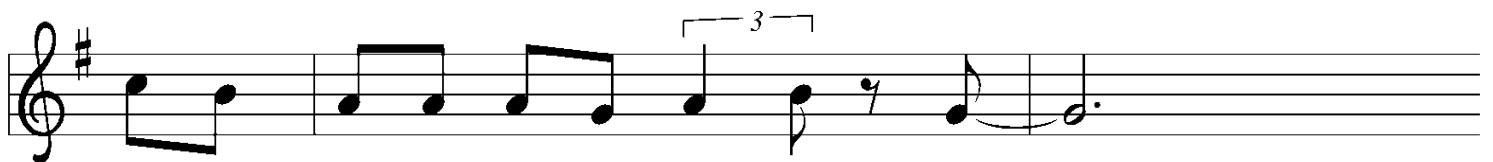
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we are march-ing in the light of God.



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we are march-ing in the light of God.

We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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P The disciples must have been excited and terrified all at once. The entrance into Jerusalem for Passover week had turned into a big deal. How would Jesus be received — by the people and by the authorities? And an entrance can define perception! Surely they would make as big a splash of confidence as possible. And then Jesus asks for a donkey. “A... donkey?!” Once again, Jesus demonstrates a love for peace and a love for common people by creating an entrance that proclaimed the power of God’s “kin-dom of heaven,” not Herod’s kingdom of oppression. Looking for love? Keep your eyes out for it in unexpected places.

(All) Eyes o - pen, shocked a -  
 wake, much to learn from our mis -  
 takes; draw us clo - ser in our heart - ache.  
 Show us how - to love, show us



how - to love, show us how, show us  
how - - to love.

**L Matthew 26:14– 16**

<sup>14</sup> One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>17</sup> On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup> He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’ ” <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

**Prayer of Confession**

**P** As we prepare to come to the table of Jesus just as he called his disciples to his table in the days after that triumphant procession, let us join together in a prayer of confession.

♪ ♪ **Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison** ♪ ♪  
**Kyrie Eleison, I pray.**

**P** Let us pray:

Holy and Merciful One,  
in this season of discernment we have come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them.  
We have confessed that we often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the spectacular and mighty of this world,  
while denigrating the common and simple ways we could love more fully.

**All We yearn for lives that matter,  
we desire relationships that thrive,  
we want less regret.**

*P* At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters:  
your love and acceptance.  
You provide opportunities all around us  
to make a difference in the lives of others.  
You give us a fresh start each day,  
inviting us to do better.

In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness  
to a different way of living.

*Silence for self reflection.*

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who has said,  
"God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever!"  
Let us respond together:

**All We open our hearts,  
our minds,  
our souls,  
our vision  
to the ways of love created by God,  
embodied in Jesus,  
and already moving in us by the Spirit.  
We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen**

## Prayers of the People

*L* Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all of creation.

♪ ♪ Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison ♪ ♪

Kyrie Eleison, I pray.

**Prayers for the World**

...God have mercy. In this singing we lift up this world to you with our love:

**Prayers for Our Community**

...God have mercy. In this singing we lift up this community to you with our love:

**Prayers for Our Relationships**

...God have mercy. In this singing we lift up each other to you with our love:

**Prayers for Our Selves**

...God have mercy. In this singing we open ourselves to your love:

**Sharing the Peace**

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that peace through sign language.*

*P* Christ become Love and Peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

**Gathering of Gifts**

*While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I cast all my cares up - on You. \_\_\_\_\_ I". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "lay all of my bur - dens down at Your feet. And". The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. There is a fermata over the word "You" in the first staff and a triplet of eighth notes over "bur - dens" in the second staff.





an - y - time that I don't know what to do, I will  
cast all my cares up - on You.

## Offertory Prayer

*P* Generous God,

***All* in light of your extravagant blessings—  
no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives—  
we offer our gifts and ourselves,  
and know that you transform what we give  
into the offering of Your love. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

*P* <sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said,

*Jesus* “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

*P* <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered,

*Jesus* “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>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.”

*P* <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said,

*Judas* “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

*Jesus* “You have said so.”

*P* <sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

*Jesus* "Take, eat; this is my body."

*P* <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

*Jesus* "Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

*P* <sup>30</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*P* 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***

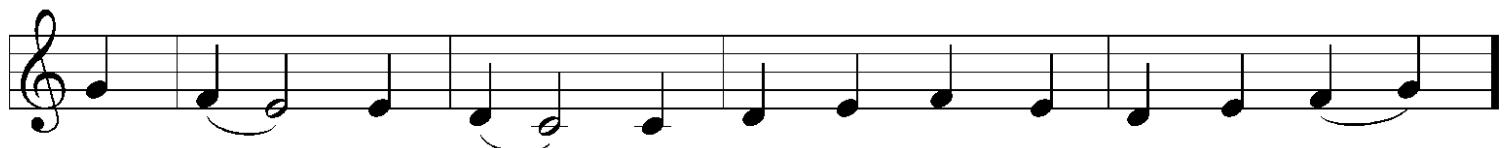
## The Invitation

*P* Here is food and drink for the journey.  
Take and be filled.

## The Lamb



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
So still, his will on our be - half the Law to fill.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!



The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne!

### What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

## Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

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

***All* Amen.**

*P* Let us pray.  
Tender and merciful one,

***All* at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,  
turning our emptiness into joy.**

**Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*P* <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them,

*Jesus* “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

<sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

*P* <sup>33</sup>Peter said to him,

*Peter* “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

*P* <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

*P* <sup>35</sup>Peter said to him,

*Peter* “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

*P* And so said all the disciples.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

*Jesus* “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

*P* <sup>37</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them,

*Jesus* “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”

*P* <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

*Jesus* “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”

*P* <sup>40</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

*Jesus* “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

*P* <sup>42</sup>Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

*Jesus* “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

*P* <sup>43</sup>Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

*Jesus* “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

P <sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

<sup>49</sup>At once he came up to Jesus and said,

*Judas* “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

P <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

P Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

P <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

*Jesus* “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

P Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

<sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came

forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said,

*Witness* “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ”

*P* <sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said,

*High Priest* “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

*P* <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

*High Priest* “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

*P* <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him,

*Jesus* “You have said so. But I tell you,  
From now on you will see the Son of Man  
seated at the right hand of Power  
and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

*P* <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

*High Priest* “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your verdict?”

*P* They answered,

***All* “He deserves death.”**

*P* <sup>67</sup>Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying,

*All* “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

*P* <sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

***1<sup>st</sup> Servant Girl* “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”**

*P* <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before all of them, saying,

*Peter* “I do not know what you are talking about.”

*P* <sup>71</sup>When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

*2<sup>nd</sup> Servant Girl* “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

*P* <sup>72</sup>Again he denied it with an oath,

*Peter* “I do not know the man.”

*P* <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

*All* “**Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**”

*P* <sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

*Peter* “I do not know the man!”

*P* At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.<sup>27:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. <sup>2</sup>They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup>When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

*P* <sup>4</sup>He said,

*Judas* “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

*P* But they said,

*All* “**What is that to us? See to it yourself.**”

*P* <sup>5</sup>Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests, taking the pieces of



silver, said,

**Chief Priests** “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”

*P* <sup>7</sup>After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. <sup>8</sup>For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

*Pilate* “Are you the King of the Jews?”

*P* Jesus said,

*Jesus* “You say so.”

*P* <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him,

*Pilate* “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

*P* <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

*P* <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

*Pilate's Wife* "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

*P* <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them,

*Pilate* "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

*P* And they said,

**All** "Barabbas."

*P* <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*P* All of them said,

**All** "Let him be crucified!"

*P* <sup>23</sup>Then he asked,

*Pilate* "Why, what evil has he done?"

*P* But they shouted all the more,

**All** "Let him be crucified!"

*P* <sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

*Pilate* "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

*P* <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered,

**All** "His blood be on us and on our children!"

*P* <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They

stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

***Soldiers* “Hail, King of the Jews!”**

*P* <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

<sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying,

***All* “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

*P* <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

***Religious Leaders* <sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”**

*P* <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus* “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

*P* that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

***All* “This man is calling for Elijah.”**

*P* <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said,

***All* “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**

*P* <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

<sup>54</sup>Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

*Centurion* “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

*P* <sup>55</sup>Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting

opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said,

**Religious Leaders** “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ <sup>64</sup>Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

*P* <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them,

*Pilate* “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

♪ ♪ 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?

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## Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.*

*P* Oh God, you are interrupting me with eternity.  
Am I'm not sure I'm ready.

Take hold of time and order it once again.  
Let me keep pace with you.

On this Palm Sunday, time is marked as one small donkey  
plods toward Jerusalem.

One with a face set like flint, feet almost grazing the ground,  
walks forward toward the eastering of all sorrow  
— not in the power of horses and swift victory,  
but in small, steady steps toward the mystery  
that through suffering, healing comes,  
that through shame, dignity is restored,  
that through the cross, powers are disarmed,  
and death done away with forever.

Blessed are all those walking forward into the great, small work they do:  
in hospitals, homes,  
grocery stores, classrooms,  
churches and cubicles.

And blessed are we joining the crowds  
waving palm branches to shout our selves hoarse:  
“Hosanna! Save us! Save our world.”

God, have mercy, ✝ Christ, have mercy. Spirit, have mercy.

**All Amen.**

# O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus

Music by  
Thomas John Williams  
Words by  
Samuel Trevor Francis



1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus. Vast, un -  
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus; spread His  
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of



-mea - sured, bound - less, free. Roll - ing as a might - y  
praise from shore to shore! How He lov - eth, ev - er  
ev - 'ry love the best. 'Tis an o - cean vast of



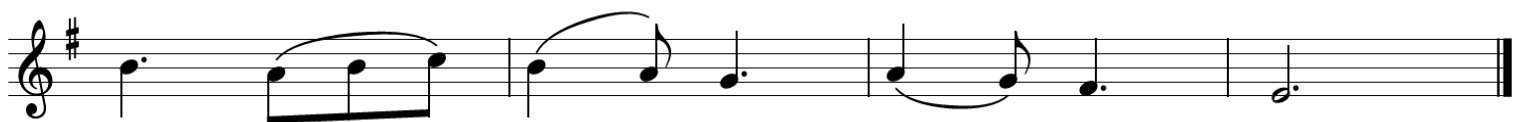
o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der  
lov - eth, chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more. How He  
bless - ing; 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the



-neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of Thy  
watch - es o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His  
deep, deep love of Je - sus; 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to



love. Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,  
own. How for them He in - ter - ced - eth,  
me. And it lifts me up to glo - ry,



to my glo - rious rest a - bove.  
watch - es o'er them from the throne.  
for it lifts me up to Thee.

# Dismissal

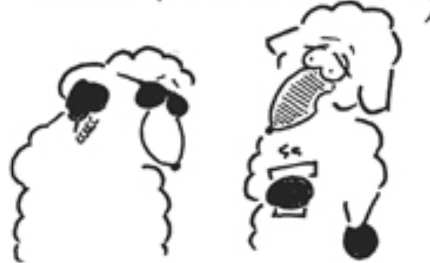
*P* Go in peace. Serve in love.

**All** Thanks be to God.

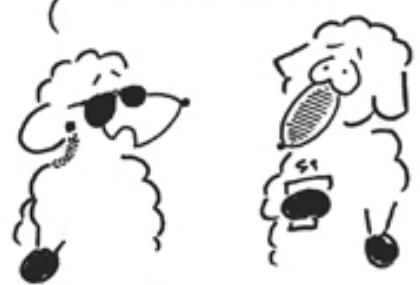
I LOVE HOW JESUS SENDS  
THE DISCIPLES ON A  
COVERT MISSION OF  
RECONNAISSANCE  
AND RECOVERY.



IT WAS HARDLY COVERT.  
BUT IT DOES REMIND US  
THAT THE WHOLE WEEK  
IS PART OF JESUS' PLAN.  
HE'S OUR KING AND OUR  
WILLING SACRIFICE.



SACRIFICE?!  
I THOUGHT ALL  
I'D HAVE TO DO  
IS RUN ALONGSIDE  
THE DONKEY!



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MATTHEW 21:1-11

Readings for next Sunday,  
April 9<sup>th</sup>  
EASTER SUNDAY

**First Reading:**

Acts 10:34-43

**Psalm:**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**Second Reading:**

Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel:**

Matthew 28:1-10

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