



Passion Sunday

*April 13, 2025*



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## Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, especially those 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 the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is  
available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

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*Please silence your cell phones at this time.*

## Welcome to Worship

**P** We stand at the precipice of Lent and Holy Week...

...And so, we turn from the isolation of perfection toward deep love.  
Listen, be drawn in – become part of the story of our faith.

## Procession of Palms

### **Luke 19**

<sup>1</sup>After he 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.'"

<sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

<sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

<sup>34</sup>They said,

**All            "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,

**All            "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,

**Men          "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."**

<sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Please stand as you are able.

# Hosanna

Words and Music by  
Carl Tuttle

1, 3. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high -  
2. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the King of

-est! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high -  
kings! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the King of

-est! Lord we lift up Your name \_\_\_\_\_ with hearts full of praise.  
kings!

\_\_\_\_\_ Be ex - alt - ed, oh \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, my God. Ho -

1, 3. Fine 2. D.S. al Fine

-san - na in the high - est! kings! Ho -  
Glo - ry to the King of \_\_\_\_\_

You may be Seated

## Luke 22

<sup>1</sup>Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

## Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

R Jesus orchestrated a low-budget parade into a city where he knew his days were numbered.

“Get me a colt,” he said.

Not a strong horse.

Not a float.

A young, donkey that has never been ridden.

And people gathered and his friends began shouting  
and that made the local priests angry.

Life is hard and we all need friends and sometimes we need big,  
loud, praying that will not be messed with.

We are created for interdependence. So all our hiding and pretending  
that we are “perfectly fine” all on our own just won’t work.

Get on the donkey when you need to and let people wave their  
branches and lay down their cloaks for you. Let them cheer and make  
noise for you. The thing is, you know you’ll do it for them too.

Knowing this, what keeps you from being honest?

What keeps you from being connected with others?

Let us take a moment to silently reflect...

*Silence is kept for self reflection.*

P Hear this compassionate word from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians:

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus ...”

Know that already, God is offering us freedom from isolation  
as we are called into the kind of community Christ had in mind for all.

*P* We are invited to the audacity of interdependence  
so that we might recognize love in its giving and receiving.  
And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, ✝ you are forgiven.  
Glory to God! Amen.**

## Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

### 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* Jesus Christ become Peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

### Gathering of Gifts

*Offering plates are at the entrance to receive your offerings.*

*We will sing our offertory in canon (in a round).*



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.  
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.  
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



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Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.  
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.  
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



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## Offertory Prayer

*P* Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.

**All** As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Holy Communion

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them,

“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;  
<sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

“Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

<sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

This is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

<sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

<sup>21</sup>But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

<sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

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

**All**

**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.**

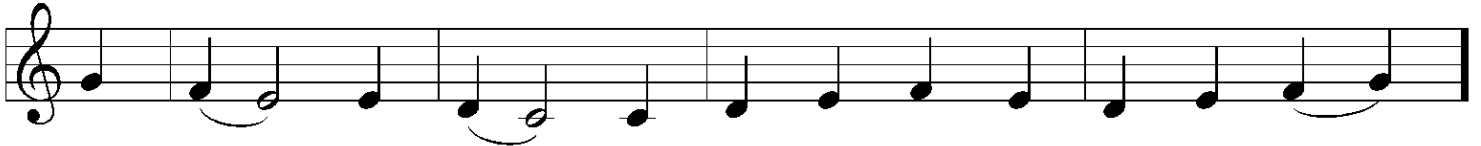
## **The Invitation**

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

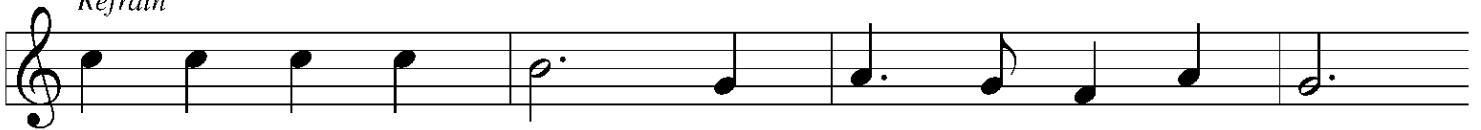




1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.



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!

Jesus Lover Of My Soul Words and Music by  
Paul Oakley



It's all a - bout You, \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ and all this is for \_\_\_\_\_ You, \_\_\_\_\_ for Your glo - ry and \_\_\_\_\_ Your fame.



\_\_\_\_\_ It's not a - bout me, \_\_\_\_\_ as if You \_\_\_\_\_ should do \_\_\_\_\_ things my \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ way; \_\_\_\_\_ You a - lone \_\_\_\_\_ are God, \_\_\_\_\_ and I sur - ren -



- der \_\_\_\_\_ to Your \_\_\_\_\_ ways. \_\_\_\_\_

Fine

Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, all con - sum - ing fire  
 is in Your gaze. Je - sus,  
 I want You to know I will fol - low You all my days.  
 For no one else in his - to - ry is like You,  
 and his - to - ry it - self be - longs to You.  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga, You have loved me, and  
 I will share e - ter - ni - ty with You. It's all a - bout

D.S. al Fine

## 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.  
Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

**All Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup>But he said to them,

“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup>“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; <sup>29</sup>and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>33</sup>And he said to him,

“Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said,

“I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them,

“When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?”

They said,

**All            “No, not a thing.”**

<sup>36</sup>He said to them,

“But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup>For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”

<sup>38</sup>They said,

**All            “Lord, look, here are two swords.”**

He replied, “It is enough.”

<sup>39</sup>He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.

<sup>40</sup>When he reached the place, he said to them,  
“Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

<sup>41</sup>Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

<sup>42</sup>“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me;  
yet, not my will but yours be done.”

<sup>43</sup>Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup>In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

<sup>45</sup>When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them,

“Why are you sleeping?  
Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

## Prayers of the People

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



Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.



Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,



noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* God, in your mercy     ***All:* receive our prayer.**

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them.

He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him,

“Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

<sup>49</sup>When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

**All**     **“Lord, should we strike with the sword?”**

<sup>50</sup>Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup>But Jesus said,

“No more of this!”

And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? <sup>53</sup>When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

<sup>54</sup>Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

<sup>56</sup>Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

**Women      “This man also was with him.”**

<sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”

<sup>58</sup>A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

**Men          “You also are one of them.”**

But Peter said, “Man, I am not!”

<sup>59</sup>Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.”

<sup>60</sup>But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

“Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.”

<sup>62</sup>And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup>Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him;

<sup>64</sup>they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

**All            “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”**

<sup>65</sup>They kept heaping many other insults on him. <sup>66</sup>When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. <sup>67</sup>They said,

**All            “If you are the Messiah, tell us.”**

He replied,

“If I tell you, you will not believe; <sup>68</sup>and if I question you, you will not answer.

<sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

<sup>70</sup>All of them asked,

**All            “Are you, then, the Son of God?”**

He said to them, “You say that I am.”

<sup>71</sup>Then they said,

**All            “What further testimony do we need?  
We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”**

*Luke 23*

<sup>1</sup>Then the assembly rose up against Jesus and brought him before Pilate.

<sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying,

**All            “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.”**

<sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

He answered, “You say so.”

<sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

“I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

<sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said,



**All      “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea,  
from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.

<sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

<sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people,  
<sup>14</sup>and said to them,

“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. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.

<sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

<sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together,

**All              “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”**

<sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting,

**All              “Crucify, crucify him!”**

<sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them,

“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.”

<sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.

<sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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.

<sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said,

“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>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.’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said,

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

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

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

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying,

**All            “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”**

<sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,  
“Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying,

“Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

<sup>42</sup>Then he said,

**All            “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”**

<sup>43</sup>(Jesus) replied,

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

**All            “Certainly this man was innocent.”**

<sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

<sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

<sup>50</sup>Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, <sup>51</sup>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.

<sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

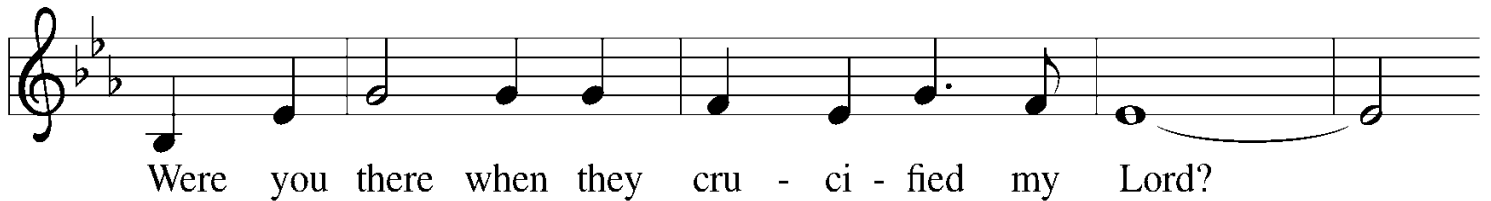
<sup>53</sup>Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

<sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning.

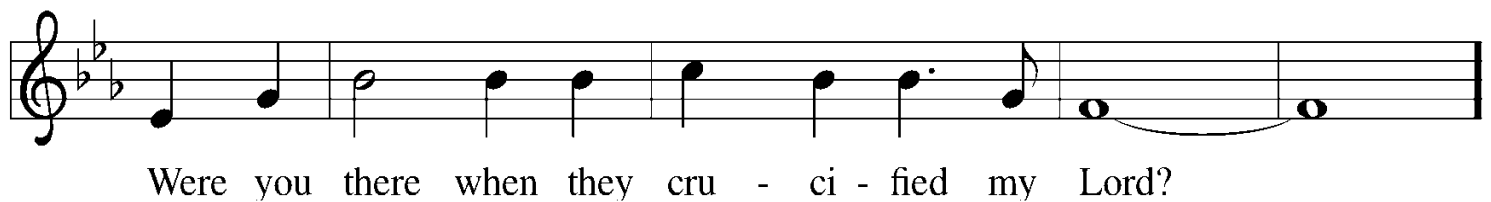
<sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

### Were You There



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

# Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

## Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.*

*P* God our tender parent, God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit, ✝ bless you now and forever.

**All Amen.**

## Sending

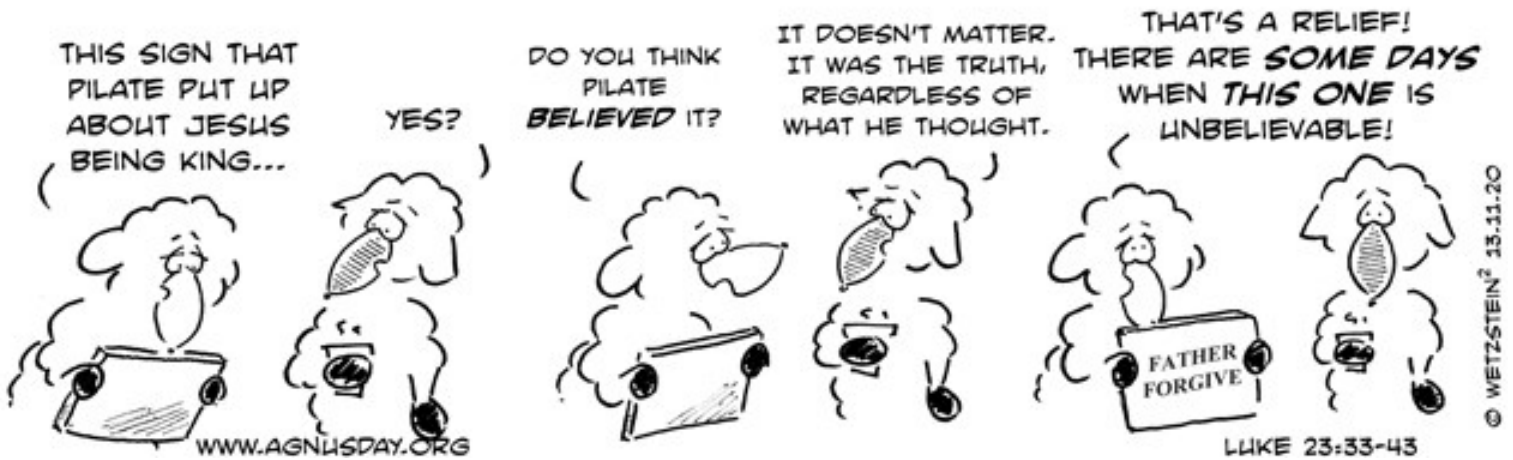
### The Old Rugged Cross Words and Music by George Bennard

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, the em - blem of suf - fring and  
shame; \_\_\_\_\_ And I love that old cross, where the dear - est and best for a  
world of lost sin - ners was slain. \_\_\_\_\_ So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, \_\_\_\_\_ till my  
tro - phies at last I lay down. \_\_\_\_\_ I will cling to the old rug - ged  
cross, \_\_\_\_\_ and ex - change it some day for a crown. \_\_\_\_\_

## Dismissal

*P* Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**All** Thanks be to God.



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Readings for next Sunday,  
April 20  
The Resurrection of Our Lord

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34-43  
**Psalm:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
**Gospel:** Luke 24:1-12

## Holy Week Schedule

April 17<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday – 7pm  
April 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – 7pm

April 20th The Resurrection of Our Lord  
ONE SERVICE—9:30 am

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