

## APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L) Lord in your Mercy C) Hear our Prayer

SHARING THE PEACE: L) "The peace of Christ be with you all" C) And also with you.

## OFFERING/OFFERTORY

### "Give Thanks"

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Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son. *Repeat*

And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich.

Because of what the Lord has done for us. *Repeat*

*(end with)* Give thanks.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **All) Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING & BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN

### "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

ELW #351

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,

now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;

O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!

Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!

Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.

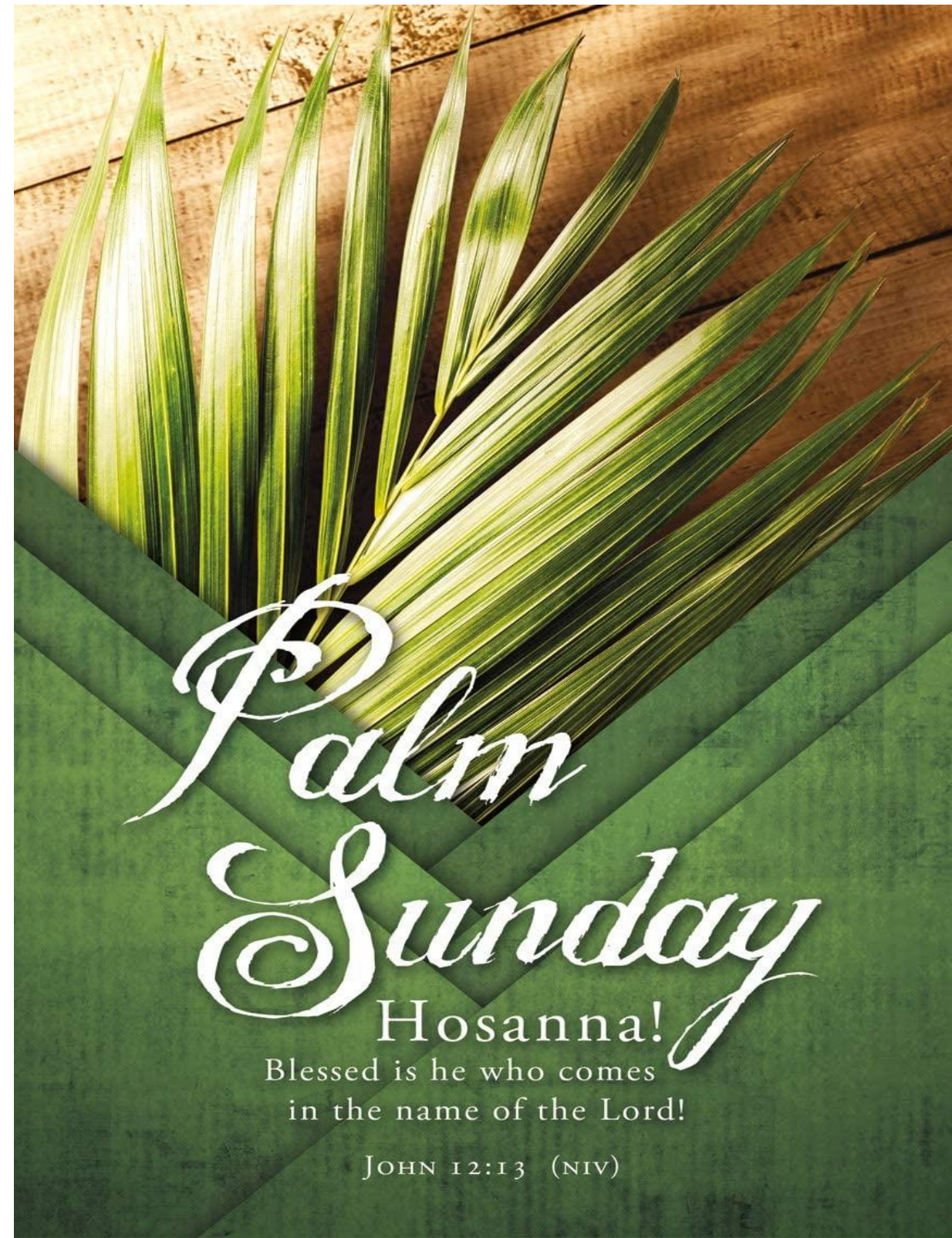
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

## DISMISSAL

L) Go in peace and come back Maundy Thursday to witness the Gospel God's Way!

**All) Thanks be to God!**

## RECESSIONAL



# Benton & Willow Creek Lutheran Churches

Palm Sunday – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Guest Pastor: Kent Stillson Organist: Lisa Rave & Kari Vosburg

## PRELUDE WELCOME

*(Worship begins in the back of the Church)*

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL 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." <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."  
L) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! **All) Hosannah in the highest!**

*(Children process with Palm Branches)*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ELW #344

## CHILDREN'S SPECIAL MUSIC CHILDREN'S WORD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Lay Reader)

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

L) *Word of God, Word of Life. All) Thanks be to God.*

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 (Pastor read)

<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.  
L) *Word of God, Word of Life. All) Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "Introducing Humility" Pastor Kent Stillson

## HYMN OF THE DAY "In Christ Alone"

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In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
'til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
'til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!