

LUTHERAN CHAPEL

*The Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
according to the Gospel of Matthew.*



**HOLY COMMUNION
PASSION OF OUR LORD / PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026**

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*BOLD indicates congregational responses - * Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Arr. by John Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:1-11

Response after announcement

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!"

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

ELW #344

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: 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.

WORD

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

JOSHUA 1:1-9

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant, saying, ² "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. ⁵ No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹ **I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. The + marks where we are now. Memory verse is in bold.

*Creation : Fall : Promise : Exodus : Conquest : +**Judges**: Kings and Prophets : Exile :
Restoration : 2nd Temple : JESUS : Apostles : Last Day : New Creation*

PSALM 31:9-16

(Spoken)

- ⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat¹ and my belly.
¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones¹ are consumed.**
¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to¹ my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street¹ they avoid me.
¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten,¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a¹ broken pot.**
¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to¹ take my life.
¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in¹ you, O LORD.
I have said, "You¹ are my God.**
¹⁵ My times are¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who¹ persecute me.
¹⁶ **Let your face shine up-¹ on your servant;
save me in your¹ steadfast love."**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Joel 2:13

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

"The Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew"

(This will be a Responsive Reading, please see booklet.

When finished please leave the book in the pew. Thank You.)

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW # 335

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and
sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.***

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Hosanna! Hosanna!"

Mary Kay Beall

***OFFERTORY**

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

***PREFACE AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW pg. 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: 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**

Matthew 6:9-13

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.**

***LAMB OF GOD**

ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). You may request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard it in the trashcan.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.



1 That Christ be known, we share in Word and wa - ter;
 2 To make Christ known, we say the Word in sto - ry;
 3 In hope we serve; we give our - selves in glad - ness;



with ev - 'ry sign of love and grace the faith is shown.
 with ev - 'ry tell - ing of our hope the faith is shown.
 with ev - 'ry sac - ri - fi - cial act the faith is shown.



We break the bread and pass the cup for each and all,
 We speak the gos - pel, free and clear to each and all,
 We use our gifts, em - brace the gifts of each and all,

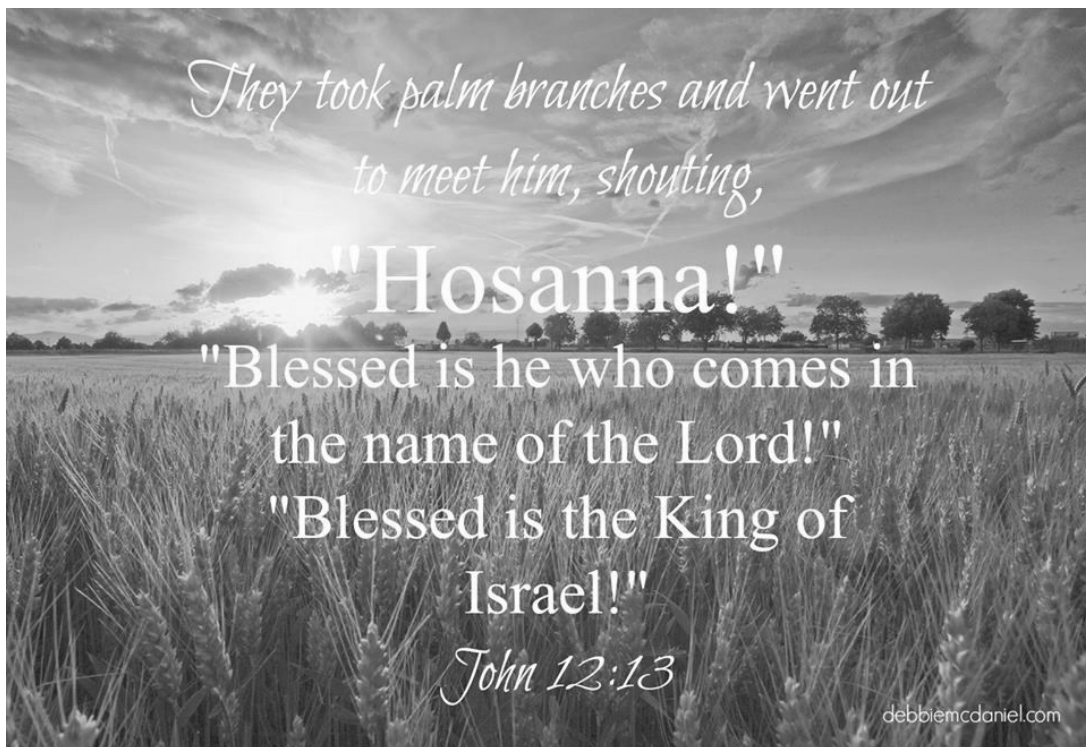


and in the pres - ence of this love, the Christ is known.
 and in the mes - sage of God's love, the Christ is known.
 and in the liv - ing of our love, the Christ is known.

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***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

ELW #346

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Go to the Dark Gethsemane"

Arr. by Lee Dangler



Serving the
CHURCH



Ministers.....	People of Lutheran Chapel
Pastor.....	Michael Comer
Administrative Assistant.....	Susan Hibsich
Director of Music Ministries.....	Kathie Riebe
Choir Accompanist.....	Anna Gilreath
Assistant Minister.....	Sylvia Fogle
Acolyte.....	Renwick Royston
Lector.....	Ginny Comer
Crucifer.....	Hunter Clark
Head Ushers.....	Steve Clark and Ervin Hoffman
First Aid/AED/CPR.....	Ervin Hoffman
Council Members of the Month.....	Don Boyette & Zac Lentz



Upcoming EVENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION: If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the “Easy Tithe” page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.



CHURCH COUNCIL: The council requests that all Committee Chairs and Committee Leads attend a brief meeting immediately following the Sunday service on **April 12** in the Family Life Center. The purpose of this meeting is to present and discuss the proposed changes to the LCC Bylaws. Thank you for your leadership and service to our congregation.

OWLS: We hope you’ll join us for our OWL-standing time of fellowship on **Thursday, April 16** at 11:00 am at Hillbilly, Lowell.

HICKORY CRAWDADS BASEBALL OUTING: Join us on **Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm**. Price includes all you can eat picnic and tickets to the game for \$32.00. Make checks payable to Hickory Crawdads. Please return forms no later than May 1st.

2026 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you’d like to sign up for a Sunday in 2026, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-914-8451 or email sudalewi@gmail.com. We still need flowers for and October 4.

LOVE OFFERING FOR MARCH: Our love offering for March will be sent to The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Center/A Domestic Violence Shelter. The Home serves as a temporary shelter for clients to establish new housing, jobs, and daycare, etc., while providing a safe, emergency residence where victims can live in times of crisis. Other services provided include counseling, court advocacy, children’s programs, and support group meetings.



Next Weeks Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6:00 PM - Seder Meal in the Family Life Center

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross in the Chapel

7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service at the Church Cemetery

Breakfast to follow

10:00 AM - Festival Service of Holy Communion

Weekly CALENDAR



Sunday, March 29 PALM SUNDAY	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00 am	Table Talks
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, March 30	8:30 am	Preschool
Tuesday, March 31	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
	5:30 pm	Chapel Ringers (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, April 1	8:30 am	Preschool
Thursday, April 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:00 pm	Seder Meal (Family Life Center)
Friday, April 3 GOOD FRIDAY	9:00 am	Men's Community Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Chapel)
	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)
Saturday, April 4	9:30 am	Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, April 5 EASTER	7:00 am	Sunrise Service/Breakfast (Cemetery)
	8:30 am	Fellowship
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Festival Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Let's **PRAY**



DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1, 55:17*). *May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.*

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 13—March 29 to April 5, 2026. Read the whole Bible.

03/29 Morning Reading: Luke 5:1-16—Evening Reading: Judges 7, 8
03/30 Morning Reading: Luke 5:17-39—Evening Reading: Judges 9, 10
03/31 Morning Reading: Luke 6:1-26—Evening Reading: Judges 11, 12
04/02 Morning Reading: Luke 7:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 16, 17, 18
04/02 Morning Reading: Luke 7:1-30—Evening Reading: Judges 16, 17, 18
04/03 Morning Reading: Luke 7:31-50—Evening Reading: Judges 19, 20, 21
04/04 Morning Reading: Luke 8:1-25—Evening Reading: Ruth 1, 2, 3, 4
04/05 Morning Reading: Luke 8:26-56—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 1, 2, 3

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Ann Behringer, Shirley Bradley, Miles Carpenter, Shirley Carpenter, George Cashion, Judy Gault, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, Jason Lineberger, Pat Robinson, **Fred Ward**, Gene Weaver and **Jenny Williamson**.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Bradley, Faye Breedlove, Gage Brown, Deborah Carpenter, Zandra Chavis, Jeff Cobb, Doris Coggins, Genniser Devega, Tucker Doyne, Ralph Euchner, Kenny Falls, Jack Fitzgerrel, Jameson Franklin, **Les Frye**, Carolyn Gantt, Abi Gordon, Jan Green, Jerry Green, Terri Hartsfield, John, Kathy Jenkins, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Betty Parlier, **John and Ann Peters**, Rita Pasour, Carol Shehan, Jeff Smith, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Kennedy Williams and For our Nation and Military during Operation Epic Fury.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

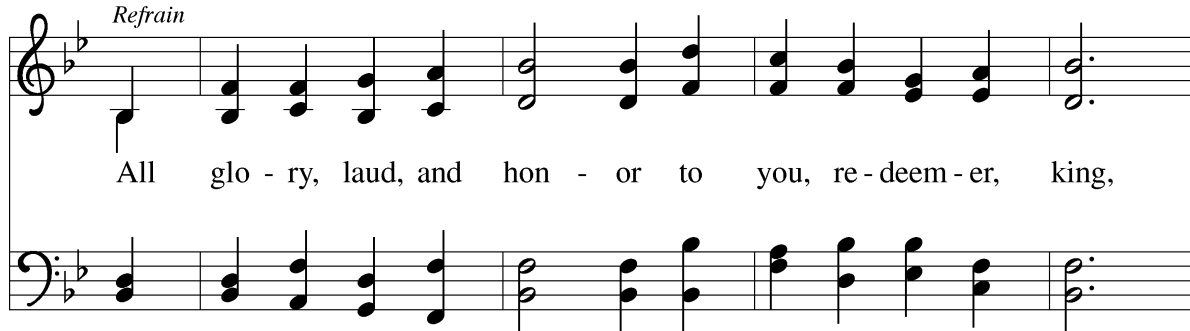
Sunday, April 5 ~ Holy Communion

Sunrise: Psalm 118 "Rejoice the Lord"

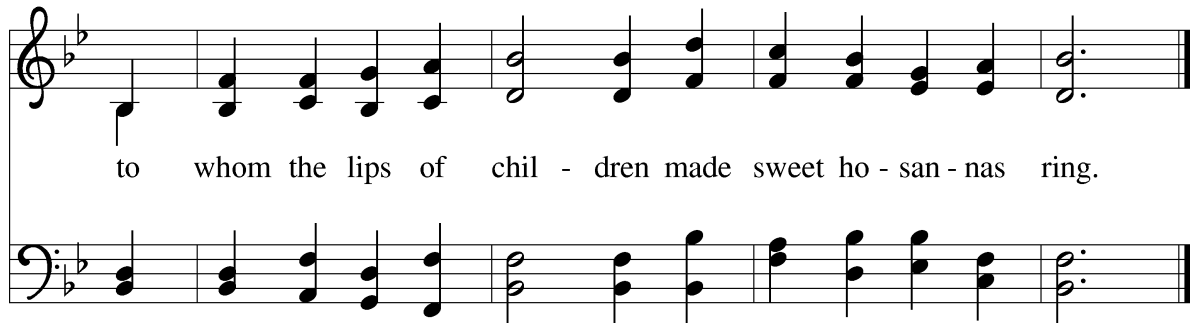
Easter Service: Ruth 1:1-18 and Matthew 28:1-10 - "Great Joy"

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

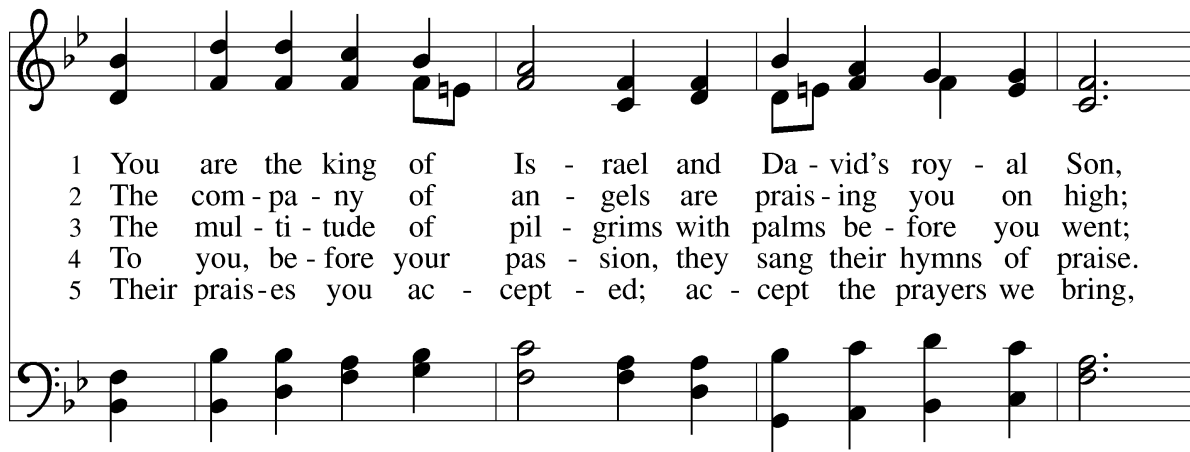
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

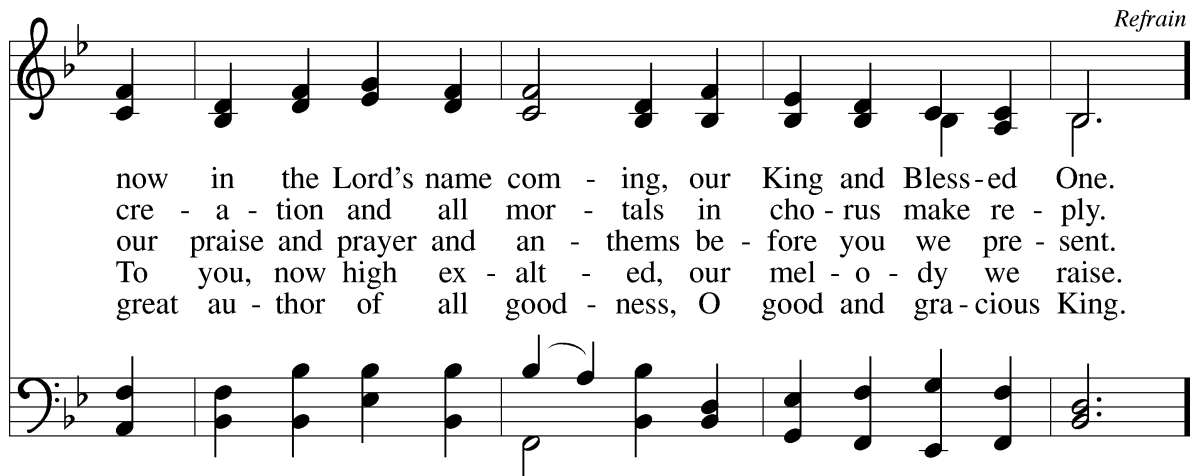


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



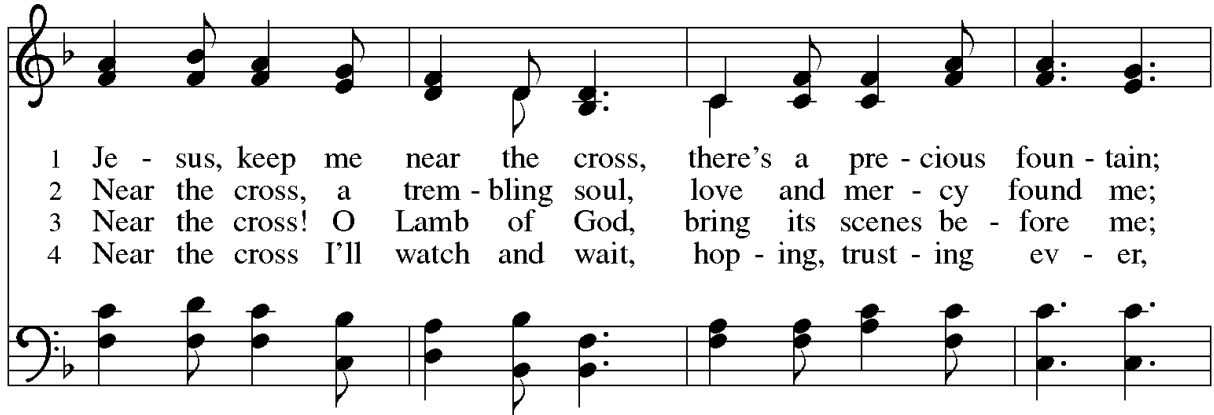
1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

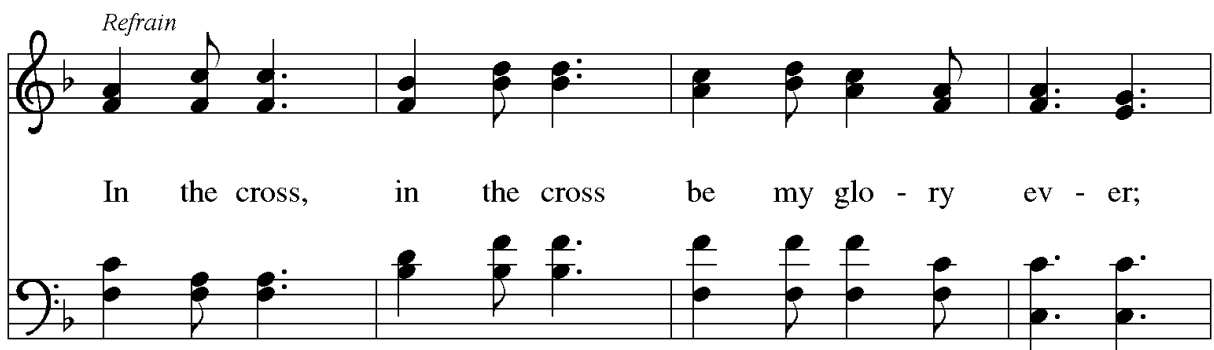


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Jesus, Remember Me

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

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/4 time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

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

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first. The melody in the upper staff concludes with a final cadence, and the bass line in the lower staff provides a supporting accompaniment.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

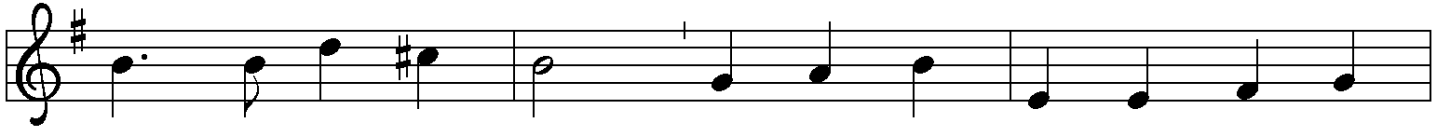
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Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

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