

APRIL 2ND, 2023
PALM SUNDAY



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

IF YOU ARE ONLINE

We're glad that you are with us today! We hope that you will share your prayers and participation in the chat during worship. We also hope, that if you are able, you will join us in the sanctuary when you feel comfortable.

IF YOU ARE IN THE SANCTUARY

We're glad you're here! Please remember that we are still taking precautions due to COVID. Therefore, we appreciate if you will help us care for the most vulnerable among us by doing the following:

Although you are no longer required to wear your mask while in worship, we encourage you to do what you feel is best to care for yourself and others.

When you receive communion, please leave plenty of space between yourself and others. We'll ask you to gather the elements from our communion servers, and then consume them when you reach the wicker basket.

After worship, we invite you to join us for fellowship in the courtyard garden or outside the front doors. These outdoor spaces afford us a lot more freedom than indoor spaces. The courtyard will be great for sitting to chat, the front will be great for standing to chat. You're welcome to stay for as long as you like to catch up with friends.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers who greeted you on the way in.

WELCOME

Gather outside the front doors with palms

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Pastor The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

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.”

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

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

Pastor Word of God, Word of Light.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HOSANNA

We will move into the sanctuary as we sing. You may sing in a round, beginning at any of the indicated numbers.

Ho - san - na! Ho-san - na! Ho-san - na in ex - cel - sis!

GREETING

Pastor Hosanna to the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG • ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

Please stand as you are able

Refrain



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

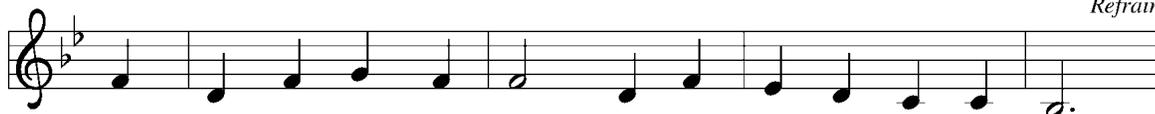


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon Let us pray,
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. We pray in the name of the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Reader A reading from Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter.
⁴The 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.
⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn
backward.
⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader Word of God, Word of Light.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Reader I invite you to join me in reading from the thirty-first Psalm responsively.

Reader ⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

All ¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

Reader ¹¹I 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.

All ¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

Reader ¹³For 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.

All ¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

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

All ¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING

Reader A reading from Philippians, the second chapter.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader Word of God, Word of Light.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able



Noth- ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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GOSPEL READING

Reader The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reader ¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The

governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴So 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, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and 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, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

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

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “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.” ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²“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. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At 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. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now 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, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and 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. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember what that

impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴Therefore 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." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Reader The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY • MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
 re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

<p>5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.</p>	<p>6 In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.</p>
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7 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able

Deacon Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *(a brief silence)*

Deacon Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,

All hear our prayer.

Deacon Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,

All hear our prayer.

Deacon Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep *(especially)*. Merciful God,

All hear our prayer.

Deacon Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful *(especially)*. Merciful God,

All hear our prayer.

Deacon Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,

All hear our prayer.

Deacon For what else do the people of God pray?

Here you are encouraged to offer a prayer of our community aloud. End your prayer by saying "Merciful God."

Deacon Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God,

All hear our prayer.

Deacon We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

We encourage you to share a sign of peace with respect to the concerns and boundaries of others. Giving your neighbor the peace sign and tell them “Peace be with you” or putting your hand on your heart and saying “God’s peace be with you” are two of many options for sharing a sign of peace.

OFFERING

God has dealt abundantly with us. We practice that abundance by relinquishing our gifts and wealth as a sign of trust that through relationship, God continues to deal abundantly with the whole human family. Our collected offerings proclaim that abundance through our shared mission. If you would like to join this community in mission, you send your offerings to 1550 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125 or give online at www.cgslc.org/donate.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Offered by CGS Mixed Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Deacon Let us pray. God of good gifts,

All receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to God.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pastor O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

All **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the language of your own choosing.

**Our God, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Please be seated

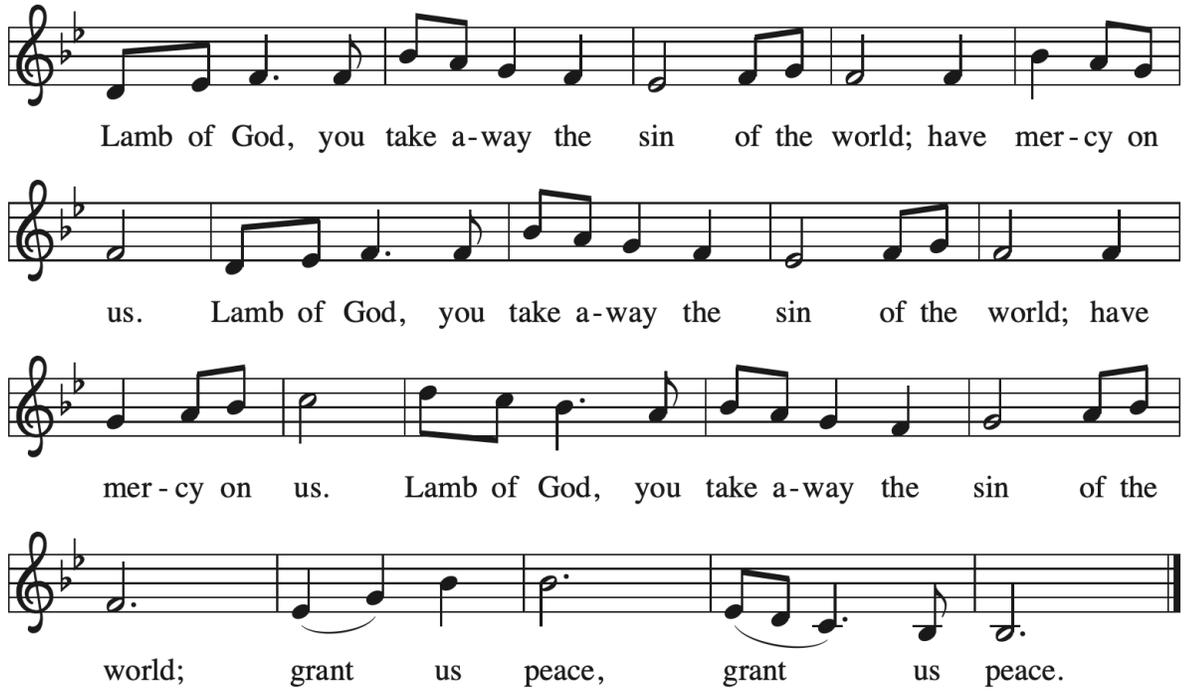
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at CGS. We invite you to share holy communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, physical ability or mental health. There are gluten free wafers for those who need them; please just ask the pastor when you go forward. The small cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing in lieu of grain and grape, let the pastor know when you come forward. They will be happy to give you a blessing.

As you go forward to receive communion, form one line. Please do not remove your mask until you reach the wicker basket at the end. There, you may consume the elements and replace your mask before returning to your seat.

Take your time! There is plenty of time. Ask the pastor or communion server if you have any questions or needs.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

WITHIN OUR DARKEST NIGHT



With-in our dark-est night, you kin-dle the fire that nev-er dies a -
way, nev-er dies a - way. With-in our dark-est night, you kin-dle the
fire that nev-er dies a - way, nev-er dies a - way.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

At last, Lord, your word of promise ful - fill - ing, you let your
ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace. With my own
eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion you have pre -
pared . . . in the sight of all of the peo - ples: a
light that will re - veal you to the na - tions, and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Deacon Let us pray. Compassionate God,
All at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Please stand as you are able

Pastor God, the giver of love,
 † Christ, the resurrection and the life,
 and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
 bless you in this Lenten journey.

All Amen.

SENDING SONG • O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace. Serve in love.

All Thanks be to God.

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All Glory, Laud and Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orelans; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.

Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner

My Song Is Love Unknown

Text: Samuel Crossman

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards

Within Our Darkest Night

Text and Music: Taize Community

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Text: Paul Gerhardt, based on Arnulf of Louvain; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, adapt. Hans Leo Hassler

Liturgical music from All Creation Sings

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