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The purpose of this drama is to allow each worshiper to discover (pitifully & intensely) his/her own rootedness in Christ. The Passion Story may no longer be mere story for observance, analysis, learning or history but it embraces the worshiper. This drama has no audience. All are actors. None objective. All subjective, or else the objects of the driving love of God.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway


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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

THE CRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION*

Worship for the Way of the Cross

CAST

PEOPLE CONGREGATION
NARRATOR CINDY MCGINNIS
PILATE LAVELL WINSOR
PHARISEE LONI REECE
JUDAS..... DUANE POMEROY
PETER BOB HORTON
CRIMINAL 1 MARCY CARLSON
CRIMINAL 2 TED MURPHY
ORGANIST MITCHELL BEAN

The Entry into Jerusalem

NARRATOR: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'the Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away found it as he had told them.

PEOPLE: **AND AS THEY WERE UNTYING THE COLT, ITS OWNERS SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU UNTYING THE COLT?"**

PETER: And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

NARRATOR: And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

PEOPLE SINGING: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs 1,2,3)*

*Refrain: All Glory, Laud, and Honor to thee, redeemer king
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring*

1. **You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One (Refrain)**
2. **The Company of angels are praising you on High, creation and all mortals in chorus make reply (Refrain)**
3. **The multitude of pilgrims with psalms before you went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. (Refrain)**

PHARISEE: And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They're calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!"

NARRATOR: He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent the very stones themselves would cry out."

PEOPLE SINGING:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs 4, 5)

*Refrain: All Glory, Laud, and Honor to thee, redeemer king
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring*

4. **To you before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.** (Refrain)
5. **Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.** (Refrain)

NARRATOR: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."

The Preparation and the Eating of the Last Supper

NARRATOR: Now, the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

JUDAS: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and engaged to give him money. So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

NARRATOR: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

PEOPLE: **THEY SAID TO HIM, "BUT WHERE, LORD? WHERE WILL YOU HAVE US PREPARE IT, AND WHAT ARE WE TO DO?"**

NARRATOR: He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?" And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready." And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took 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." And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

PEOPLE: AND THEY BEGAN TO QUESTION, "WHO, LORD? WHO IS TO BETRAY YOU? IS IT I? IS IT I?"

NARRATOR: He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

JUDAS: Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

PETER: Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I!" he said. And he declared, "Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you."

NARRATOR: "Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

PETER: Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

PEOPLE: AND SO SAID ALL OF THE DISCIPLES, OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

The Agony in the Garden

PEOPLE SINGING:

Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 1)

*Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r, your
Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from
his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.*

NARRATOR: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

**PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US,
DELIVER US.**

NARRATOR: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

**PEOPLE: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE
THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL
BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE --**

NARRATOR: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

**PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US
FROM EVIL, EVEN THE EVIL WITHIN OURSELVES.**

JUDAS: While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

JUDAS: Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi."

PEOPLE: WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW, THEY SAID, “LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?”

PETER: And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

NARRATOR: But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.

**PEOPLE: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE
THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.**

NARRATOR: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, “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.” Then they seized him.

The Judgment

PEOPLE SINGING: *Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 2)*

*Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun
not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.*

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the High Priest's house.

PETER: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

PEOPLE: THEN A MAID, SEEING HIM SIT IN THE LIGHT, SAID,
"THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM."

PETER: But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”

PEOPLE: AND A LITTLE LATER SOMEONE ELSE SAW HIM AND SAID, "YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM."

PETER: But Peter said, “Man, I am not.”

PEOPLE: **AN HOUR LATER ANOTHER INSISTED, SAYING,
“CERTAINLY THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM, FOR HE IS A
GALILEAN.”**

PETER: But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying!”

NARRATOR: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.
And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

PETER: And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to
him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went
out and he wept bitterly.

NARRATOR: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him;
they blindfolded him and demanded:

PEOPLE: **“PROPHECY! WHO IS IT THAT STRUCK YOU?”**

NARRATOR: And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him.
When the day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together
and led him to their council;

PEOPLE: **AND THEY SAID, “IF YOU ARE THE CHRIST, TELL US.”**

NARRATOR: But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask
you now, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of man shall be seated
at the right hand of the power of God”

PEOPLE: **AND THEY SAID, “ARE YOU THE SON OF GOD, THEN?”**

NARRATOR: And he said to them, “You say that I am.”

PEOPLE: **AND THEY SAID, “BLASPHEMY! WHAT FURTHER
TESTIMONY DO WE NEED? WE HAVE HEARD IT OURSELVES FROM
HIS OWN LIPS. BLASPHEMY! OH, BLASPHEMY!”**

Dawn Friday: Jesus Before Pilate

NARRATOR: Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before
Pontius Pilate.

PEOPLE: AND THEY BEGAN TO CURSE HIM, SAYING, “WE FOUND THIS MAN PERVERTING OUR NATION, AND FORBIDDING US TO GIVE TRIBUTE TO CAESAR, AND SAYING THAT HE HIMSELF IS CHRIST THE KING!”

PILATE: And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

NARRATOR: And he answered him, “You have said so.”

PILATE: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and the multitudes, “I find no crime in this man.”

PEOPLE: BUT THEY WERE URGENT, SAYING, “HE STIRS UP THE PEOPLE, TEACHING THROUGHOUT GALILEE EVEN TO THIS PLACE.”

PILATE: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod,

NARRATOR: Where he was vehemently accused, and treated with contempt and mocked, and arrayed in gorgeous purple, and then sent back again.

PILATE: Pilate said to the rulers of the people, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him, behold, I did not find him guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him --”

PEOPLE: BUT THEY ALL CRIED OUT TOGETHER, “AWAY WITH THIS MAN! AWAY! AWAY! RELEASE TO US BARABBAS”

NARRATOR: Barabbas! - a man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder -

PILATE: Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus -

PEOPLE: BUT THEY SHOUTED OUT, “CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!”

PILATE: “Why? What evil has he done? I've found no crime in him deserving death. I'll chastise him. I'll release him - “

**PEOPLE: BUT THEY WERE URGENT, DEMANDING WITH LOUD
CRIES THAT HE SHOULD BE CRUCIFIED.**

NARRATOR: And their voices prevailed.

PILATE: So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder. But Jesus he delivered up to their will.

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Darkest Woe* **by James Engel**

Friday Morning: Crucifixion

PEOPLE SINGING: *Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 3)*

*Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark
that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear
him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.*

NARRATOR: But Jesus he delivered over to their will.

**ALL MEN: AND AS THEY LED HIM AWAY, THEY SEIZED ONE
SIMON OF CYRENE, WHO WAS COMING IN FROM THE COUNTRY,
AND LAID ON HIM THE CROSS, TO CARRY IT BEHIND JESUS.**

**ALL WOMEN: AND THERE FOLLOWED HIM A GREAT MULTITUDE OF
WOMEN WHO BEWAILED AND LAMENTED HIM.**

NARRATOR: But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it dries!"

PEOPLE SINGING: *Were You There? (v.1)*

*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?*

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

PEOPLE SINGING: *Were You There? (v.2)*

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble- Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

NARRATOR: And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: AND THEY CAST LOTS TO DIVIDE HIS GARMENTS.

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: AND THE PEOPLE STOOD BY, WATCHING, BUT THE RULERS SCOFFED AT HIM, SAYING, "HE SAVED OTHERS: LET HIM SAVE HIMSELF, IF HE IS THE CHRIST OF GOD!"

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: THE SOLDIERS ALSO MOCKED HIM, COMING UP AND OFFERING HIM VINEGAR.

ALL WOMEN: THERE WAS AN INSCRIPTION OVER HIM: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

ALL MEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. FORGIVE US, O LORD, OUR TRESPASSES!

CRIMINAL 1: One of the criminals who were hanged with him railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

CRIMINAL 2: But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**PEOPLE: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, DELIVER US FROM
EVIL. THINE IS THE KINGDOM -**

NARRATOR: And Jesus said to him -

PEOPLE: AND THE POWER-

NARRATOR: “Truly, truly, I say to you -”

PEOPLE: AND THE GLORY-

NARRATOR: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

PEOPLE: FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN!

PEOPLE SINGING: *Were You There? (v.4)*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the
sun refused to shine? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble- Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

NARRATOR: It was now about the sixth hour - and there was darkness over
the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain
of the temple was torn in two, from the top to the bottom. Then Jesus, crying
with a loud voice, said, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!” And hav-
ing said this, he breathed his last. And all the multitudes who had assembled to
see the sight,

**PEOPLE: WHEN THEY SAW WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE, THEY
RETURNED HOME BEATING THEIR BREASTS.**

**ALL WOMEN: AND ALL HIS ACQUAINTANCES AND THE WOMEN WHO
HAD FOLLOWED HIM FROM GALILEE STOOD AT A DISTANCE AND
SAW THESE THINGS.**

Late Friday Afternoon: Burial

PEOPLE SINGING: *Were You There? (v.5)*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when
they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, trem-
ble, tremble- Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

PILATE: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, a righteous man, one looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.

NARRATOR: It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

ALL WOMEN: THE WOMEN WHO HAD COME WITH HIM FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED, AND SAW THE TOMB AND HOW HIS BODY WAS LAID. THEN THEY RETURNED, AND PREPARED SPICES AND OINTMENTS.

NARRATOR: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

(All remain silent for MEDITATION.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

There in God's Garden

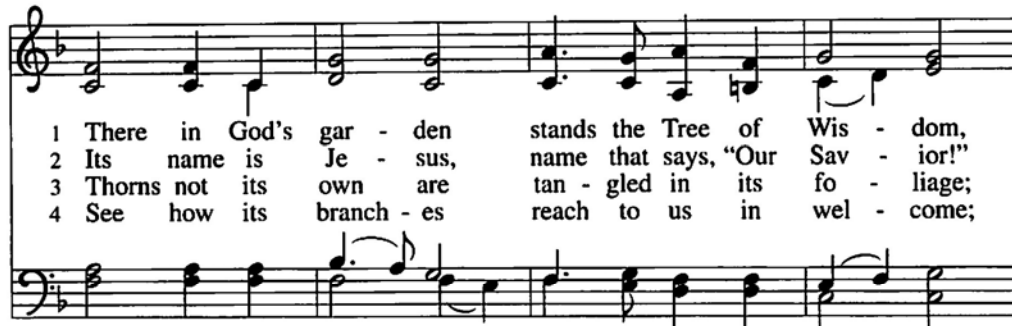
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VERSES 1, 4, & 6**

Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man -
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

THE PRAYERS

A Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make this congregation and that of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bel-Nor, Missouri, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Washington, and Elim Lutheran Church in Marquette, Kansas unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A For the lives of those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance of those in need. Guide children and families as they lose their homes and loved ones. Particularly, let us pray for the German Evangelical-Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East as they face these times of conflict. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A For those in positions of authority leaders with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A For those who suffer, waiting for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill, especially Mike Jackson, Keith Springer, Peggy Buchholz, Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, Junior Utech, Susan Fitz, and Martha Nemeth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A For those celebrating the life we are given: We pray for Breanna Lewis, Emily Schwartz, and Isis Pomeroy as they celebrate their birthdays, Everly Bosch, Isis Pomeroy, Loretta Hoerman and Carol Marker as they remember their baptisms, and Walt & Helen Laughlin as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

P We remember those who have died who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Spoken responsively.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

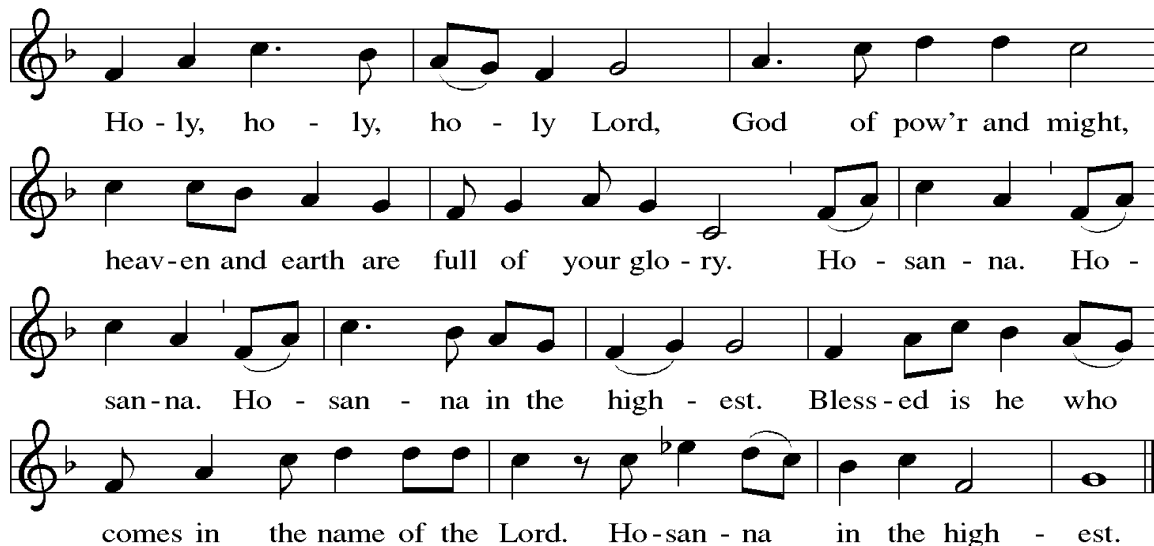
P Lift up your hearts.

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.**

P 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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. 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 might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

C Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Beautiful Savior

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SENDING

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,

pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for-sak - en in your suf - f'ring:

from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.

1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
 2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*Welcome to worship at Trinity!
Thank you for joining us today.*

*We hope that you, members and visitors, found the
Spirit of God in our midst.*

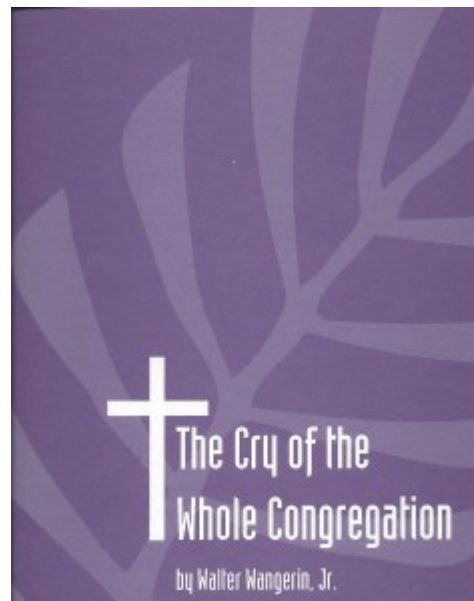
*If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity
Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other
questions, please contact the church office at
785.233.0767*



The palms we are waving today come from Eco-Palms.org. By purchasing these palms, we are improving the income of gatherers and protecting the forests where they grow.

Once again, we are using Walt Wangerin's
The Cry of the Whole Congregation for
worship today.

Thanks to all who volunteered or said yes
when asked to fill one of the speaking parts!



Holy Week Services

April 14, 6:00 pm — Maundy Thursday

April 15, 6:00 pm — Good Friday

9:30 Easter morning

Join us for coffee hour,
outdoors, as weather permits

Easter worship 10:30 am.



The Central States Synod Assembly is scheduled for **June 9 thru 11, 2022**. It will be an in-person event at the Embassy Suites in Olathe, Kansas.

Please consider attending as a Trinity delegate. The keynote speaker will be Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Ph.D., Professor of Theological and Social Ethics, at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

The deadline for early registration is April 15th so please let the office know as soon as possible if you would like to serve as a delegate. Lodging at Embassy Suites in Olathe will be paid for by Trinity.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Apr. 10..... **Palm Sunday**

..... Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM

..... *The Cry of the Whole Congregation*

..... Coffee Hour, outdoors, weather permittingafter worship

..... PFLAG meeting 2:00 PM

Mon., Apr. 11..... LFACT Board Meeting..... 1:00 PM

..... Church Council via Zoom..... 6:00 PM

Tues., Apr. 12 Quilters..... 9:00 AM

Wed., Apr. 13..... Historic Old Town NIA Meeting 6:30 PM

Thurs., Apr. 14 Maundy Thursday Worship..... 6:00 PM

Fri. Apr. 15..... Good Friday Worship 6:00 PM

Sat., Apr. 20..... Altar Guild Church Cleaning..... 10:00 AM

Sunday, Apr. 21..... **Easter**.....

..... Coffee Hour, outdoors, weather permitting 9:30 AM

..... Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Mar. 13	\$4,690.00	\$1,570.00	\$6,260.00	-\$2,761.27	\$3,498.73	24
Mar. 20	\$965.00	\$87.00	\$1,052.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$1,709.27	30
Mar. 27	\$2,815.05	\$282.00	\$3,097.05	-\$2,761.27	\$335.78	32
Apr. 3	\$3,090.00	\$233.00	\$3,323.00	-\$2,761.27	\$561.73	30
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Feb. 2022	\$7,885.00	-\$10,050.43	-\$2,165.43	
		Jan. - Feb.	\$14,027.99	-\$22,280.48	-\$8,252.49	

Worship Assistants						
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Apr. 10 Palm Sunday	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson, Bob Horton, Cindy McGinnis, Ted Murphy, Duane Pomeroy, Loni Reece, LaVell Winsor	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	_____	Pr. Andrew Patty
Apr. 14 Maundy Thursday	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson		Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty
Apr. 15 Good Friday	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	_____	Loni Reece, Bob Horton	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty
Apr. 17 Easter	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty
Apr. 24	Bob Horton, Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty

Would you like to be more involved in our worship services? Would you like to help our worship services be inspiring to our congregation? If so, then perhaps you would be interested in serving at worship as an assisting minister.

The main qualification to serving is a willingness to do so. If you would like to serve in this way, but feel intimidated by the singing, please do not hesitate to step up — Pastor Andrew is willing to do the sung portions of the liturgy.

If you are ready to get started or simply interested in learning more about this way of serving at worship, please call the office, 785.233.0767, or email office@topekatlc.org.





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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

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We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

Congregation Council

President Duane Pomeroy

Vice-President Vickie Jacobs (Spiritual Care)

Secretary Diane Bottorff (Congregational Life)

Carol Marker (Administration)

Ted Murphy (Community Relations)

Howard Reece (Maintenance)

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