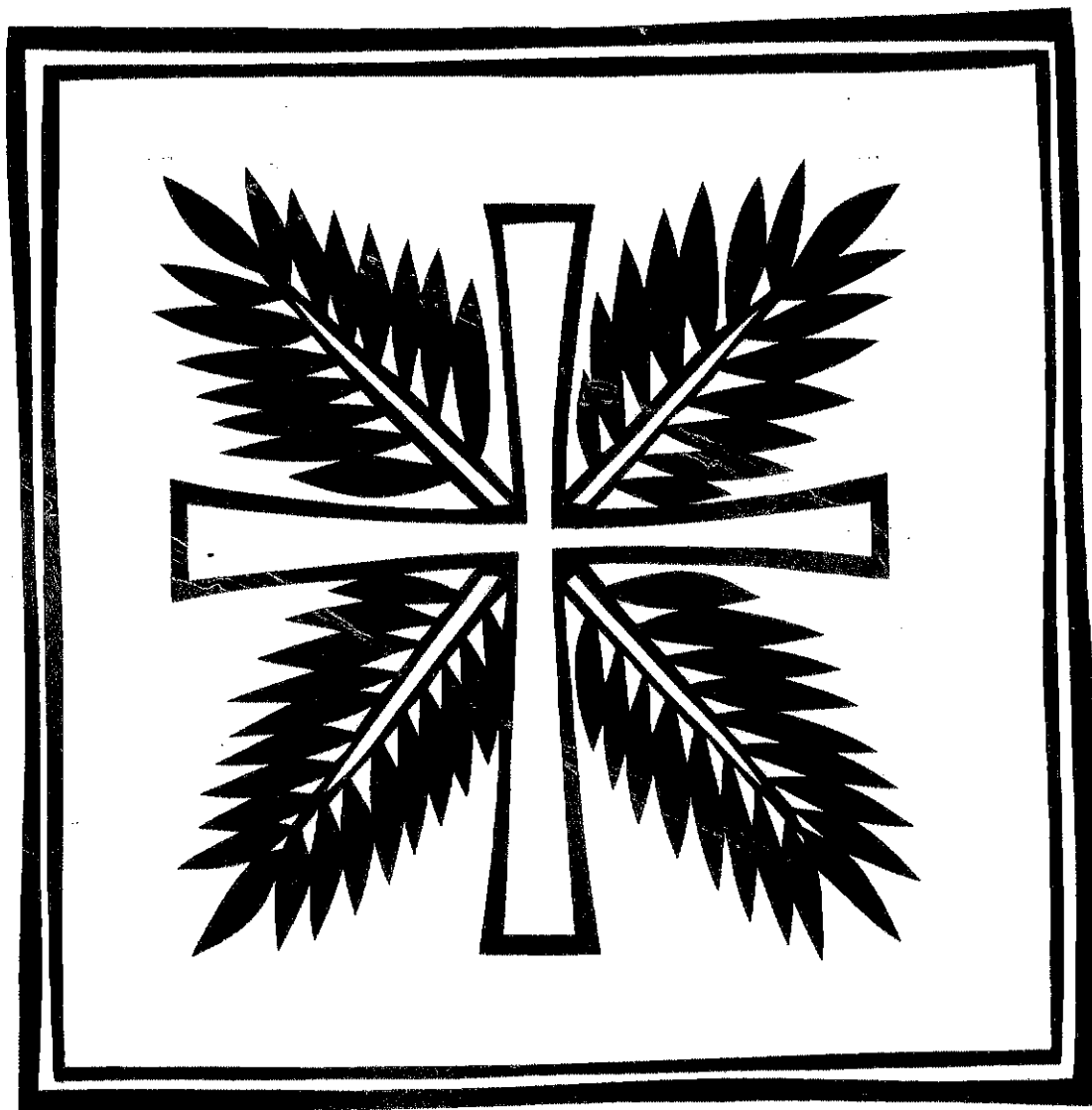


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Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance



Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Pave the Way with Branches”

The choir & children/youth will sing verse 1 & the refrain then the congregation will join starting with verse 1. The congregation can either join the procession or stand & wave their palm.

Verse 1:

Jesus is coming! Pave the way with branches.

Jesus is coming! Hosanna! (repeat verse)

Refrain:

Hosanna, Jesus is coming! Hosanna to the Prince of peace! (repeat refrain)

2. Release for captives! Pave the way with branches.

Release for captives! Hosanna! 2x (refrain)

3. Hope for the downtrod! Pave the way with branches.

Hope for the downtrod! Hosanna! 2x (refrain)

4. Land for the landless. Pave the way with branches.

Land for the landless! Hosanna! 2x (refrain)

5. Debts are forgiven! Pave the way with branches.

Debts are forgiven! Hosanna! 2x (refrain)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our
Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and
was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments
and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who
carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the
cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter
into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Amen.

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.

CHILDRENS SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

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?

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31: 9-16

"Lord, Please Be Kind and Gracious"

the text of this hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 31

Psalm 31: "Lord, Please Be Kind and Gracious"

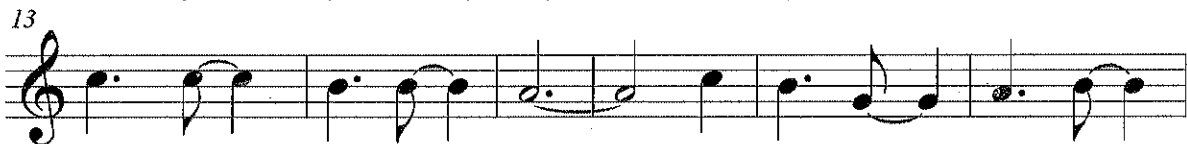
John C Ylvisaker



1. Lord, please be kind and gra - cious, for I am
2. They scorn me from a dis - tance (a hor - ror
3. I trust in you, my Sav - ior; I know you



in dis - tress. From grief my eye is wast - ed; my
to my kin); they view me with re - pug - nance (a
hear my prayer. My days are in your fa - vor; you're



soul can find no rest. My life is spent in
lep - er with no skin). My life, a dread - ful
with me ev - 'ry where. All praise to God a -



sor - row; the years fall with a sigh. My
er - ror, is bro - ken in your sight. I
bove me, on whom I can de - pend. - And



strength will - fail to mor - row. Come
hear the whis - p'ring ter - ror; they
praise to God who - loves me, my



save me, or I'll die.
plot to take my life.
Sav - ior and my friend.

Psalm 31: J.Y. © 1990 John C. Ylvisaker

Music: "Mein Gmuth Ist Mir Verwirret", Hans Leo Hassler 1601

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

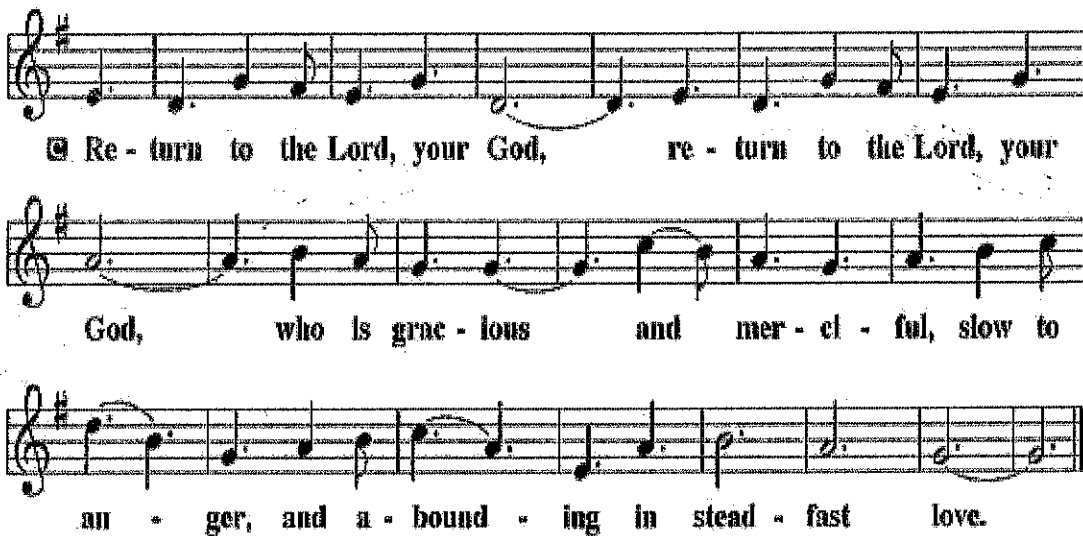
A reading from Philippians.

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.

Word of God Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5



© Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE

follow along in the booklet

Jesus-Kyle Moseng

Pilate-Jon Meyer

Peter-Jim Schley

First Criminal-Grace VanEyck

Centurion-Tommy Meltz

Second Criminal-Gwen Schwandt

Servant-Cheryl Meyer

Narrator-Deb Reis

Witness-Tricia Staedt

HYMN OF THE DAY #666

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

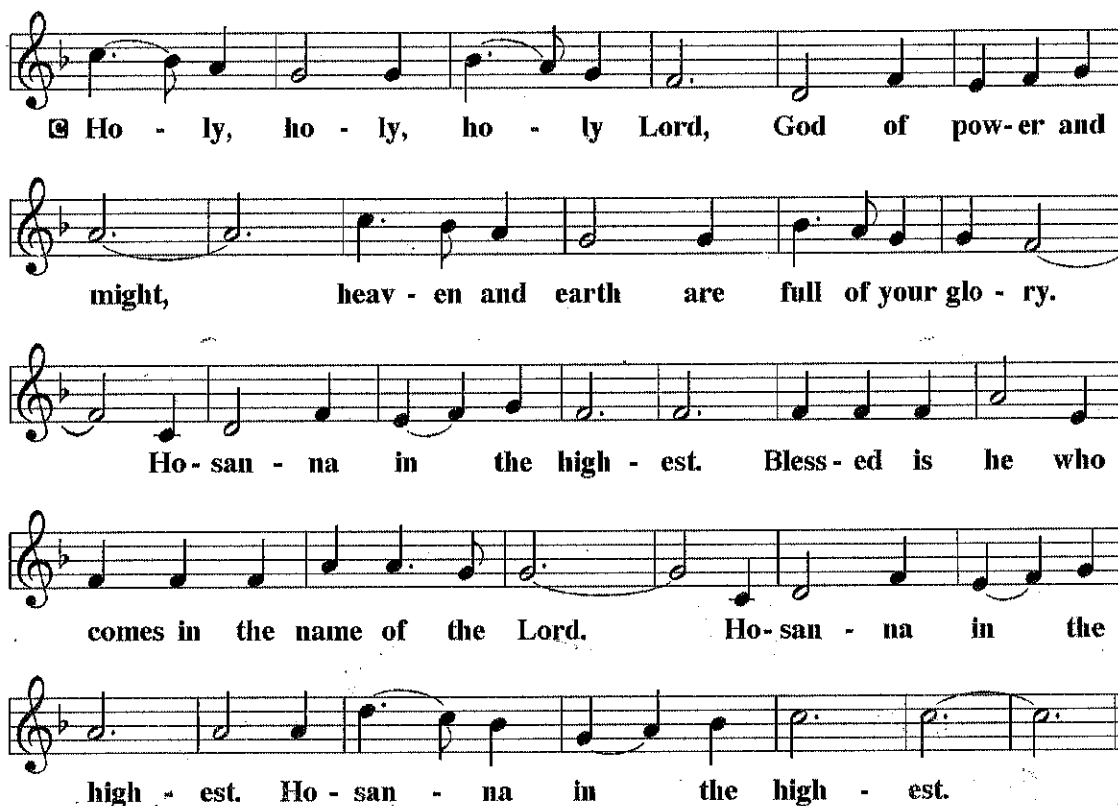
GREAT THANKSGIVING

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Setting 5

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN #477

"I Received the Living God"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,
 you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
 Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
 that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
 in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

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

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

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DISSMISSAL

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

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 thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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For Pastoral emergencies contact the office.

Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Week: 90

Last Year: 87

Announcements!

Today after the service is our Palm Sunday Brunch in the fellowship hall. We hope you enjoy the food and company.

Today is the last day to order flowers for Easter. Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary & in the narthex. The cost is \$15. You can put the money & form in the offering, you can bring it to the office or you can send it to the office.

The Maundy Thursday service on April 17th will be at 6:30pm. Please bring non-perishable food items for our Blessing Box. The offering for this service will be used to purchase items for the Blessing Box as well.

There will be an Ecumenical service on Good Friday at noon at the Unitarian Fellowship in Appleton (2600 Philip Lane). Vicar Jake will be participating. There will be a Good Friday service at Zion at 6:30pm.

There will be a brass quintet for the Easter service on April 20th and the choir will sing. There will not be fellowship after the service.

Valley Funeral Home at 2211 N. Richmond St. Appleton is sponsoring a planning ahead session. It is a 2 week session on April 29 & May 6 from 1:00pm-3:30pm. They ask that you attend both sessions. The cost is \$20 which includes a workbook, materials and guest speakers. You can register online at <https://bit.ly/PlanningAheadValleyFuneralHome> or you can call 920-832-5121.

Sunday, April 13

Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Palm Sunday Brunch

Palm Sunday

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck

Acolyte: Freya Budde

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Greg Pettigrew

Closes: Jodi Hoesli

Thursday, April 17

Worship Service 6:30 pm

Exod 12:1-4 [5-10]11-14; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Cor 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Maundy Thursday

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs

Musician: William Surtees

Opens: Greg Pettigrew

Closes: Jodi Hoesli

Friday, April 18

Ecumenical Worship Service 12:00 pm at:

Worship Service 6:30 pm at:

Tenebrae Service

Good Friday

Unitarian Fellowship in Appleton (2600 Philip Lane)

Zion Lutheran Church-Vicar Jake Czarnik Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz (6:30 pm Zion service)

Musician: William Surtees

Opens: Greg Pettigrew

Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Sunday, April 20

Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Cor 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

Easter Sunday

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

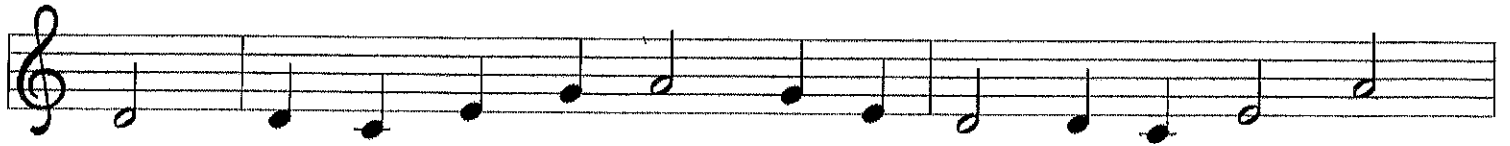
Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt

Acolyte: Alexa Rusch

Musician: William Surtees

Opens and closes: Gwen Schwandt

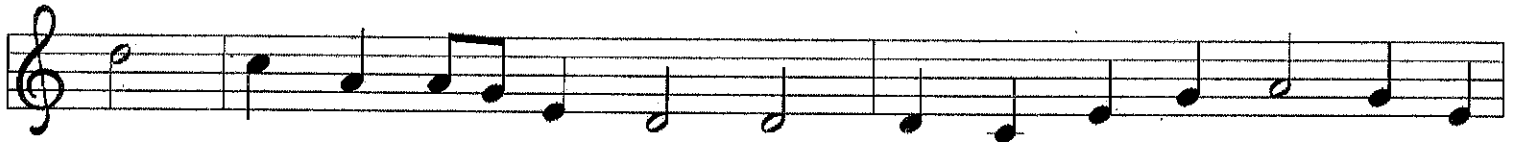
What Wondrous Love Is This



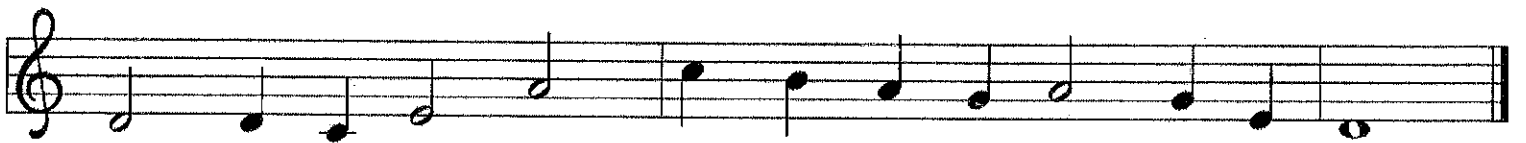
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



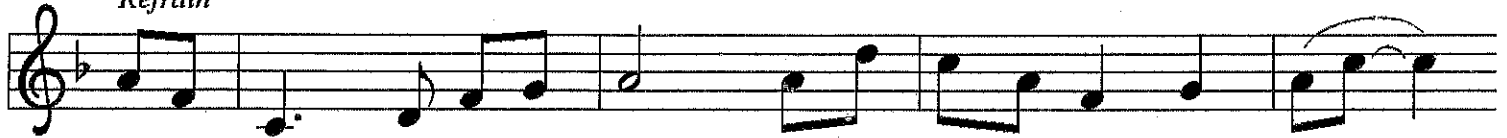
soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

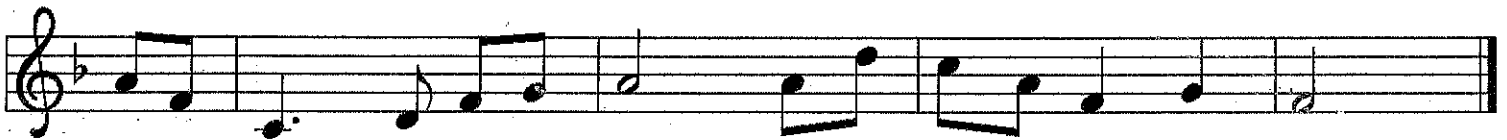
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

I Received the Living God

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous



Prepare Your Hearts THIS HOLY WEEK

We prepare our hearts this Holy Week as we draw closer to the great sacrifice our Savior made for our salvation through his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead.

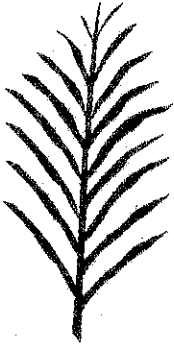
Lift up your hearts We join with a parade of followers on Palm Sunday to praise our King, Jesus, for entering into our lives and into our hearts with his blessing. He comes into Jerusalem amid palm branches waving, knowing full well that the cross lies before him.

Bind your hearts In the eating and drinking of bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, in Holy Communion, our hearts are bound to his on Holy/Maundy Thursday. We are united with him and with one another through his love and by the forgiveness of sins.

With heavy hearts We stand at the cross on Good Friday, our hearts heavy with sorrow over the loss of our Lord. As he takes his last breath, we cry out in pain for what he endured for us.

Quiet your hearts Take a moment on Holy Saturday to be still and know that Christ has died but he will live again. It is a day to ponder the reality of death but silence any doubts we may have that Christ holds the power over death even now.

With joyful hearts Let your heart be filled with joy on Easter Sunday when we hear the words of the angel who said, "He is risen, just as he said." Now and every day, new life beats within us. Alleluia!



Humble

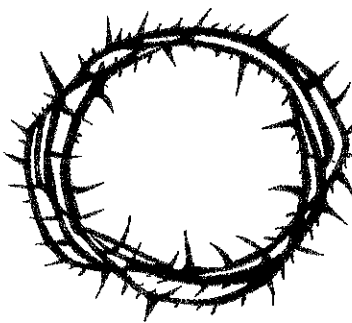
Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey. MATTHEW 21:5

Jesus reveals his humble heart by riding into Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. He does not seek personal fame but only salvation for us.

Compassionate

But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. LUKE 22:51

We see in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus is arrested, the compassion of Christ, as he heals the high priest's servant's ear.



Caring

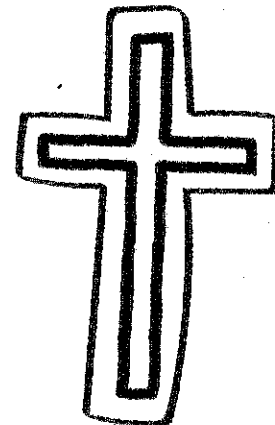
When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." JOHN 19:26-27

We witness the heart Jesus has for his mother and the disciple whom he loved. Even from the cross, he wants to make sure they take care of each other.

Personal

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). JOHN 20:16

When the risen Jesus says, "Mary," Mary Magdalene instantly knows it is her friend and teacher, Jesus. His heart goes out to each one of us personally, and he calls each one of us by name through his resurrection. We have new life through his love for us individually.



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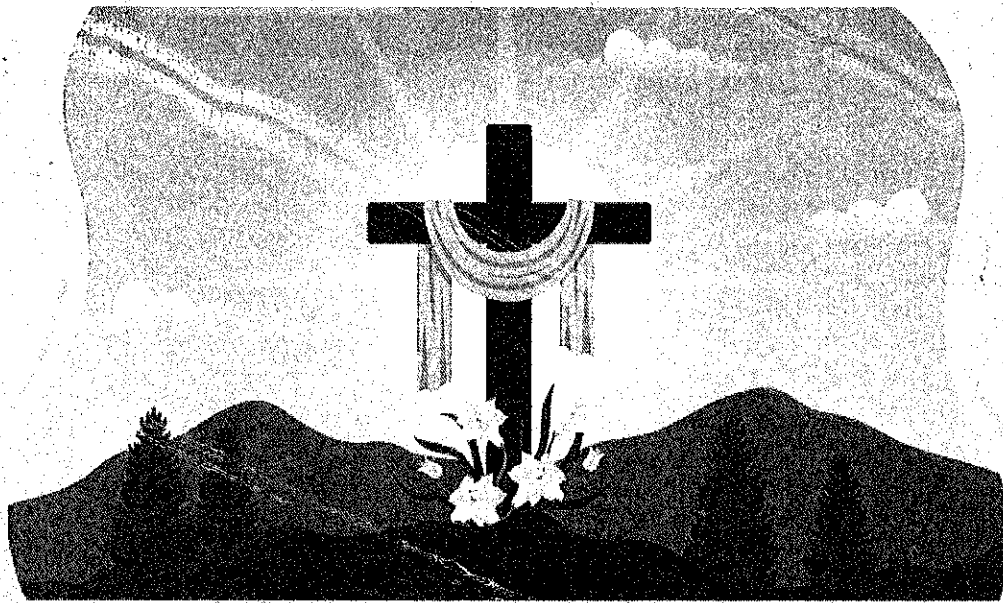
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