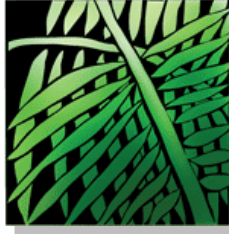


Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, April 9, 2017

The Sunday of Passion/Palm Sunday



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

THE BELLS OF HOLY COMFORTER Carillon

WELCOME/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

A The processional gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,

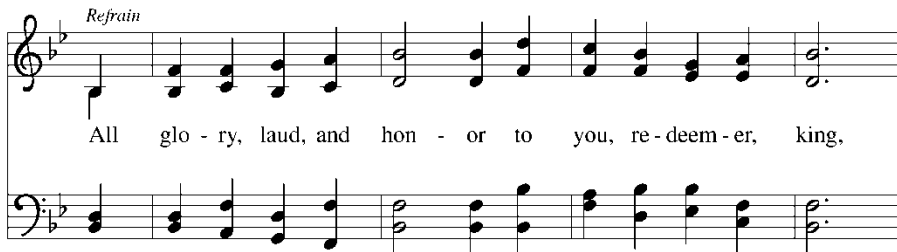
C **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The assembly follows the ministers into the church.



GATHERING SONG: *All Glory Laud and Honor* All Stand & Sing

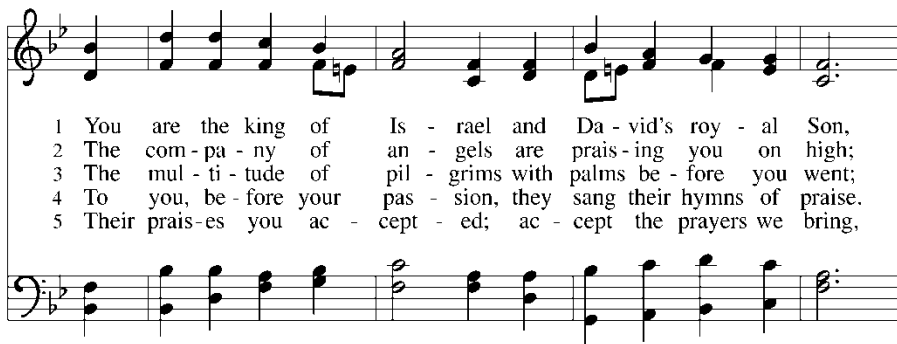
Refrain



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

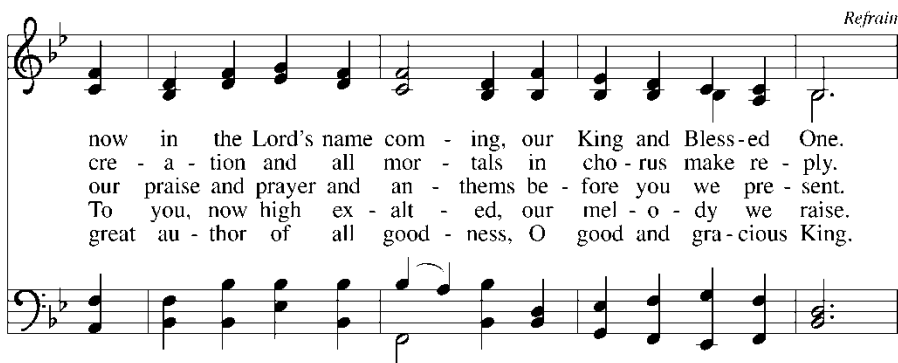


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL. ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen.**

*Congregation is seated and invited to **sing “Jesus Loves Me”**
as the children come forward.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries**.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a

A reading from the fiftieth chapter of Isaiah.

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church’s understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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 awakens —
awakens 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.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5–11

A reading from the second chapter of Philippians.

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

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.

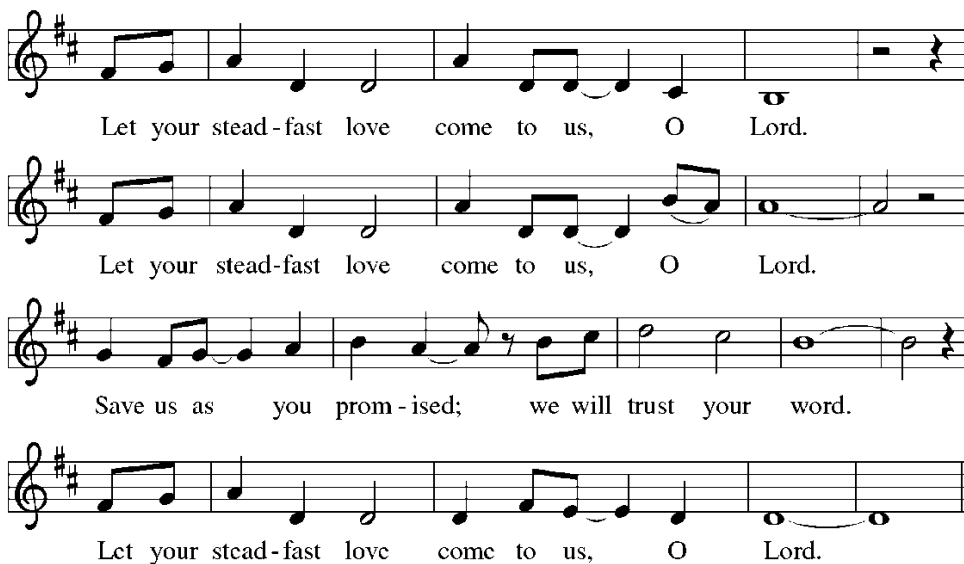
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name

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.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11–54

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

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; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

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

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

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

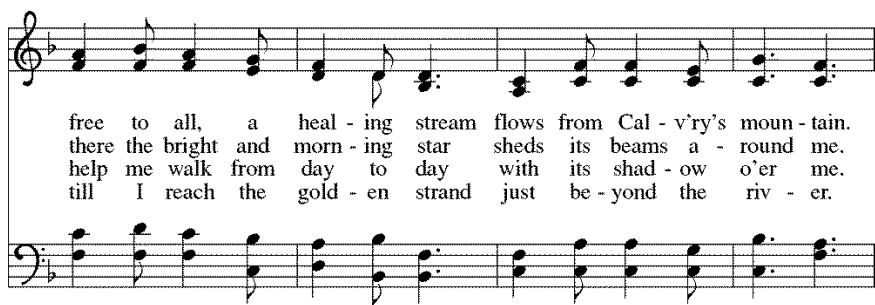
Congregation is seated.

SERMON Pastor Micah

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* All Stand & Sing
 [All members of the Children's Ensemble come to the balcony during the singing of the hymn.]

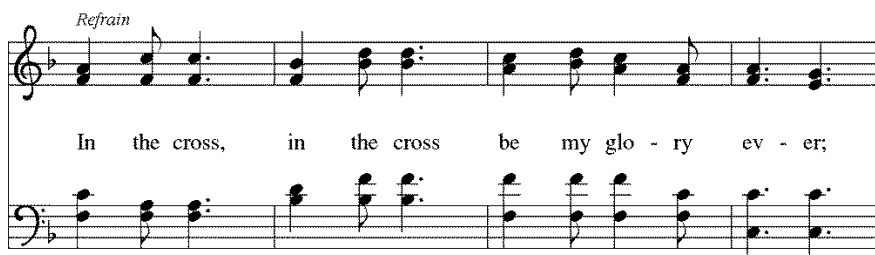


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



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.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

THE 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

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Redeeming God, your church proclaims your gospel of truth and courage. Gather your children together to share in the promise of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hosanna, Son of David. Lead your children to care for your good creation and all its inhabitants: lands, waters, plants, and all living creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Soften the hearts of political leaders who ignore or deny suffering, struggle, and injustice. Lift up leaders who seek your will for the sake of their people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring companionship to those who feel abandoned, comfort to those in pain, hope to those in despair, and healing to all in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Walk with this community as we remember your life-giving passion and death. Send us forth burning with desire to share your word with a hurting world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember those who were imprisoned or martyred for their faith and give thanks for their bold confession and witness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

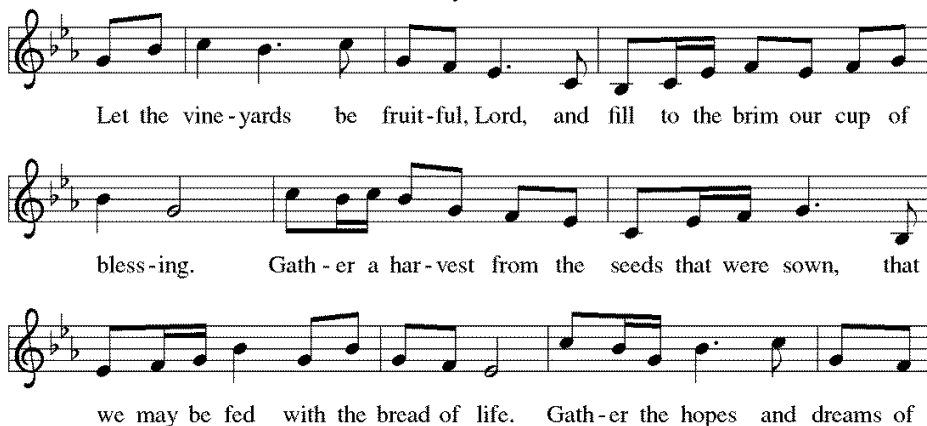
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

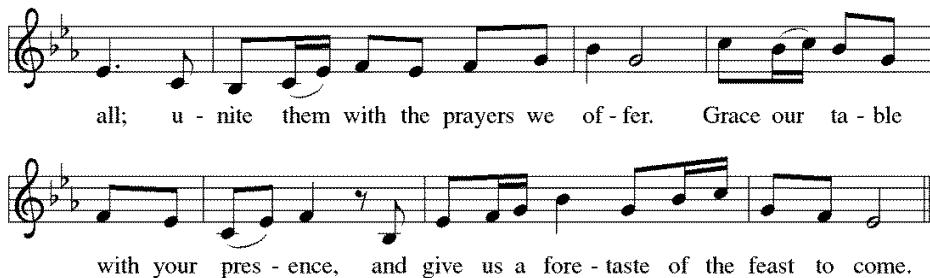
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Ride On, In Majesty* . Church Choir & Children's Ensemble

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Let the Vineyards* All Stand & Sing



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of




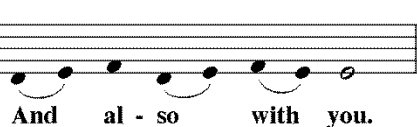
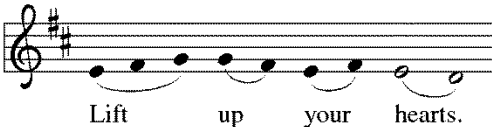
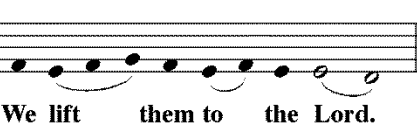
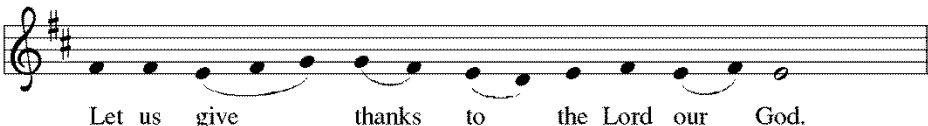
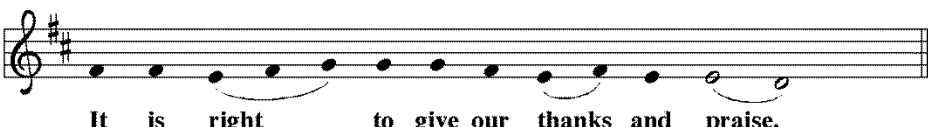
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

	<i>Assistant</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
		
		
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<i>Cong.</i>		

PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG: *Jesus, Lamb of God* All Sing

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

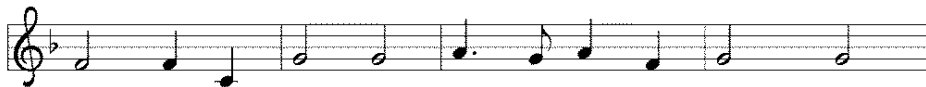
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COMMUNION

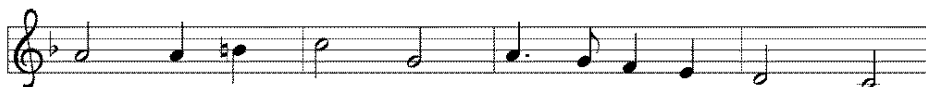
A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether. Handbell Choir
There In God's Garden **All Sing**



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."

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982
Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950
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P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Love Consecrates the Humblest Act* All Stand & Sing
Love consecrates the humblest act and haloes mercy's deeds;
it sheds a benediction sweet and hallows human needs.

When in the shadow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet,
of his disciples he gave us, a sign of love complete.

Love serves and willing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true,
has freely done for one and all, let us now gladly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845--1917

DISMISSAL

A Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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CHILDREN are welcome in worship. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children (**infants through 3 years old**) are located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.

A colorful illustration of Noah's Ark. The ark is a wooden building with a red roof and a ramp on the right side. Inside the ark, there are several animals: a lion, a giraffe, a blue elephant, a yellow cat, and a blue bird. A green rope is attached to the front of the ark. In the background, there is a rainbow and a blue sky with white clouds.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or online at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Angie Morton in memory of Mary Payne; and by Jane & Jeff Howard in memory of John & Bernie Howard.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. ***Carmen Buell, Worship & Music***

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, April 2, 2017:

Attendance: 127

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>April 2, 2017</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offering	\$ 4,267.66	\$ 70,642.25
Expenses	<u>\$ 5,656.42</u>	<u>\$ 76,449.22</u>
Offering less Expenses	<u>(\$ 1,388.76)</u>	<u>(\$ 5,806.97)</u>
Budgeted Expenses		<u>\$ 76,449.22</u>
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		(\$ 4,502.94)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)

Dian Halvorson, Co-Captain

Dean Halvorson, Co-Captain

Carmen Buell Barbara Kasmer

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Volunteers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jenn Kearney

GREETER: Carmen Buell

NURSERY: (9:30 am-11:45 am)

Infants: Volunteer

Toddlers: Volunteer

TELLERS: Raini Kimball, Dennis Tucker

USHERS: Volunteers

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: April 9-15

March 10 Bryan Fleming

March 11 Matthew Mitchell

March 12 Elizabeth Burwell

Kristen Williams

March 15 Nicky Alvarez



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, April 9

9:15 am Handbells

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

First Communion class

following the service

3:00 pm Children's Ensemble*

6:00 pm Church Choir

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 pm Nar-Anon



Thursday, April 13

7:00 pm ***Maundy Thursday*** Service
w/Holy Communion

Friday, April 14

7:00 pm ***Good Friday*** Worship Service

Saturday, April 15

10:00 am - 12 Noon **Easter Egg Hunt**

Ages 2-Grade 5

Bring your own baskets.

Lunch Served



*Children's Ensemble meets at East Belmont Baptist Church

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

7:00 am **Sunrise Service**

Breakfast After

No Children's or Seekers Sunday School class

9:30 am Adult Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir Prep

10:30 am **Resurrection Easter Service with Holy Communion**

Remember to bring flowers for "flowering of the Cross" before the 10:30 service.



BCO Items for April:

Oatmeal, Rice & Jelly



The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship is available to members of Holy Comforter. You may request an application form via email from the church office by filling in *Lineberger Scholarship* in the subject line. Send your request to holycomforter@gmail.com.



Please be prompt in returning your application and all of the required information. Only those applicants **who meet the scholarship deadline and requirements** will be considered. The deadline for your application is April 30.

Carmen De Nicholas, Scholarship Committee



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Brenda Dabrowski
Shawn De Nicholas
Ardean Ewing
Ned Featherstone
Dot Holland

Zac Hullander
Jo Irwin & Family
Chase Lineberger
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry
Marguerite Shive

Denise Taylor
Jack Tench
Mark Reese
Beverly Reynolds

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Father Frank Cancro
Karen de la Vegas
Carol Fox
Scott Frisk
Bill Hinkle

Glenda Hinkle
Brian Jackson & Family
Jennifer Lineberger
Capt. Basil Jeff Marett
Anne Murdy

Heather Plichta
The family & friends of
Margaret Sparks
Karen Wayt
Donnie Yavelak

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek
Jason Gardner



Dillon Kasmer
Leo Kasmer

Tom Kasmer

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform the church office.

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org



Join us June 25th – June 28th from 6pm – 8pm, for our Annual Vacation Bible School! This year we will learn how God created each of us through song, bible discovery, games and the imagination station! We are in need of volunteers to help in many capacities through the evening activities. We will also provide a quick meal each evening for all participants & volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering to lead a group of kids, a breakout session or help prepare a meal, please email

Melissa Bocchino at melissa.bocchino@pwc.com. Registration forms will be available soon for children in rising grades K through 5th. We invite our middle schoolers & high schoolers to volunteer to help! Please reach out with any questions!

It is hard to believe but it is already time to start planning for summer camp!



Holy Comforter is hosting Camp Agape July 17-21.



Agape is a day camp for rising 1st to rising 8th graders and is sponsored by Agape Kure Beach Ministries.

During a day at camp the kids will participate in Bible study, crafts, games, skits, nature time and lots of other fun activities. The kids in the 6th to 8th grade group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off-site. We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.

Registration forms are available at the back of the church or from **Misty Koehler**.

The cost is **\$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration**. There is only room for 25 campers, so register soon. The spaces will be filled on a “first come, first served” basis.

Please contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.



Easter Lily Order

Please place your Easter Lily Order by filling in the form below. You may then return the form to the church office or place in the offering plate. **All orders must be accompanied by payment at time of order so that we can keep a proper accounting of your gifts and reduce the possibilities of errors.** Please **PRINT CLEARLY** your name and the name of person/persons you are honoring or placing the Easter lilies in memory of. **Deadline to place your order is today April 9, 2017.**

Easter Lily Order Form

Your Name: _____

Telephone #: _____ Number of Lilies Ordered: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

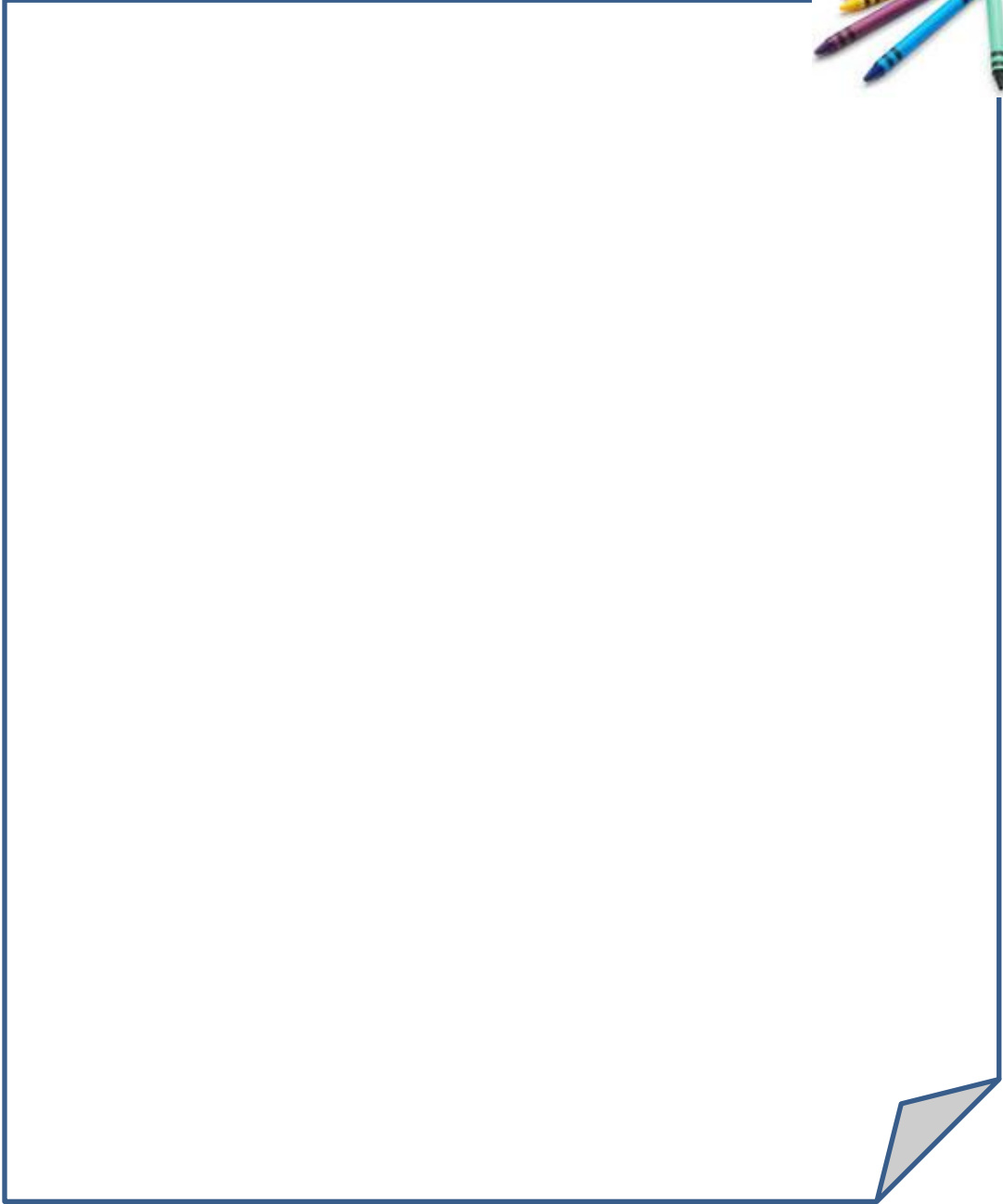
To The Glory of God: _____

Paid Check ☐

Paid Cash ☐

The cost of each Easter lily is \$15.00. Please make checks payable to *Holy Comforter* with notation on check that it is for Easter lily order.

Holy Doodles





NOTE: Easter Sunday is the deadline for submitting balance payments for the *Isle of Palms* Retreat. See your April newsletter for details.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MicahKearney@gmail.com

Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager