

April 2, 2023
10:30 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Palms and The Holy Eucharist Rite II

On this day, the congregation assembles outside the church for the Blessing of The Palms and The Palm Sunday Procession.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Priest Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Priest Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL OF THE PALMS

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (21:1-11)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "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." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and

branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Before the procession, the following is said,

Priest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

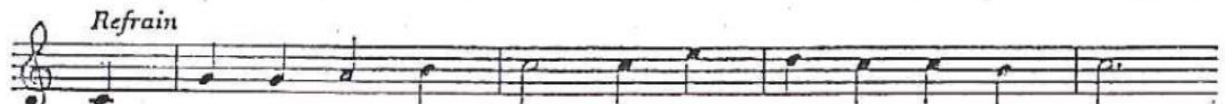
HYMN: #154, "All glory, laud, and honor"

Valet will ich dir geben

Hymn 154: All Glory Laud and Honor

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!



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



1	Thou art the King of	Is - ra - el, thou	Da - vid's roy - al	Son,
2	The com - pa - ny of	an - gels is	prais - ing thee on	high;
3	The peo - ple of the	He - brews with	palms be - fore thee	went;
4	To thee be - fore thy	pas - sion they	sang their hymns of	praise;
5	Thou didst ac - cept their	prais - es; ac - cept	the prayers we	bring,



Repeat Refrain



1	who in the Lord's Name	com - est, the	King and Bless - ed	One.
2	and we with all cre - a - tion	in cho - rus	make re - ply.	
3	our praise and prayers and	an - thems be - fore thee	we pre - sent.	
4	to thee, now high ex - alt - ed,	our mel - o - dy	we raise.	
5	who in all good de - light - est,	thou good and gra - cious	King.	



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Sing Out Aloud"

Julia and Cynthia Bozarth

Youth Choir

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I 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.

The 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; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

THE PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

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

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.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those
of my acquaintance;*
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;*
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For 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.

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

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

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,*
and in your loving-kindness save me."

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

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

HYMN: #585 "Morning glory, starlit sky"

Bingham

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Christian Responsibility



1 Morn - ing glo - ry, star - lit sky, soar - ing
2 O - pen are the gifts of God, gifts of
3 Love that gives, gives ev - er more, gives with
4 Drained is love in mak - ing full, bound in
5 There - fore he who shows us God help - less
6 Here is God: no mon - arch he, throned in



1 mu - sic, schol - ar's truth, flight of swal - lows,
2 love to mind and sense; hid - den is love's
3 zeal, with ea - ger hands, spares not, keeps not,
4 set - ting o - thers free, poor in mak - ing
5 hangs up - on the tree; and the nails and
6 eas - y state to reign; here is God, whose



1 au - tumn leaves, mem - ory's trea - sure, grace of youth:
2 a - go - ny, love's en - deav - or, love's ex - pense.
3 all out - pours, ven - tures all, its all ex - pends.
4 man - y rich, weak in giv - ing power to be.
5 crown of thorns tell of what God's love must be.
6 arms of love ach - ing, spent, the world sus - tain.

Words: W. H. Vanstone (b. 1925)

Music: Bingham, Dorothy Howell Sheets (b. 1915)

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The Congregation will be seated for the first part of the Gospel.

THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

NARRATOR: Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

PILATE: Are you the King of the Jews?

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: You say so.

NARRATOR: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

PILATE: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

NARRATOR: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

PILATE: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

PILATE'S WIFE: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

NARRATOR: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

PILATE: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

NARRATOR: And they said,

CONGREGATION: **Barabbas.**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

NARRATOR: All of them said,

CONGREGATION: **Let him be crucified!**

NARRATOR: Then he asked,

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done?

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more.

CONGREGATION: **Let him be crucified!**

NARRATOR: So, 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,

PILATE: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

NARRATOR: Then the people as a whole answered,

CONGREGATION: **His blood be on us and on our children!**

NARRATOR: So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and 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,

CONGREGATION: **Hail, King of the Jews!**

NARRATOR: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Here the Congregation stands.

THE CRUCIFIXION AND DERIDING

NARRATOR: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

CONGREGATION: **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.**

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

CONGREGATION: *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. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."*

NARRATOR: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

JESUS' DEATH AND BURIAL

NARRATOR: From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

JESUS: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and 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. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

CONGREGATION: *Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore 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.*

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

NARRATOR: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

CONGREGATION: *This man is calling for Elijah.*

NARRATOR: 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. But the others said,

CONGREGATION: *Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.*

NARRATOR: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Here silence is kept for a time.

NARRATOR: At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. 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,

CONGREGATION: ***Truly this man was God's Son!***

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brad Mullis

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form IV, p. 388

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Parish Choir

Craig Courtney

LENTEN DOXOLOGY:

St. Flavian

***Praise God throughout these days of Lent
And through the Passiontide
Yes, evermore in life and death
Jesus, with us abide***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A: p. 361

The Celebrant faces the people and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (S130)

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

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: p. 364

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: S164

***Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.***

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

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Jesus Christ our Lord

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead-fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*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?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER: p. 366

Let us pray.

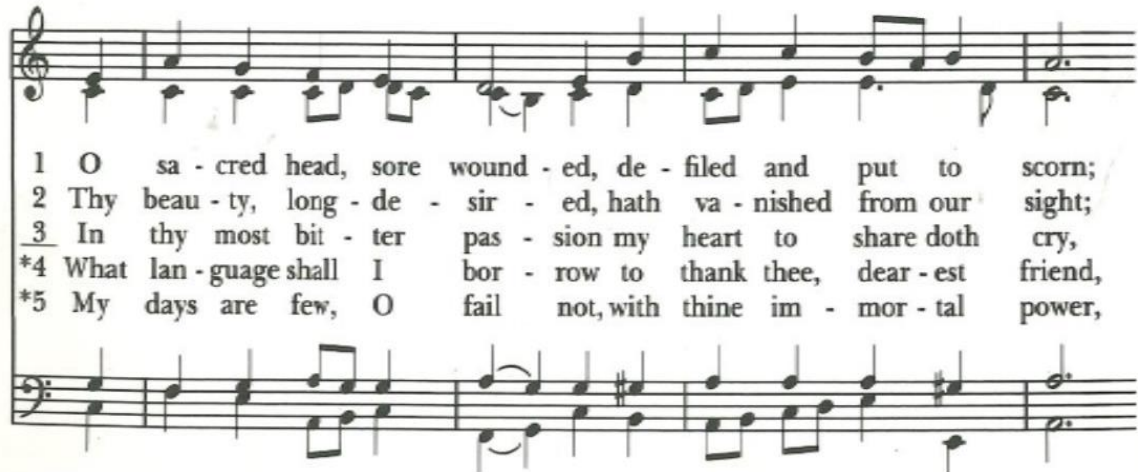
Celebrant and People

***Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

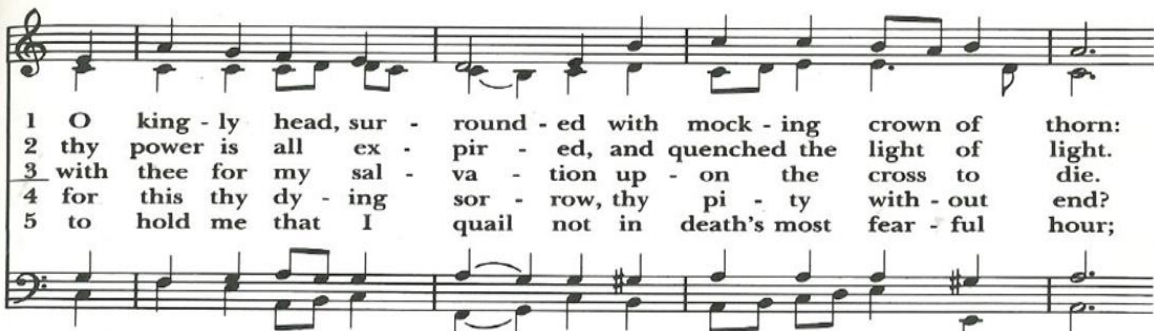
THE BLESSING

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Holy Week



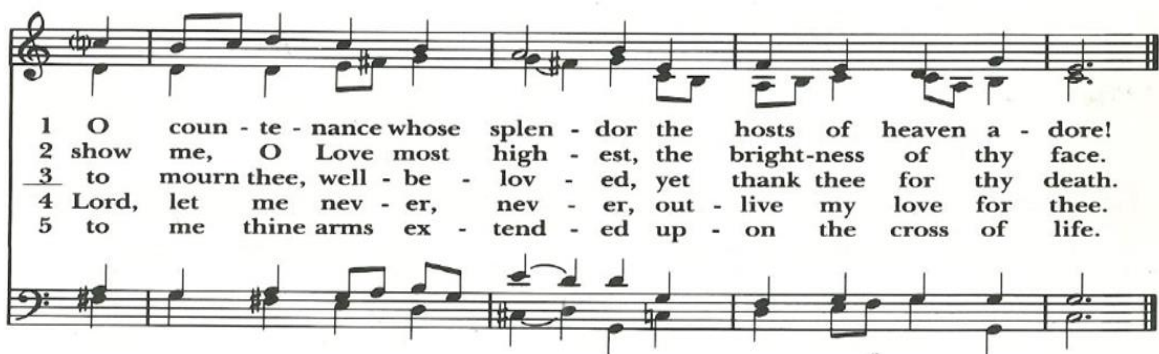
1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah; keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930);
 st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.

Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612);
 adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE DISMISSAL

Response Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: "Finale" Gilbert Martin

The palms on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sonny Shelton.