

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026**

**THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**10:30 a.m.**

*On this day, the congregation assembles inside the church with their palms 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.**

The congregation is invited to wave their palms during the procession.

**HYMN: #154, "All glory, laud, and honor"**  
(verses 1-3)

*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 ACCLAMATION:** p. 413

*Bishop* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**  
*Bishop* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, on Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**  
*Bishop* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Bishop* Let us pray.

*The Bishop continues*

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.**

**THE 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.

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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. 1923)

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

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**THE SERMON**

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson

**THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES: p. 415***The Bishop says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenter*

I present these persons for Confirmation.

I present this person who desires to reaffirm his baptismal vows.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates*

I do.

*Bishop*

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates*

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop says to the congregation*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People*

**We will.**

*The Bishop then says*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT: p. 416**

*Bishop*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*

**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.**

*Bishop*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*

**I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

**PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES:** p. 305

*The Bishop says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*The person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*The Bishop then says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**LAYING ON OF HANDS:** p. 418

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

*For Confirmation*

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *(s)he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *(s)he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. ***Amen.***

*For Reaffirmation*

N., May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE:** p. 419

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Today's loose plate offering goes to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, used for religious and charitable purposes, pastoral emergencies and ministries arising during the course of the year. Checks can be made out to the "Diocese of NC" or noted on the memo line.*

## **DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR MISSION**

***Most gracious and loving God:***

***Strengthen the hearts of your people in this diocese; that loving you with our whole heart, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we might, in the power of the Spirit, obey the call of Jesus, to go into our world as disciples making disciples, and making a difference through your saving love. Amen.***

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** "At the Name of Jesus"  
*Parish Choir*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**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**

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.

Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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**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 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**

*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?

*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.*

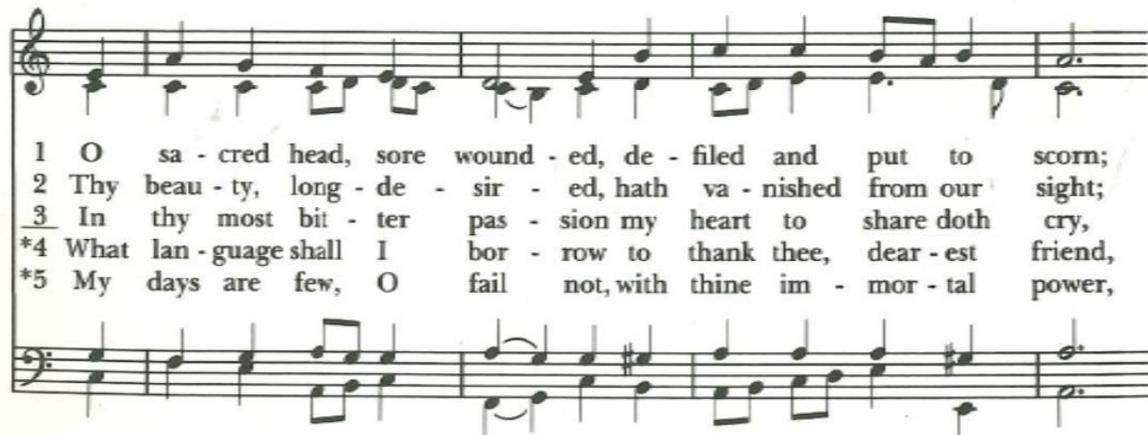
*NARRATOR:* At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city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

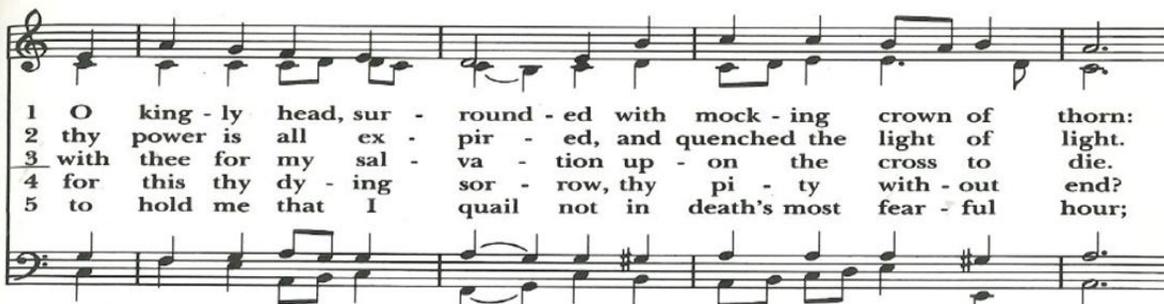
*Silence (seated)*

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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 light.  
 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)

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## THE DIMISSAL

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