

**SAN MARCOS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Pastor Casey Kloehn Dunsworth**

**Sunday of Palms and Passion**  
**April 13, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

*Welcome to Worship!*

*Throughout the service, you will be invited to sit, stand, or kneel as you are able and as you feel comfortable.*

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, for it is Christ who does the inviting. An usher will let you know when it is your row's turn to come forward. Bread, gluten-free wafers, red wine, and white juice are all available. Please tell the pastor you need a gluten-free wafer when it is your turn.*

*The community gathers outside the sanctuary.*

**PALM SUNDAY GREETING**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

**Luke 19:28-40**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**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.

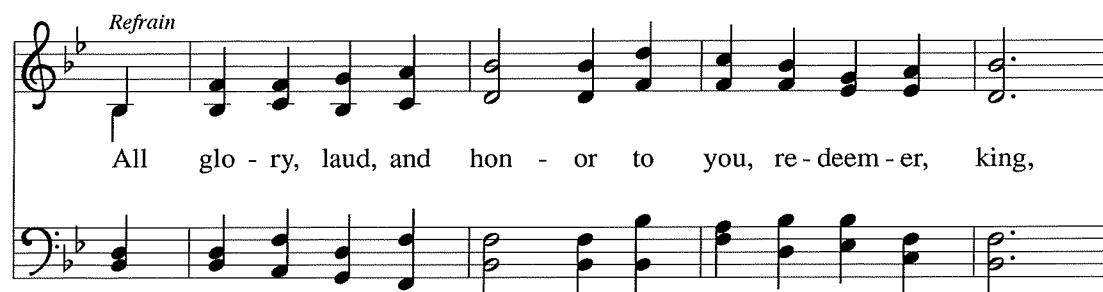
Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

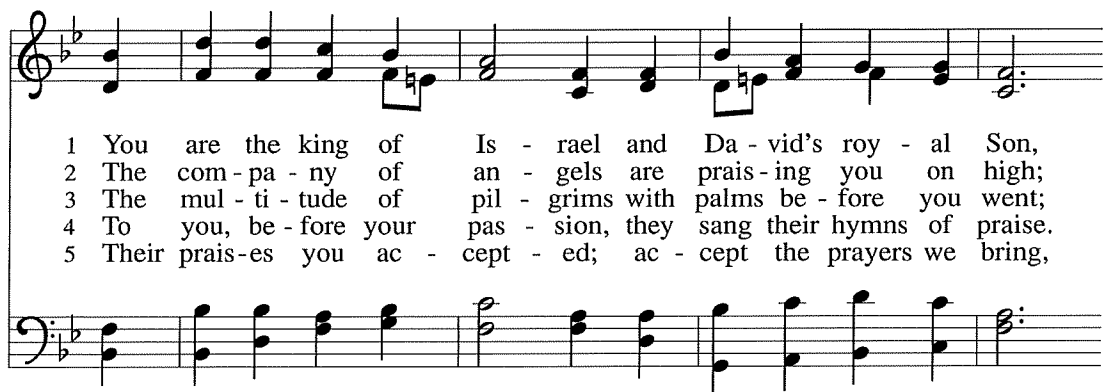
*Refrain*



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

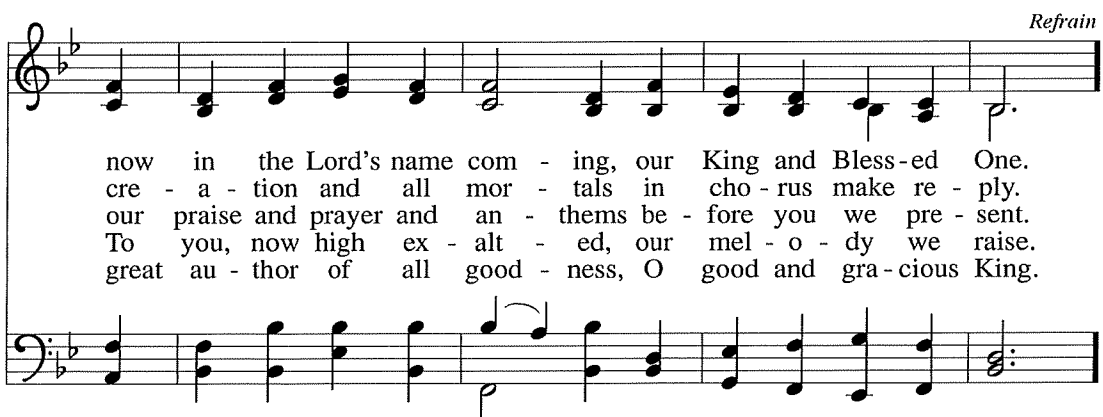


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....

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

**Amen.**

**WORD** (*The congregation may be seated.*)

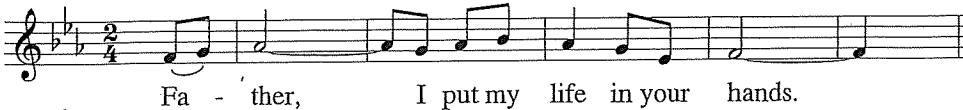
FIRST READING

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?

PSALM 31: I Put My Life in Your Hands

Refrain I



Refrain II



Verses

1. In you, O Lord I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me, oh my faithful Lord, in your hands I commend my spirit.
2. For all my foes reproach me; all my friends are now put to flight.  
I am forgotten, like the unremembered dead, like a dish that now is broken.
3. I place my trust in you, Lord; in your hands is my destiny.  
Let your face shine upon your servant, Lord, in your hands I will place my life.

Text: Psalm 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc., refrains trans. © 1969, ICEL  
Music: Marty Haugen; refrain II adapt. by Diana Kodner, © 1983, 1994 GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING

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 should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

PASSION GOSPEL

*(Note: the congregation plays the part of the crowd. Your responses and the line preceding them are as follows. Please join us for those responses.)*

*Reader 2 looks at audience to address them:* People, what is your decision?

Crowd: **He deserves death.**

*Reader 2 looks at audience to address them:* People, what will you do with Jesus who is called Christ?

Crowd: **Crucify him!**

*Reader 1: And when they came to the place that is called The Skull...*

**THE CROWD STANDS**

*Reader 2 looks at the audience to address them:* People, hail your king.

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

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



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.



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

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assembly is invited into prayer. Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. (A brief silence)*

*After each petition, "God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**"*

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of peace*

### MEAL

SPECIAL MUSIC

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Amy Lynne Engelsdorfer

Choir

#### 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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING- *The congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

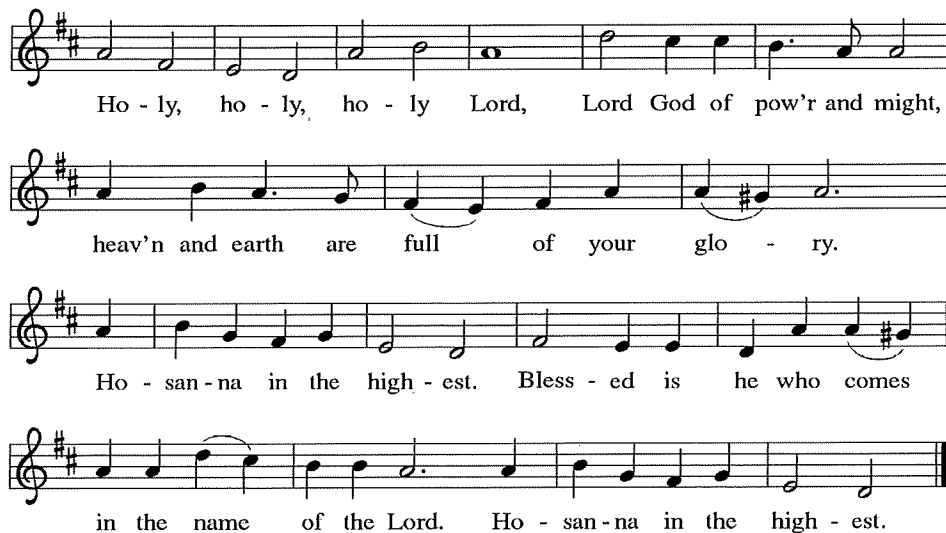
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.  
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,  
transforming death into life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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

#### AGNUS DEI

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.

#### DISTRIBUTION



## Were You There



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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### *Refrain*



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord 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.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

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

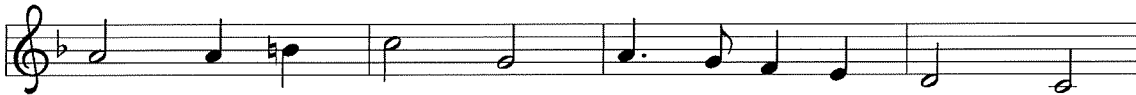
**SENDING SONG** (*The congregation is invited to stand, as able.*)

Hymnal # 342

### There in God's Garden



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 - drills of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



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

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

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

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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## DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Liturgist: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey, Max Chodos, Beth Sullivan

Lectors: Grace Holtz, Karla Strazicich, Lisa O'Carroll, Rob O'Carroll

Ushers: Jack Anderson, Diana Arney and Adam Holmberg

*All are welcome! As a community of the people of God, the members of San Marcos Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28)*

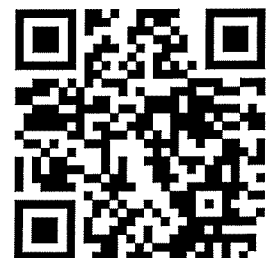
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If technology isn't your cup of tea (or if it just isn't working for you today) there are cream-colored cards in the pew in front of you, which you can fill out and put in the silver offering plates, hand to an usher, or hand to Pastor Casey after the service. We're glad you're here!



**Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers:** Susan Agonia, Christine Buma, Jim Cavolt, Sue Check, Eunice Choi, Steve Choi, Bill Hanson, Jolene Hanson, Jeff Hey, Pete Johnson, Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Susan Kent, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Leanne Pohrman, Alvar Roy, Jake & Sarah Simpson, Vern Soderstrom, Marilynne Smith, Dawn Steele, Nick Torres, Kelly Van Jen. Let us pray for our homebound members: Beverly Gift, Janice Phillips, and Carol Schwartz. We also continue to pray for: Pacifica Synod Bishop David Nagler and ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

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- Place a check or cash in the silver offering plates at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays;
- Mail a check to the church office (3419 Grand Ave. San Marcos, CA 92078);
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## HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP

**Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>- 6pm Dinner Eucharist in Luther Hall**

**Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Worship**

**Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>- Continental Breakfast & Egg Hunt after worship**

**Easter Continental Breakfast- On Easter Sunday, we will have a casual Easter potluck continental breakfast, after the service.** Suggested items are pastries, muffins, breakfast breads, donuts, cheese cubes/slices, fruit, etc. Items may be dropped off in the kitchen before the service. Any questions contact Donna Huber or Jan Parthemer.

**Easter Lily Dedications for Easter Service**

In keeping with our celebration of Easter, donations towards Easter plants may be made. Simply fill out the yellow Easter Lily Donation form along with your donation of \$15 per plant. All dedications will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please submit forms and payments by Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ALL SAINTS FOOD PANTRY**

For April, how about picking up multiples of anything appropriate that's on sale at your favorite grocery store? Or, we never get things like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, or salad dressings from the Food Bank. Those items would be great any time. Thank you for continuing to be a part of this mutual ministry with All Saints Episcopal Church in Vista. Wish you could hear all the thank-you's from our clients. New people come in very hesitant but leave with multiple bags and very big smiles. Repeat clients are always thankful and also eager to see what we have for them on these two Saturdays of the month.