



***Becoming a beloved community of God where all belong.***  
**Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday** **March 24, 2024**

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**Opening Hymn:** H-154 | *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

**Song after Scripture:** H-158 | *Ah, Holy Jesus*

**Offertory Anthem:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* | Words: Isaac Watts | Music: Based on the tune by Lowell Mason; Gilbert M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

**Communion Anthem:** *Into the Garden* | Text by Douglas Nolan | Music by Peter Lutkin, Arranged by Douglas Nolan

Into the garden the Savior went as night began to fall.  
Into the garden the Savior went as grace began to call.  
In agony He prayed alone, in deepest grief His spirit groaned.  
He prayed, "O Father, Thy will be done," when into the garden He went.

Into the garden the Savior went as stars began to fade.  
Into the garden the Savior went. In agony He prayed.  
The shadows of Gethsemane fell hard from ev'ry olive tree  
As Jesus saw His destiny when into the garden He went.

Into the garden the Savior went beyond Golgatha's hill.  
Into the garden the Savior went, redemption to fulfill.  
It was in love He gave His life, the Rose was crushed to pay the price,  
With blood He purchased paradise when into the garden He went.

**The Collect/ Prayer of the Day**

**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.**

**Readings:** [https://lectionarypage.net/YearB\\_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun\\_RCL.html](https://lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/HolyWeek/BPalmSun_RCL.html)

**Psalm 31:9-16**– Prayed responsively by **half** verse

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."**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** – The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Jessica Armstrong on the occasion of her birthday, by her husband, Mark Brown.

**The Way of the Cross** – Artist Ted DeGrazia painted *The Way of the Cross* for St. Thomas More Chapel in Tucson, Arizona. We are grateful to the McCartins who donated *The Way of the Cross* prints to St. Nicholas. You may privately walk the Stations from 10:00 – 2:00 Monday through Thursday. Please call the office before coming to ensure Rev. Beth is at the church to let you enter the building: 240-631-2800.

**Holy Week Schedule** – Tenebrae, which means “darkness” or “shadows,” will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 27. Maundy Thursday, Maundy meaning “commandment,” begins with an Agape Feast at 6:00 PM and if followed by the Maundy Thursday liturgy and stripping of the altar on March 28. On Good Friday we will observe the Stations of the Cross at Noon, and the Good Friday Liturgy will begin at 7:30 PM.

**PLEASE TAKE INSERT HOME &  
RETURN THE SERVICE LEAFLET TO THE WELCOME TABLE.**

