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When Joy Is in the Air

Holy Week begins with a spontaneous gathering of people who are eager to see Jesus. They have taken to the streets to acknowledge him and to celebrate the hope they find in him. Even without musical instruments, choirs, or hymnals, sounds of joy and praise are in the air. The crowd is full of energy and excitement. Their enthusiasm inspires them to cover Jesus' path with palm branches and even their own clothing. Can you imagine being there that day?

Even though most congregations choose not to sing or say *Alleluia* during the season of Lent, we embrace the joy that takes hold of us on Palm Sunday, singing "Hosanna!" with the crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. Even though the mood will soon shift as the stories of Holy Week turn us toward Jesus' betrayal, crucifixion, and death, the crowd of people who shout words of praise and admiration remind us that God's faithfulness to us can be celebrated in every season of our lives.

Just as Jesus sends two disciples to find the donkey he will ride into the city of Jerusalem, we, too, are given tasks to carry out in his name. Jesus keeps speaking to us through scripture and through the sacraments, and he keeps sending us out into the communities and among the people we are called to serve. We are sent to feed the hungry and visit the lonely. We are sent to bring good news to the poor and the oppressed. We are sent as advocates for justice, peace, and reconciliation. Every ministry entrusted to us can become a sign of Jesus' presence in our midst. Even now, as we gather for worship and encounter the power of the living word of God, how blessed we are to discover: there is joy in the air.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Our Participation Card has two sides to complete. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees.

Passion/Palm Sunday April 9, 2017

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Today we also meditate upon Jesus' passion and death, a story so central to our faith. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy.

Prayer of the Day

- **B** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- B 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.

Processional Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

- P When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."
- ⁴ This 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."
- P ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
- **G** "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
- ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying,
- **™** This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."
- P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **G** Hosanna in the highest.
- P Let us go forth in peace,
- **a** in the name of Christ. Amen.

Procession to the Church (in silence)

Special Music Exalted and Triumphant Grace Choir
Arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram

Sit

Children's Message/Children's Church (return during 'O Lord, Hear My Prayer' hymn)

Message Rev. Craig Satterlee, Bishop

Stand as you are able.

Song of the Day Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross ELW 335 (red book)

Sit

Passion Reading:

• One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said,

G "What will you give me if I betray him to you?"

L They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. ¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

Offering of Gifts and Music

Offering Song Create in Me WOV 732 (blue book)

Stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

- ⚠ Let us Pray . . . Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives,
- **Q** that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

Passion Reading

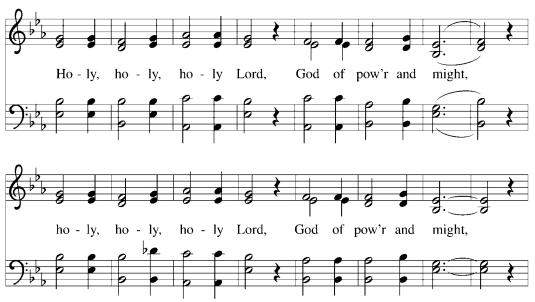
- ²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said,
- P "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."
- ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- "Surely not I, Lord?"
- P 23The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 24The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."
- L ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said,
- G "Surely not I, Rabbi?"
- P "You have said so."
- □ ³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- P ³¹"You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."
- L ³³Peter said to him,
- *Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."
- P ³⁴ "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."
- LII 35 "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."
- L And so said all the disciples.

Stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

- **B** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **B** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **B** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **■** It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- **B** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .
- ... join their unending hymn:





Eucharistic Prayer

- **B** We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son . . .
- . . . in your holy church, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- **B** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:
- 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:

B Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Sit

Lamb of God	ELW 336 (red book)
Taste and See	ELW 493
I Am the Bread of Life	ELW 485
	Taste and See

Stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

- A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son.
- **©** By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit

Passion Reading

- L ³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,
- P "Sit here while I go over there and pray."
- ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them,
- I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."
- ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,
- P "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."
- 40Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,
- P "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- L ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed,
- "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Prayers

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

A brief silence.

- Le Redeeming God, your church proclaims your gospel of truth and courage. Gather your children together to share in the promise of Christ. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, Calvary Lutheran Church of Elk Rapids, Harvest Community Church of Lake Odessa; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Paul.* Hear us, O God.
- (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.
- Lead your children to care for your good creation and all its inhabitants: lands, waters, plants, and all living creatures. Hear us, O God.
- (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.
- © 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. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, especially *Myrina Clements, Kayla Pohl, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten.* Hear us, O God.
- (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.
- © Bring companionship to those who feel abandoned, comfort to those in pain, hope to those in despair, and healing to all in need. Comfort the sick and their caregivers, especially *Victoria Steadman, Danny Gillons, Sharon Duits, John Burdick, Corinna Palmer, Pat Wales-Depew, Ray Depew, Cindy Schreiber and Richard Nuyen.* Hear us, O God.
- (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.
- 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. *Bring your Spirit to the work of our Transition Team*. Hear us, O God.
- (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- L Hear us, O God.
- (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.
- Let We remember those who were imprisoned or martyred for their faith and give thanks for their bold confession and witness. Hear us, O God.
- (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.
- Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

Passion Reading

- P 64 "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."
- 65Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,
- "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?"
- L They answered,
- **C** "He deserves death."
- □ ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying,
- **©** "Prophesy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"
- © Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,
- "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."
- ToBut he denied it before all of them, saying,
- "I do not know what you are talking about."
- □ 71When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,
- LII "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."
- ⁷²Again he denied it with an oath,
- **G** "I do not know the man."
- □ ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
- "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."
- 74Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,
- "I do not know the man!"
- Let At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. ²⁷:

Vocal Response

O Divine Redeemer
By Charles Gounod

Cindy Olson piano: Carla Neil

Passion Reading

□ ¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴He said,

© "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

But they said,

- "What is that to us? See to it yourself."
- □ ⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,
- LII"It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."
- □ ⁷After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was

fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

- LII "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- P "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 Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

- *Whom do you want me to release for you, 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,
- LII "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,
- LII "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

G "Barabbas."

L II 22 "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

G "Let him be crucified!"

- **L II** ²³ "Why, what evil has he done?"
- **L** But they shouted all the more,

G "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,
- LII "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."
- L 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,

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

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying,

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- 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. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"
- L 44The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.
- ⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,
- P "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,
- LII "This man is calling for Elijah."
- ⁴⁸At 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. ⁴⁹But the others said,
- "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."
- □ 50Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence

Passion Reading

- ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now 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!"

Celebration Song

Shout to the Lord

821 ELW (red book)

Passion Reading

L ⁵⁵Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and 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. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said,

- "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴Therefore 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."
- LII "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."
- □ 66So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Stand as you are able

B 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

Now Behold the Lamb

ELW 341 (red book)

The cross and worship leaders recess in silence.

Dismissal

- **A** Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
- Calculate Thanks be to God.

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 75 Weekly Giving: \$2,860.25 Budget Amount: \$4,226.98

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of hamburger/tuna helper, cereal, canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti-o's, etc).

Check it out! The Transition Team has put up a church timeline on the wall in the North hallway. Be sure to take a look at it. You can also add to the timeline. Add other significant church events you remember and/or personal events that have impacted your life. Markers are available. When it

is complete, it will represent a positive history of Grace and its members for the new pastor.

Communication Team – rescheduled for Monday, **April 10** at 10:00 am

Mutual Ministry Planning Team – 1st meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10 at 6:30 pm.

Cross Walk – Friday, **April 14**, beginning at 9:30 am. We will meet at Grace for prayer and then begin the 3 mile walk through Hastings central. We will return to the church for a closing prayer, snacks and fellowship. Invite friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to join us.

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm. Good Friday Cross Walk, April 14, 9:30 am. Good Friday Tenebrae, April 14, 7:00 pm. Easter Vigil, April 15, 7:00 pm. Easter Day, Early Service, April 16, 8:00 am; Easter Breakfast, April 16, 9:15 am; Easter Day, Late Service, April 16, 10:45 am.

We are grateful that the Rev. Craig A. Satterlee is with us this morning to preach and preside at Holy Communion. He does not come as a visitor, but as the presiding pastor of our synod. "Welcome to your home in Hastings, Bishop Satterlee." A special welcome to Cathy Satterlee, faithful companion, driver and spouse to our bishop.

Attend the coffee hour after worship today to talk with Bishop Satterlee and other members of Grace.

Easter Vigil on Saturday, **April 16**, 7:00 pm, will be more than a time for waiting; Hope Marie Palmer-Weston will be baptized as well. Baptism is an integral part of the vigil. Following the vigil, we will gather to celebrate Easter and Hope's baptism with cake and ice cream. Fitting!

Today's Worship Leaders

8:00 am10:00 amAssisting MinistersTraci WalesCantorVickey Argo

Lector

Communion ServerDiane NeebAcolyte/CruciferKatie Pohl

Usher Mark Anton, Gwen Hansen Sandy Mosteller, Joe Longcor

Greeter/Coffee Hr. Eve Wright/Social Activities Committee

Children's Church n/a No Children's Church

Chancel Team Jeanette Ulrich, Lisa Golnek

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, April 16, 2017

Assisting Ministers Randy Teegardin Mark Anton Cantor Steve Kaiser Mark Anton Lector Carl Schoessel Sandy Mosteller Communion Server Jana Bishop Diane Neeb Acolyte/Crucifer Gravson Patton Emmalee Peck Usher Mark/Jana Bishop Gary/Lisa Golnek Doug/Diane Neeb

Greeter/Coffee Hr. Brunch between services

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, April 9Worship at 10:00 am
Adult Forum 8:45 am
Noisy Offering

Monday, April 10 Communication Team 10:00 am

Community Outreach 5:00 pm Mutual Ministry 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 11 Women of Faith 6:30-8:00 pm Brothers of Grace 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday, April 12 Prayer Group 6:00 pm

Choir 6:45 pm?

Thursday, April 13 Bells 3:30 & 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm

Friday, April 14 Good Friday Cross Walk 9:30 am

Good Friday Tenebrae 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 15 Easter Vigil 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 16 Easter early service 8:00 am
Easter brunch 9:15-10:30 am

Easter late service 10:45 am