

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday



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Worship:

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &
Sunday School:

9:30 am

(Grace Hall)

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PRELUDE

"Behold the King"
"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

D. Paxton
arr. T. Kendall

✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G **Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

G **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

COLLECT

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

John 12:12–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.

¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

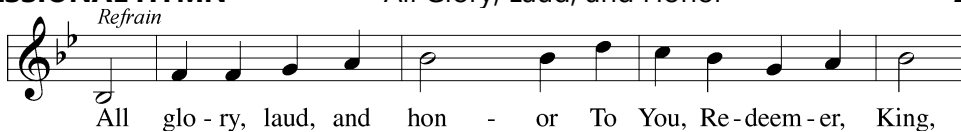
P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LSB 442



- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

When in place, the people may raise their branches as the procession concludes with the following:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

OPENING SENTENCES

P All hail to Jesus, the King of our lives! Lift up your hearts and rejoice in Him!

C **He came from the very throne of God, but He gave that up to suffer a criminal's death on the cross.**

P But God raised Him up that the ends of the earth may bow before Him as their King!

C **Jesus Christ is Lord! Hosanna!**

P In Him is forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

C **Have mercy on us, Lord! Bless us with Your peace! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Sit

SR. CHOIR (8:00 & 9:30)

"Fear Not, Ye People of Zion!"

J. Paige

Fear not, fear not, ye people of Zion.
Your King is coming today.
Lift high your glad hosannas.
Rejoice, forever give praise.
Messiah is coming. He rides through the streets.
With great Thanksgiving, the King we greet.
Sing glad hosannas, glad hosannas,
Hosanna to the King of Kings.
He rides through the city.
He enters the gate.
Come sing, all ye people.
Bring gifts of your praise.
The King is coming. Prepare ye the way.
Rejoice, all ye people. Jesus comes today
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Come today O lift high glad hosannas.
Rejoice, forever give your praise
Forever give praise!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.
- C** **Eternal God, we confess that we were born sinful and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and renew Your Spirit within us that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

- P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** **We bless You from the house of the Lord.**
- P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
- C** **that the King of glory may come in.**
- P** Who is this King of glory?
- C** **The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**
- P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
- C** **that the King of glory may come in.**
- P** Who is this King of glory?
- C** **The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!**
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** **We bless You from the house of the Lord.**



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

The Word is Read...

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL, *Elder lead*

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

- C [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,
 thus securing an eternal redemption.

**Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,
so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

The Word is Read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

Philippians 2:8b

P Christ humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

C **even death on a cross.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

LSB 451



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the

tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the

soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners

Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall

see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

SERMON

Witness to Christ: The Disciples

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:
- A** We pray for the Church as it observes this Holy Week around the world that all people come to see in Christ alone the Redeemer of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for all nations, that conflicts cease and that the kingdom of God come to bless our world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** As we anticipate the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, we pray for our families and the people closest to us. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God's sanctified and thankful people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all those whose special situations are on our hearts at this time and for whom our petitions are desired, *[including . . .]*. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** As this holiest week of the Church Year begins, Lord, we remember before You those many faithful Christian people who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly Kingdom. Direct our ways on earth

that we may complete this life in faith and may at last sing eternal hosannas together with them and all the company of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY, (Offerings presented) "Blessed Jesus"

arr. L. Smith

PASSION NARRATIVE

Luke 23

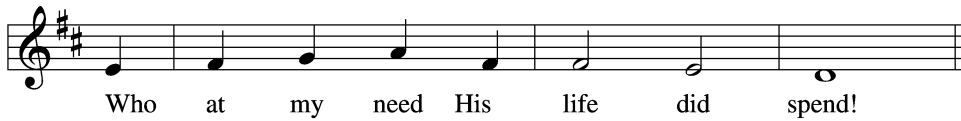
HYMN**"My Song Is Love Unknown"****LSB 430 st. 1**

1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

P Then the whole company of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

HYMN**"My Song Is Love Unknown"****LSB 430 st. 2**

2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,

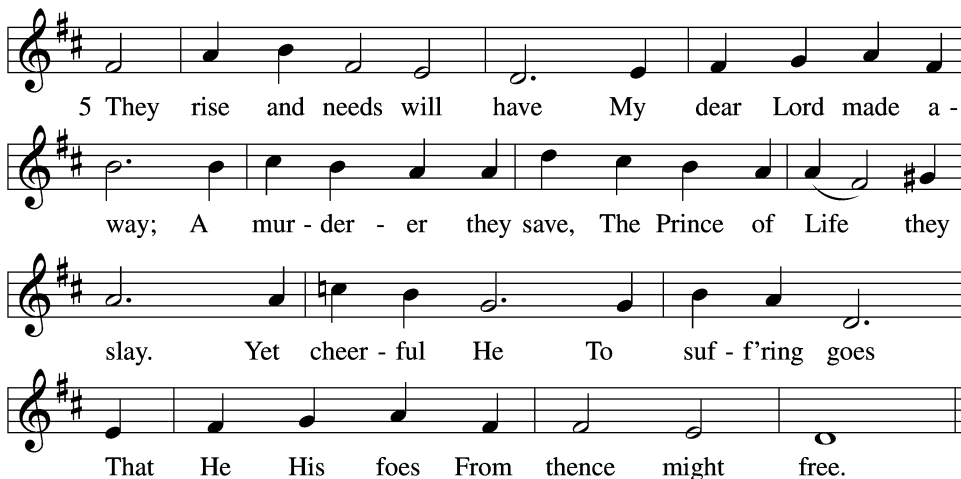


P When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release Him.”

HYMN

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

LSB 430 st. 5



P But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and

for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify Him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

HYMN

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 430 st. 3

3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais-es
sing; Re-sound-ing all the day Ho-san-nas to their
King. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" Is all their breath,
And for His death They thirst and cry.

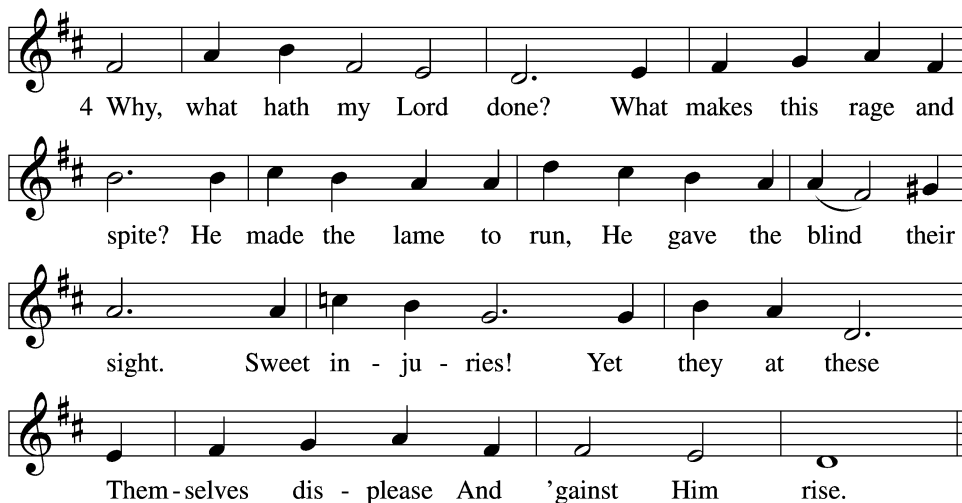
P Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments.

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

HYMN

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 430 st. 4



4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

Stand

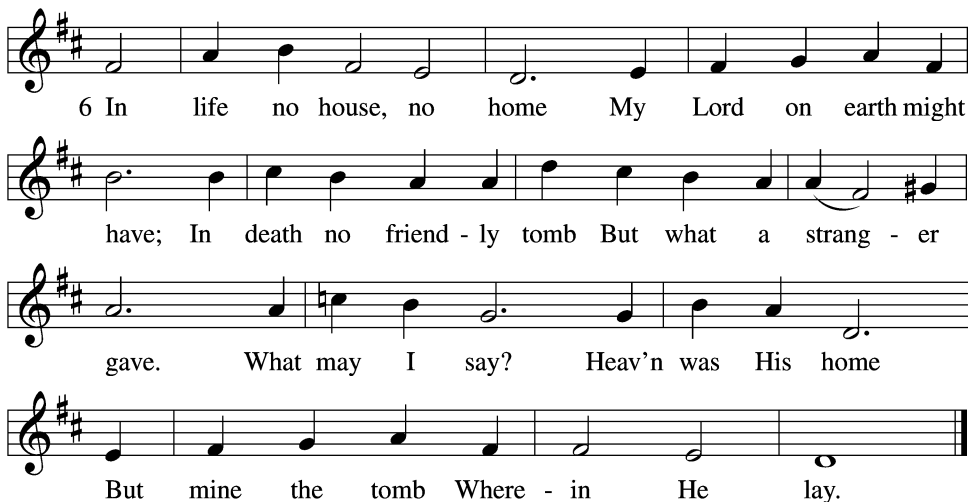
P It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all His

acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

HYMN

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 430 st. 6



6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might
have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er
gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.

P Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

HYMN

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LSB 430 st. 7



7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like

Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise

I all my days Could gladly spend!

CLOSING COLLECT

P Gracious and righteous God, You sent us one who suffered and died for our sakes. Move us again with the power of that blessed sacrifice for sin, that experiencing again the passion and the compassion of the crucified Lord Jesus, we be directed by Your Spirit into ways of humble service in thanksgiving to our Savior, in whose name we pray.

G Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

G Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"The Jerusalem Gate"

L. Smith

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICES

Pastor: Rev. W. Richard Willsea

Deaconess: Karen Suter

Organist: Patty Barnes

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Schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Maundy Thursday Service

April 14th at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service

April 15th at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunrise Service

April 17th at 7:00 AM

Elder's Breakfast

8:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt

following breakfast

Traditional Easter Services

April 17th at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Don't forget to bring some fresh flowers from your garden to decorate the Living Cross on Easter Sunday.