

# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

27/28 March, 2021

# **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

# Palm Sunday -- The Sunday of the Passion

Lent began with an almost equal focus on the sinner and the Savior. But increasingly and now in Holy Week the focus is on Christ. The readings for today want us to understand once and for all who it really is who has come to save us, so that with all confidence we may do as the Prayer for the Day suggests, follow him from Holy Week to Easter, from earth to heaven.

# The Sunday of the Passion

For centuries the Christian church observed the reading of our Lord's suffering and death to begin the celebration of Holy Week. This year, the Passion according to St. Mark is appointed to be read.

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORSHIP

You are encouraged to wear face covering or masks while in the sanctuary. It is understood that certain medical conditions do not allow some to wear them. Please do not enter or exit the sanctuary unless absolutely necessary.

# Everyone who attends the 10:30 service is to wear face coverings.

Please help us to let us know you worshiped with us this weekend. Scan the code with your smartphone or go to http://bit.ly/GraceConnects and fill out the form.



# THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Bible clearly teaches that the Lord's Supper is not intended for everyone. Therefore, our church honors the Bible's teaching of close communion. (1 Co. 11:28-29, 1 Co. 10:16-17, Romans 16:17, 2 Co. 6:14). Only members of this church and our church body are to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Visitors are encouraged to speak to the pastor if they have any questions.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Readings -- The Holy Bible: The Evangelical Heritage Version

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For the festival celebration of the day, we forgo the "usual" opening announcements.

After the bells call us to worship:

Stand

# Turn and face the doors in the back of the sanctuary where the minister is.

#### INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

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

# Hosanna in the highest!

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem gathered with palms in their hands 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, we may go forth to meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# THE GOSPEL -- Mark 11:1-10

The Triumphal Entry

The Gospel of St. Mark, chapter 11.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and told them, "Go into the village ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it, and he will send it back here without delay."'

<sup>4</sup>They left and found a colt on the street, tied at a door; and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>Some who were standing there asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup>The disciples answered them just as Jesus had instructed them, and the men let them go.

<sup>7</sup>They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their garments on it, and Jesus sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their garments on the road. Others spread branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those who went in front and those who followed were crying out,

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise be to you, O Christ.

#### **PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace, In the name of the Lord.



# HYMN — #131 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Congregation sings



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

# Hosanna in the highest!

#### THE WORD

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience and be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

# FIRST READING — Zechariah 9:9, 10

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

# SECOND READING — Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, <sup>7</sup>but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

The Plot to Kill Jesus (Matthew 26:1-5; Luke 22:1-2; John 11:45-57)

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the experts in the law were looking for some deceptive way to arrest Jesus and kill him. <sup>2</sup>"Certainly not during the Festival," they said, "or there will be a riot among the people."

Mary Anoints Jesus (Matthew 26:6-13; John 12:1-8)

<sup>3</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made from pure nard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>But there were some who were indignant and said to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted? <sup>5</sup>Certainly this perfume could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor!" And they began to scold her.

<sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. <sup>7</sup>In fact, you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you are not always going to have me. <sup>8</sup>She did what she could. She anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>Amen I tell you: Wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman did will also be told in memory of her."

Judas Plans to Betray Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16; Luke 22:3-6)

<sup>10</sup>Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup>When they heard this, they were glad and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Jesus Celebrates the Passover (Matthew 26:17-20; Luke 22:7-17)

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup>He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup>Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, 'Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

<sup>16</sup>His disciples left and went into the city and found things just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

One Will Betray Jesus (Matthew 26:21-25; Luke 22:21-23; John 13:21-30)

<sup>18</sup>While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

<sup>19</sup>They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, "Surely not I?"

<sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. <sup>21</sup>Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

# The Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-30; Luke 22:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take it. This is my body."

<sup>23</sup>Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

# Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial (Matthew 26:31-35; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38)

<sup>27</sup>Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me. For it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

<sup>29</sup>But Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

<sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today—this very night—before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

<sup>31</sup>But Peter kept saying emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you." And they all said the same thing.

# Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46)

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place named Gethsemane. Jesus told his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. <sup>34</sup>He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch."

<sup>35</sup>Going forward a little, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>He also said, "*Abba*, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

<sup>37</sup>When he returned to the disciples, he found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

<sup>39</sup>Again he went away and prayed, saying the same thing. <sup>40</sup>When he returned, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him. <sup>41</sup>He returned the third time and said to them, "Are you going to continue sleeping and resting? It is enough. The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us go. Look, my betrayer is near."

# Jesus' Arrest (Matthew 26:47-56; Luke 22:47-54; John 18:1-14)

<sup>43</sup>Just then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. A crowd was with him, armed with swords and clubs. They were from the chief priests, the experts in the law, and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now his betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>He went right to Jesus and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>They laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood nearby drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

<sup>48</sup>Jesus responded by saying to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to capture me as you would a criminal? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But this happened so that the Scriptures may be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup>Then the disciples all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>A certain young man was following him, wearing just a linen cloth over his naked body. They seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left behind the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

# Jesus' First Trial in the Sanhedrin (Matthew 26:57-68)

<sup>53</sup>They led Jesus away to the high priest. All the chief priests, the elders, and the experts in the law gathered together. <sup>54</sup>Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. He was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.

<sup>55</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they did not find any. <sup>56</sup>Many testified falsely against him, but their testimonies did not agree. <sup>57</sup>Some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: <sup>58</sup>"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands." <sup>59</sup>Yet even on this point, their testimony did not agree.

<sup>60</sup>The high priest stepped forward and questioned Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is this they are testifying against you?"

<sup>61</sup>But Jesus was silent and did not answer anything.

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

62"I am," Jesus said. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven."

<sup>63</sup>The high priest tore his robes and said, "Why do we need any more witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?"

They all condemned him as being worthy of death. <sup>65</sup>Then some began to spit on him. They covered his face and struck him with their fists, saying, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him and beat him.

# Peter Denies Jesus (Matthew 26:69-75; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27)

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came there. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!"

<sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, "I don't know or understand what you are saying," and he went out to the entryway. Then a rooster crowed.

<sup>69</sup>When the servant girl saw him, once more she began to tell those standing there, "This is one of them."

<sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. After a little while those who were standing there said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, because you are a Galilean."

<sup>71</sup>But he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!" <sup>72</sup>Just then, the rooster crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

# Jesus' Trial in Pilate's Court (Matthew 27:11-14; Luke 23:1-4; John 18:28-38)

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, along with the elders, the experts in the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

He answered him, "It is as you say."

<sup>3</sup>The chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate questioned him again, "Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!"

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

# Barabbas or Jesus?

(Matthew 27:15-26; Luke 23:17-25; John 18:39-40)

<sup>6</sup>At each Festival, Pilate used to release to the people one prisoner whom they requested. <sup>7</sup>There was one named Barabbas, who was imprisoned with the rebels and had committed murder in the rebellion. <sup>8</sup>The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

<sup>9</sup>Pilate replied, "Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?" <sup>10</sup>In fact, he knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.

<sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead.

<sup>12</sup>Again, Pilate replied to them, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

<sup>13</sup>"Crucify him!" they shouted back.

<sup>14</sup>But Pilate said to them, "Why? What has he done wrong?"

But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

<sup>15</sup>Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. After he had Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Soldiers Mock Jesus (Matthew 27:27-30; John 19:1-3)

<sup>16</sup>The soldiers led him away inside the palace, which is the Praetorium, and called together the whole cohort of soldiers. <sup>17</sup>They put a purple robe on him, twisted together a crown of thorns, and put it on him. <sup>18</sup>The soldiers began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>They kept hitting him on the head with a reed and spitting on him. They also kneeled down to pay homage to him.

Please stand

The Crucifixion (Matthew 27:31-44; Luke 23:26-43; John 19:16-27)

<sup>20</sup>When they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothing on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>A certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They forced him to carry Jesus' cross. <sup>22</sup>They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, "The place of a skull." <sup>23</sup>They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>They crucified him. And they divided his garments, casting lots for them to decide what each of them would take.

<sup>25</sup>Now it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The superscription stating the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>They also crucified two criminals with him, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>29</sup>Those who passed by ridiculed him, shaking their heads and saying, "Ha! You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself! Come down from the cross!"

<sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests along with the experts in the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said. "He cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we may see and believe!"

Those who were crucified with him also insulted him.

Jesus' Death (Matthew 27:45-56; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-40)

<sup>33</sup>When it was the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>35</sup>When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah!"

<sup>36</sup>Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. They said, "Leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down."

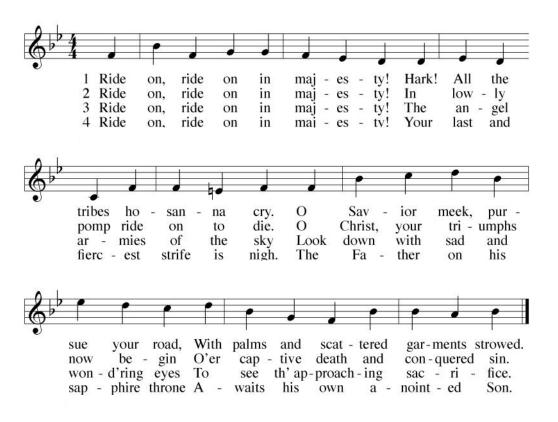
<sup>37</sup>Jesus cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he cried out and breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

# HYMN — #133 Ride On, Ride On In Majesty ST. 1-4



# **SERMON**

#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection (+) of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Stand

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



# **PREFACE**

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation sings

Isaiah 6:3 Matthew 21:9



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Taught by our Lord and trusting in his promises, we are bold to pray.

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.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

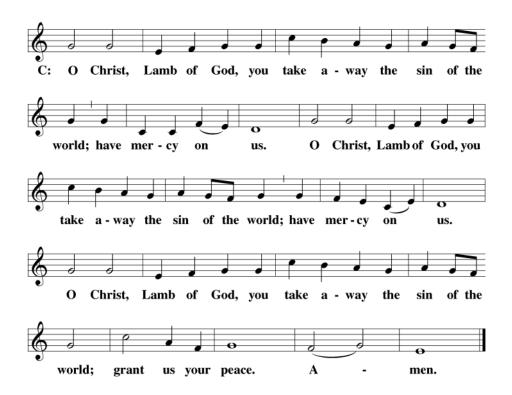
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### LAMB OF GOD

Congregation sings

John 1:29



Be seated

# **DISTRIBUTION**

CONTINUOUS DISTRIBUTION. This means we will not be using the communion rail. Communicants will approach the front of church via the SIDE AISLES, maintaining 6 feet distance from those not in your household. Approach Pastor who will hand you the wafer and the communicant will take the individual cup from the tray. Proceed to your seat via the middle aisles. The pulpit side will commune first, the lectern side next.

After all have communed, the minister speaks this blessing to all:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in Christian faith until life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

Stand

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# **BLESSING**

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor (+) and give you peace.



Be seated

# HYMN — #133 Ride On Ride On In Majesty ST. 5

Congregation sings

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!In lowly pomp ride on to die.Bow your meek head to mortal pain,Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.