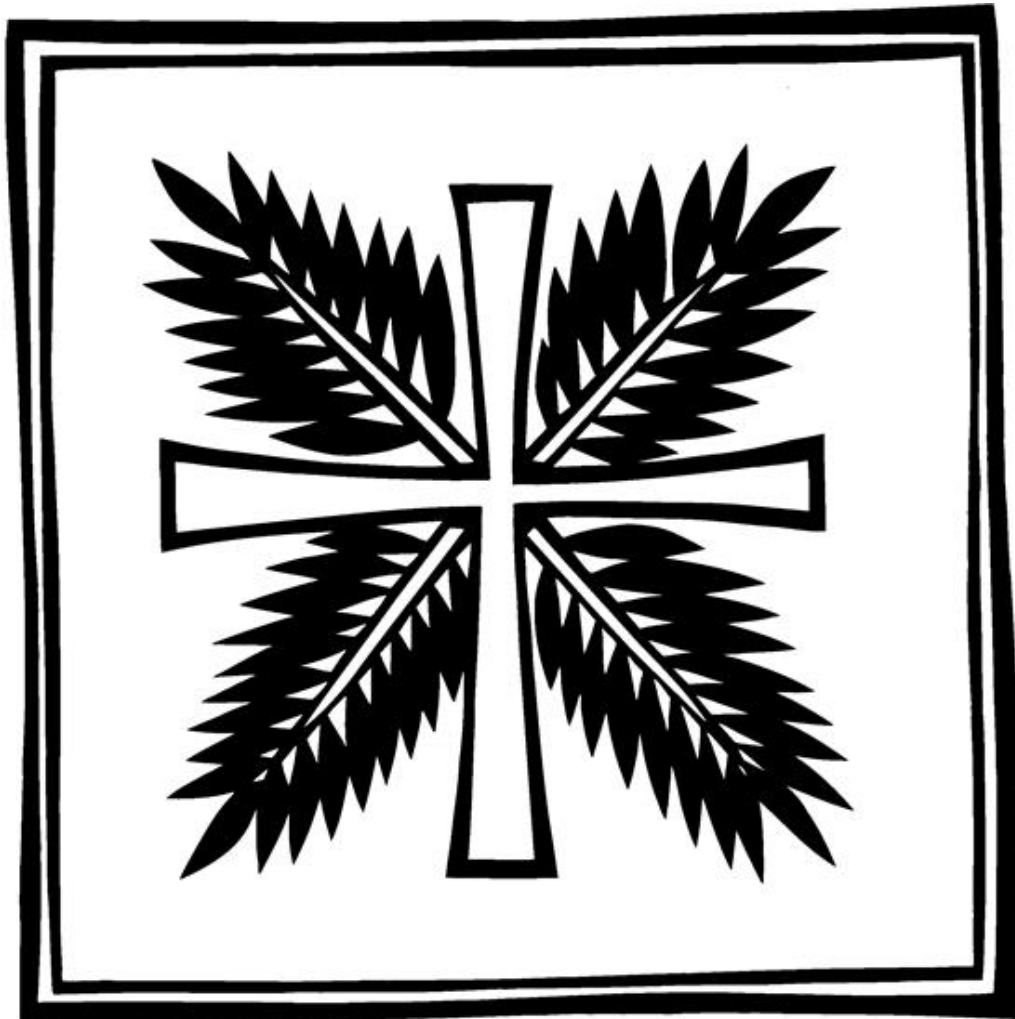


# *Passion Sunday*



*“Not Just Going to Church, but BEING the Church”*  
**Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church**

April 5, 2020 11:00 am



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## **Welcome to Worship!**

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Saint Bart's welcomes you to this virtual worship and our believing community. This morning we celebrate **Passion Sunday**. The worship service can be followed entirely in the bulletin.

## **Praying People**

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns out loud during the Prayers of the Church. We will pause to pray prayers if there is any one on the live feed who would like something prayed for.

## **Passion/Palm Sunday**

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.



**Food Pantry will be running as on a limited schedule**

**Bible Study- postponed until further notice. We are discovering a way to be able to do this. Questions for study will be posted every week on Webpage.**

**All Activities at Saint Bart's have been suspended until further notice because of the Corona Virus. Food Pantry will still be open on a limited basis. We can use any donations to help our community in need.**

**You can download today's bulletin and follow along with the service!**

**Go to [www.stbartlutheran.org](http://www.stbartlutheran.org)**

**Also you can listen to the hymns through the Youtube link provided!**

Prelude –

<https://youtu.be/NoM0AT8fBvs>

*Hosanna*

Welcome & Announcements

**Peace in Heaven – the triumphal entry**

P    He came to the city today.  
      Jerusalem the beautiful  
      Jerusalem the blessed.  
      A place of promise  
      Wrapped in bondage.  
      Free us, Lord.  
      bring to us...

**C    Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.**

A    Then he came around the bend  
      Not on a charger of white  
      With shaking mane  
      And restless gait.  
      But on a donkey  
      Small and unassuming  
      Almost apologetic  
      With no hint of valor.  
      How will he bring us...

**C    Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.**

P Yet the people came  
They shouted in hope  
They waved palm branches in anticipation  
Throwing their cloaks on the road  
To make smooth the path  
Before the king.  
The one who will bring us...

**C Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.**

A And we shouted together  
The people and I  
We watched as he came down  
From the Mount of Olives  
We shouted his praises  
For the healing he brought  
For the miracle of hope  
For the freedom from oppression  
We shouted  
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of Lord.  
You are he that will bring us...

**C Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

### Prayer of Confession

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**C Amen.**

P If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

**C Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love.  
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.  
All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

**C Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 344

[https://youtu.be/mVzIr\\_jDkj0](https://youtu.be/mVzIr_jDkj0)

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

### *APOSTOLIC GREETING*

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

**C** And also with you

**K** Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**



## **A reading from 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?

**A** Word of God, Word of life

**C** Thanks be to God

## **Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my  
belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are  
consumed.**

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a  
dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street  
they avoid me.

**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as  
a broken pot.**

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.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said,  
“You are my God.**

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my  
enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”**

## **A reading from 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.

**A** Word of God, Word of life

**C** **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
<https://youtu.be/df6b2HkGYXU>

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66**

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On 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?” <sup>18</sup>He 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.’” <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The 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.” <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "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.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

<sup>35</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

<sup>37</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." <sup>40</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Stay awake and

pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”<sup>42</sup> Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”<sup>43</sup> Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.<sup>44</sup> So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.<sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.<sup>46</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.<sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”<sup>49</sup> At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.<sup>51</sup> Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.<sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?<sup>54</sup> But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”<sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.<sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.

<sup>58</sup>But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ” <sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, “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.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” <sup>67</sup>Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, “Prophecy 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.” <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” <sup>71</sup>

When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>72</sup> Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” <sup>74</sup> Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. <sup>27:</sup>

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

When 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. <sup>4</sup> He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” <sup>5</sup> Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup> But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” <sup>7</sup> After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. <sup>8</sup> For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup> Then 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,<sup>10</sup> and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.”<sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.<sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”<sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.<sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.<sup>17</sup> So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”<sup>18</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.<sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”<sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.<sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!”<sup>23</sup> Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So 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, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and 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, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, <sup>42</sup>“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. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ” <sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” <sup>48</sup>At 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. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>Now 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!”

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.

<sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

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

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ <sup>64</sup>Therefore 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.” <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” <sup>66</sup>So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

**P    The Gospel of the Lord    C    Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

Hymn of the Day: Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 351

<https://youtu.be/pO2d0AD5wBg>

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

### *Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers**



Each petition ends:

**A** Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 kingdom, the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

## +Sending+

### Benediction

P: We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!  
Because even if we were silent  
the stones themselves would have called out.  
We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,  
and then it changed.  
We have walked with another crowd.  
One that called words of scorn and condemnation.  
And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross,  
and yet even as the world grows dark,  
we cannot lose hope.  
Because God is with us.  
God will be with us.  
Whatever happens.  
We are not alone.  
And so we watch the crowd and we follow...

C **Amen**

Sending Hymn    Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 347

<https://youtu.be/VTFV47NzUeI>

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

### Dismissal

A    Go in peace. Share the Good news!

C    **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude