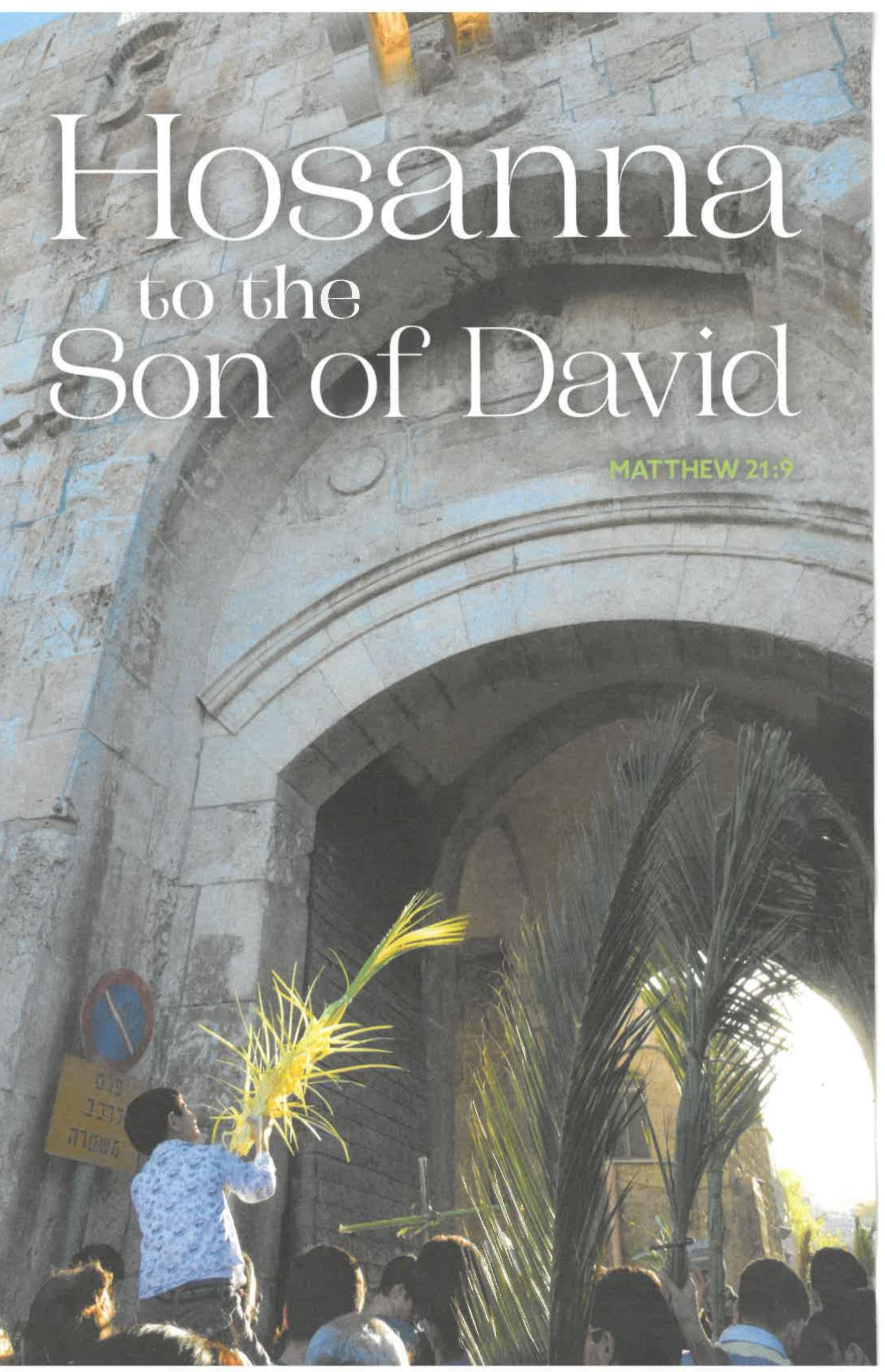


# Hosanna to the Son of David

MATTHEW 21:9



## **Palm Sunday March 29, 2026**

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover this is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day!

### **Welcome**

Introduction to Worship outside doors of Church

### **The Entry Into Jerusalem The Palm Sunday Procession**

**P:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C:** **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**P:** Let us pray:

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **Amen.**

***(Raise Palm Crosses in the air)***

**P:** We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may

ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

P: Let us go forth in peace.

**C: In the name of the Lord.**

*(Proceed to Narthex)*

## **“The Cry of the Whole Congregation” by Walter Wangerin**

**Narrator:** When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, “Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, “Why are you untying it? You shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’ “ So those who were sent went away found it as he had told them....

**People:** And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

**Peter:** And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing the garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

**Narrator:** And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, singing:

*(Process into Sanctuary)*

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Red #344

*Refrain:*  
**All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the king of Israel  
And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming,  
Our King and blessed One.      *Refrain***

**The company of angels  
Are praising you on high;  
Creation and all mortals  
In chorus make reply.      *Refrain***

**The multitude of pilgrims  
With palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before you we present.      *Refrain***

(Remain Standing)

**Pharisee:** And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They’re calling you the Christ. Tell them to stop it!”

**Narrator:** He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones themselves would cry out.”

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”— *continued*

Red #344

*Refrain:*  
**All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**To you, before your Passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.      *Refrain***

**Their praises you accepted;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King.      *Refrain***

(Remain Standing)

**Narrator:** And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it saying, “Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

*(All may be seated.)*

## **The Preparation and the Sharing of the Last Supper The Passion of Our Lord**

### Passing of the Peace

**Narrator:** Now, the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

**Judas:** Then Satan entered into Judas call Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray Jesus to them. And they were glad, and engaged to give him money. So he agreed and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

**Narrator:** Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”

**People:** They said to him, “But where, Lord? Where will you have us prepare it, and what are we to do?”

**Narrator:** He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready.” And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

**Pastor:** And when the hour came, he sat at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after supper, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

## **The Holy Communion is Shared**

Visitors: You are most welcome to receive communion as part of this church family! Children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a special blessing if they have never communed before. Please follow the guidance of the ushers as to when you are to come forward.

**Hymn:** *“One Bread, One Body”*      *Red #496*

*REFRAIN*

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more.**

**REFRAIN**

**Many the gifts, many the works,  
One in the Lord of all. REFRAIN**

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one for all. REFRAIN**

**Hymn: "Jesus, Remember Me" Red #616**

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

(Repeat 4 times)

**Narrator:** "But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined: but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

**People:** And they began to question, "Who, Lord? Who is to betray you? Is it I? Is it I?"

**Narrator:** He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born!"

**Judas:** Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"

**Narrator:** Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

**Peter:** Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I" he said. And he declared, "Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you."

**Narrator:** "Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

**Peter:** Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

**People:** And so said all of the disciples, over and over again.

## The Agony in the Garden

### **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**Red #742**

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry,  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear –  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer.

**Narrator**: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed. And when he came to the place he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

**People**: **Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, deliver us.**

**Narrator**: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, “Father, if thou are willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.”

**People**: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done. Thy will be done. Thy will be done....**

**Narrator**: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

**People**: **Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, even the evil within ourselves.**

**Judas**: While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him.

**Narrator**: But Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

**Judas**: Judas said, “Hail Master.”

**People**: **When the disciples saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”**

**Peter**: And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

**Narrator**: But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.

**People**: **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Narrator**: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, “When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness.”

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - *continued***

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness –  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

**Narrator**: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the high priest’s house.

**Peter**: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

**People:** Then a maid, seeing him sit in the light, said, “This man also was with him.”

**Peter:** But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”

**People:** And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You are also one of them.”

**Peter:** But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying!”

**Narrator:** And immediately, while he was speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

**Peter:** And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and he wept bitterly.

**Narrator:** Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him: they blindfolded him and demanded:

**People:** Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”

**Narrator:** And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him. When the day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together and led him to their council.

**People:** And they said, “Are you the Son of God, then?”

**Narrator:** And he said to them, “You say that I am.”

**People:** And they said, “Blasphemy! What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips. Blasphemy! Oh, Blasphemy!”

**Narrator:** Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before Pontius Pilate.

**People:** And they began to curse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ the King!”

**Pilate**: And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

**Narrator**: And he answered him, “You have said so.”

**Pilate**: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and the multitudes, “I find no crime in this man.”

**People**: **But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout Galilee even to this place.”**

**Pilate**: And when Pilate heard that he was Galilean, of Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod.

**Narrator**: Where he was vehemently accused, and treated with contempt and mocked, and arrayed in gorgeous purple, and then sent back again.

**Pilate**: Pilate said to the rulers of the people: “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him, behold, I did not find him guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold, nothing deserving of death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him.

*(Please Stand)*

**People**: **But they all cried out together, “Away with this man! Away! Release to us Barabbas!”**

**Narrator**: Barabbas! — a man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder —

**Pilate**: Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus —

**People**: **But they shouted out, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”**

**Pilate**: “Why: What evil has he done? I’ve found no crime in him deserving of death. I’ll chastise him. I’ll release him —”

**People**: **But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified.**

**Narrator**: And their voices prevailed.

**Pilate:** So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder. But Jesus he delivered up to their will.

(Please be seated)

## Friday Morning — The Crucifixion

### Hymn “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
bod - y of our Lord.  
riv - er, you the sea.

4. God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death  
hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as every breath,  
love as near as every breath.

**Narrator:** But Jesus he delivered over to their will.

**All Men:** 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.

**All Women:** And there followed a great multitude of women who bewailed and lamented him —

**Narrator:** But Jesus turning to them 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 gave suck!” For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it dries!”

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

And Jesus, said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

**All Women:** Forgive us our trespasses.

**All Men:** And they cast lots to divide his garments.

**All Women:** Forgive us our trespasses.

**All Men:** And the people stood by, watching. But rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others: let him save himself, if he is Christ of God!”

**All Women:** Forgive us our trespasses.

**All Men:** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar.

**All Women:** There was an inscription over him: “This is the King of the Jews.”

**All Men:** Forgive us our trespasses. Forgive us, O Lord, our trespasses!

**Judas:** One of the criminals who was hanged with him railed at him saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

**Peter**: But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

**People**: **Forgive us our trespasses, deliver us from evil. Thine is the kingdom —**

**Narrator**: And Jesus said to him —

**People**: **And the power**

**Narrator**: “Truly, truly, I say to you —

**People**: **And the glory —**

**Narrator**: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**People**: **Forever and ever. Amen!**

**Hymn**      “Were You There?”      Red #353

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Narrator**: 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, from the top to the bottom.... Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!” And having said this, he breathed his last. And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sight,

**People**: **When they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.**

**All Women:** And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things —

**Hymn** “Were You There?” - *continued*

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**Pilate:** Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, a righteous man, one 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 rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.

**Narrator:** It was the Day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

**All Women:** 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.

**Narrator:** On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

**Offering** (Please give your offering at the altar or other tables)  
“Harmony of the Angels” by J.F. Buckmuller  
Julia & Patrick Tracey

**Prayers of the Church**

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**Closing Hymn**

“Beautiful Savior”

Red #838

**\*Benediction and Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

**Postlude**

“All Glory, Laud & Honor” Richard Purvis



SHORT TERM Colin, Beth Stiles & her father, Kat, Penny, Family of Pr. Herb Schmidt, Family of Marc Northcott, Camryn, Corbin, Marilyn, Nathan, Dorothy Ronning, Bob Holzwarth, Amanda, Mary Robe & Family, Renee, Family of Laura Gates, Sina & Bella, Chad Fields, Laura, Ayla, Laura & twin babies, James, Don & Taiyo, Pr. Gary & Corinne Stevenson, Family of Bobbie Erickson, Kevin, Liz, Sam, Tom Williams, Tim Oldfield, Kathy M., Nancy, Corrine & Daniel, Connie Garcia & Family, Grey, Levi, James, Galahad, Debbie, Sam, Nate Barker, Robbin, Keith, Noelle, Ensley, Middle East Peace, Tom Dawson, Dustin, Father Jack Davis, Adolfo, Elida, Jeannie, Anetta, Jane, Barbara Allen, Rachel B., Anne & Chloe Johnston, Isaac & Marissa, Mateo & Lina, Atlas, Sal, Katarina.

LONG TERM Those suffering with Mental Illness, James Sheehan, Biergiel—Colclough family, Eric Utto-Galarneau, Beth UG, Brian Utto, Kathy Brooks, Joel Hurtgamm, Dawit & family (Ethiopia), Miller, April, Aaron Johnson, Shelby, Ashley, Frank, Joe, Lisa & Beau, Linda Johnson, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Mike, Susan Anderson, Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Karin, Will, Chris & John B., Immigrant families, The Homeless, People of Ukraine, People of Palestine/Israel, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, S.S. Senior Housing, Pastor Jim & Our Church Family, men & women of Armed Forces, and the Youth of today.



# Mt. Cross Memorial Day Volunteer Event

Saturday, May 23

Come for all day or partial day. Plenty of jobs for all skill levels. Fellowship with cool people, and share 3 meals. End with community celebration that Sam says is gonna be FUN!

They need a head count, so register now  
See [www.mtcross.org](http://www.mtcross.org) *Events*  
You may be amused by the photo used

## Other Giving Options

We are now able to receive donations made by:  
credit card, debit card, PayPal, Venmo & Zelle.

There are three choices:

- 1) **Vanco**, our regular electronic giving provider;
- 2) **PayPal / Venmo / Zelle** for single one-time gifts;
- 3) **PayPal** with the possibility of recurring donations and an option to cover the fees. All are available at <https://ststephenslutheran.org>



pancake



breakfast

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**8:30—9:45**

Come fill your Spirit & your belly. Includes eggs, sausage & fruit. Bring a friend. Support the ministries of our church.

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“COPA After Church”

today

11:20a — 12:30p



Plan to stay after worship to meet with Pastor Jim and COPA Associate Organizer Eli Holliday. We will discuss our current efforts for justice in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, as well as our hopes for future relationships and actions with other churches and organizations.

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To all the wonderful volunteers who donated their time & culinary skills to provide us with those delightful soup suppers!

## Upcoming Events:

March Benevolence Offering =  
St. Stephen's Scholarship Fund

- March 31 Scouts 6:00 pm
- April 1 Preschool Chapel 10:15 am
- April 2 Maundy Thursday "The Last Supper"  
worship 11 & lunch 12:00  
Worship 7 pm
- April 2 Men's A.A. Group 7:00 pm
- April 3 A. A. Group 7:00 pm
- April 3 Good Friday worship "The 7 Last Words" 7pm
- April 4 Easter Set up 10 am
- April 5 Easter Celebration Worship 10 am  
Special Children's time  
Pancake Breakfast 8:30 to 9:45
- April 7 Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm Discretion Brewery  
come for honest conversation and genuine community
- April 16 Women's Café resumes 6:00 pm  
Dinner & devotions
- April 18 Pr. Herb Schmidt Memorial 1:00 Messiah, High St.
- May 23 Mt. Cross Memorial Day Volunteer Event
- May 30 AFC dinner hosts needed to serve the unhoused.  
Sign up in narthex.

**Pastor's Office Hours Wednesdays 10 to 1:00**

## Our Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance & love, and invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

### Reconciling in Christ

*"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.*

*We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ."*

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