

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 29, 2026 Palm and Passion Sunday

All in for Highs and Lows - Balancing Palm Procession and Passion on this day practices entering into all the highs and lows of human life with our congregations and with Christ.

### GATHERING

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Processional Gospel

##### Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

#### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: **God of all, the joyful parade of this day will soon become a dreadful march to Golgotha. Yet you are in for all of it: the joy and the heartache, the pain and the promise, the peace and the anguish. Bless these palm branches and those who carry them as we walk in the way of Jesus, both in this worship and each day of our lives. Give us courage to proclaim Jesus as our Messiah and follow him. In this holy week, help us to walk through all of it with you, that we may experience the comfort of knowing you are with us in both the highs and in the lows of our lives. Amen.**

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

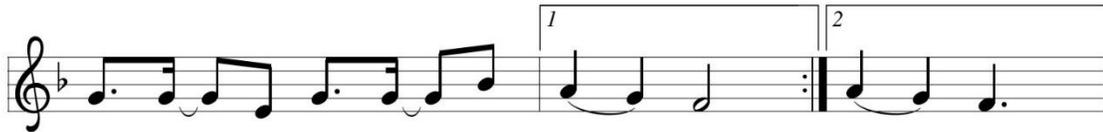
### Gathering Song

"Pave The Way With Branches"

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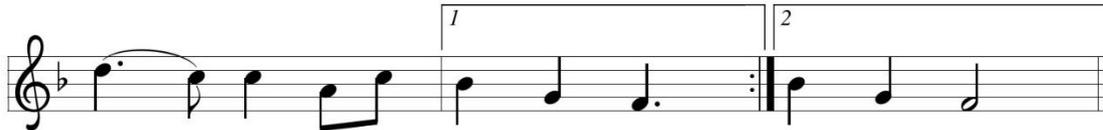
\*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

### Welcoming One Another With Christ's Peace

#### Confession and Forgiveness

##### Matthew 26:14-16

R: <sup>14</sup>Then 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.

P: Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

C: **Lord, help us to take up our cross and follow you.**

P: You stood before Pilate, your life condemned, your word rejected, your innocence ignored:

C: **Keep us from rejecting your word of truth and salvation, and give us confidence and courage to walk in your lifegiving ways.**

P: You carried your cross on the wounded stripes of your back, for love of us and for all the world.

C: **Help us to bear our cross, for love of you and for love of others.**

- P: The weight of your cross was the weight of our sins. Though they make us stumble and fall, you carry our burdens.
- C: In our weakness, we turn to you for strength.**
- P: Although you suffered, you still reached out to care for your mother and friends.
- C: May our cross-bearing never keep us from caring for our family and friends.**
- P: As you struggled to bear your cross to Calvary, a passerby named Simon of Cyrene was drawn in to help you.
- C: Make us as willing as Simon to bear the burdens of those in need, even those we may not know.**
- P: Others also took risks to comfort you.
- C: Strengthen our faith to take loving risks for our neighbors, even those we may not know or understand. Give us courage to risk loving even our enemies.**
- P: Sin weighed heavily upon you as you stumbled along the way.
- C: Forgive us, Lord, for the sins which make us fall.**
- P: Your suffering under the cross caused the women of Jerusalem to weep.
- C: Make our suffering in life a share in your suffering.**
- P: The full burden of our sin crushed you mightily to the earth.
- C: Do not forsake us in our falling, but bring us to repentance and faith.**
- P: Stripped and mocked, you endured humiliation without complaint.
- C: Humble us in daily lives.**
- P: Nailed to the cross, you took your place among the condemned.
- C: Take your place beside us sinners, and bring us through faith to the kingdom of God.**
- P: When your sacrifice was complete, you handed your life to the Father, and he did not forsake you.
- C: Keep us close to your cross and death, both in life and at the hour of our death.**
- P: Faithful friends and loving women took loving care of your lifeless body.
- C: Turn the darkness of death into the brightness of day as we love you and love our neighbors as ourselves.**
- P: In the tomb you were laid, but from the tomb you arose.
- C: Be the Lord of the resurrection for us and for all the baptized.**
- P: Loving Jesus, for the sake of your cross and passion, we are justified in faith, washed of our sins by baptism and repentance, and made one with God. We thank you for your cross and for the depths of your love for us, by which you promise us forgiveness and new life. Help us to bear our cross in the world and follow you, that our lives may bear witness to your love.
- C: Amen.**
- P: We give thanks for God's incredible gift of forgiveness. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C: Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

## Song of Praise

"Blessed is the One"

ACS 929

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes  
in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line.

## WORD

### Scripture

#### Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Message and Sunday School Dismissal

### Sermon

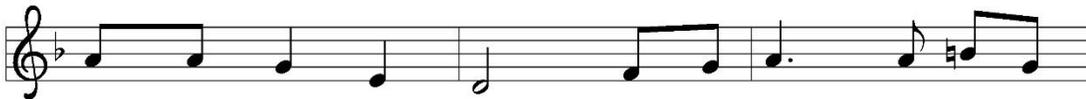
### Hymn

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

ELW 334



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.

### Prayers of the People

A: God of all,

C: **hear our prayer.**

### MEAL

### Offering

## Offering Prayer

A: God our provider,

C: we return to you a portion of all that you have given us.

Bless and use these gifts,

our hands, our hearts, our ministry,

to care for the world you so love.

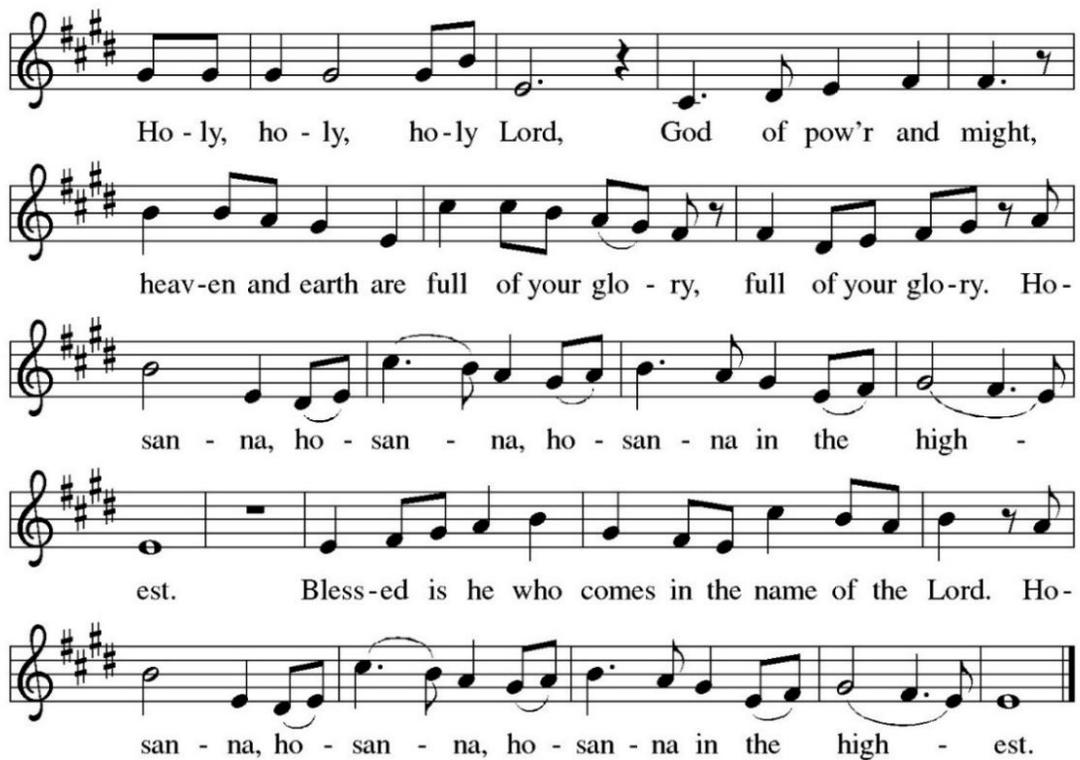
Now prepare us to receive you at this table

and again in the world beyond our doors.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Holy Communion

P: And so we join all creation in singing our song of praise...



The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est."

## Words of Institution

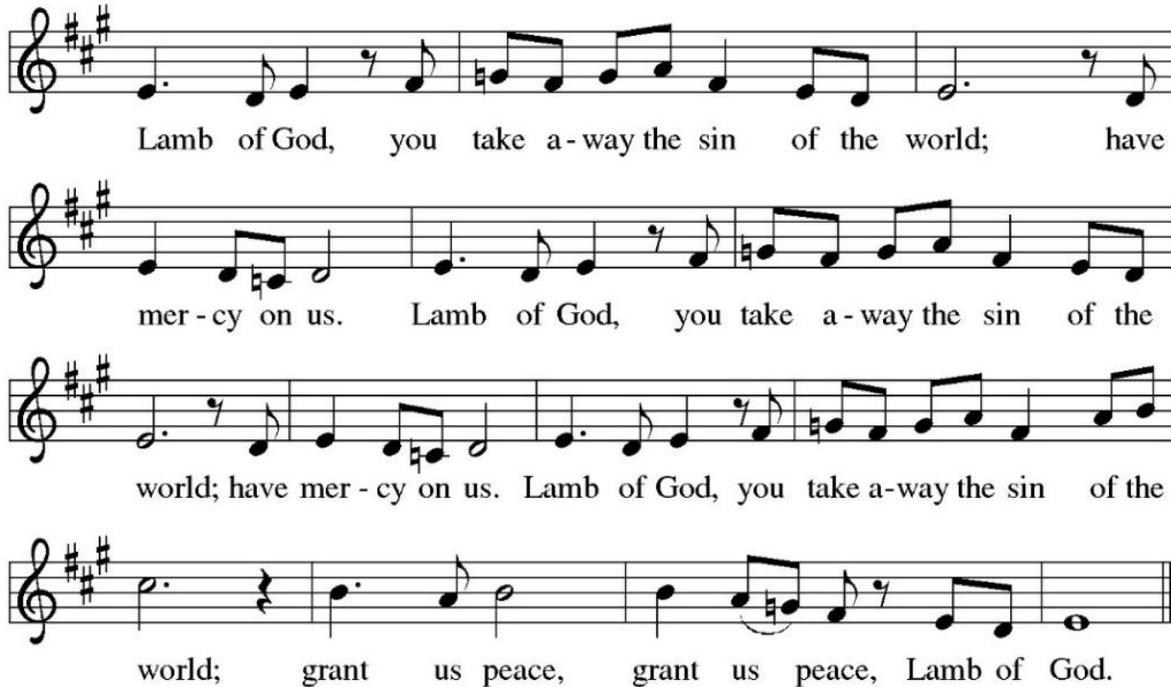
### Lord's Prayer

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.

## Distribution of Communion

We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## Prayer after Communion

P: May this gift of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us pray. Holy God,

C: **you have revealed yourself to us again in the holy mystery of bread and cup. Strengthen us by your presence, draw us closer to one another as the Body of Christ, and send us to reveal you in all our words and ways. Amen.**

## SENDING

## Blessing

**Sending Song**

*"Hosanna, Praise Is Rising"*

**VERSE**

G5 C2

*J*=114

1. Praise is ris - ing, eyes are turn - ing to You;  
 2. Hear the sound of hearts re - turn - ing to You;

6 G5

We turn to You; Hope is stir - ing hearts are  
 We turn to You; In Your King - dom bro - ken

12 C2 G5

yearn-ing for You; We long for You; 'Cause when we see  
 lives are made new, You make us new;

**PRE-CHORUS**

D(4) C G5 D(4)

You, we find strength to face the day; In Your pres - ence all our fears

**CHORUS**

22 C G5 D Gsus G Em7

are washed a-way, washed a - way. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,

28 C2 G5 Dsus Em7 C2

You are the God who saves us, wor-thy of all our prais - es; Ho -

33 Gsus G Em7 C2 G5  
 - san - na, ho - san - - na, come have Your way a - mong us;

38 Dsus Em7 C2 Gsus G  
 We wel-come You here, Lord Je - sus.

**INSTR**

44 Em7 C2 G5 Dsus Em7 C2

51 G D(4)  
 'Cause when we see You, we find strength

**PRE-CHORUS**

56 C G5 D(4) C  
 to face the day; In Your pres - ence all our fears are washed a-way.

61 G5 G5 D Gsus  
 'Cause when we see washed a-way. Ho - san -

**CHORUS**

67 G Em7 C2 G5 Dsus  
 -na, ho - san - - na, You are the God who saves us, wor-thy of all

72      Em7                      C2                      Gsus                      G                      Em7                      C2

our prais-es;      Ho-san - na,      ho-san - na,      come have Your way

78      G5                      Dsus                      Em7                      C2                      C2

a - mong us;      We wel-come You here, Lord Je - sus.      Ho

**ENDING**

83      Gsus                      G                      Gsus                      G                      Gsus                      G

Ho - san - na,      ho -

90      Gsus                      G                      G

- san - - - na.      Ho      na.

**Dismissal**

A:      Go in Peace, follow the way of Jesus.

C:      **Thanks be to God. And we will!**