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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 24th Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

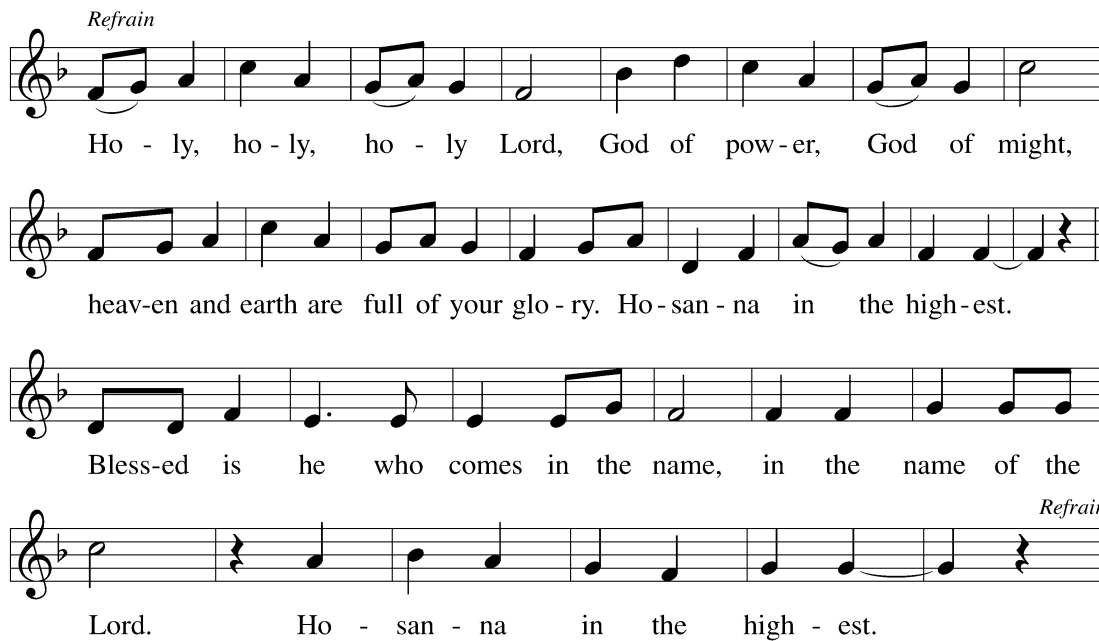
Welcome to Worship at Lord of the Valley

We welcome you to worship at Lord of the Valley. We gather as members of the church who live in the area full and part-time, as people vacationing in the area for a few days or weeks, as people searching for a church that is welcoming. We gather as a community, as sisters and brothers in Christ, all part of God's family, and we pray that God's Spirit might be known and felt within your heart as we worship together. We invite your participation in the life of Lord of the Valley. If you are interested in becoming a regular member or a parish partner, please talk with our pastor today. We are Glad that You are Here, Worshipping God with Us!

Procession (Gospel Reading Mark 11: 1-10)

Processional Verse

Refrain



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the
Lord. *Refrain*
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Gathering

Leader: We worship as we live: in the name of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: God calls us to be honest with ourselves, with God and each other, as God renews us and our life's purposes. Come apart from the busyness of family, school and work, and dwell in the presence of God, the source and ground of our being.

All: We come in praise of God and in affirmation of Jesus Christ as the truth and center of our lives. We celebrate the places where love is found, and we give thanks for the gift of new life.

Leader: O God, the struggles of relationships, the pressure of making ends meet or of keeping up with our peers, the fear of losing, our health, our job, our home, the ones we love, over time dry up our lives, and then take the very breath from our being.

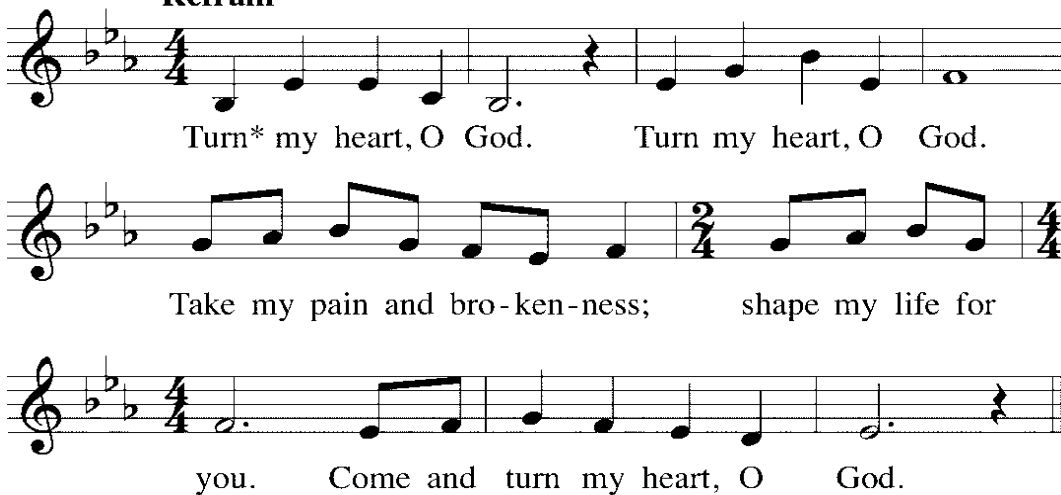
All: Raise us up O God. Breathe your Spirit into our dry bones. Call us out of the tombs we have created in our lives, that we might embrace and celebrate the gift of life you have given us this very day. Amen

Leader: Sisters and Brothers: God created us to experience joy in communion with God, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation. As we move through this season of Lent we acknowledge our need for repentance; that is, our need to re-focus and re-prioritize our lives, our need to turn our lives back toward God and our neighbors. Let us continue our Lenten journey by together confessing our sins and seeking the forgiveness and new life that is promised to us in Christ Jesus.

“Turn My Heart O God”

The Congregation sings the refrain along with the verse response.

Refrain



Turn* my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.

Take my pain and bro-ken-ness; shape my life for

you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

The musical notation consists of three staves in G minor, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases, with a 2/4 time signature change for the second phrase. The third staff contains the melody for the final phrase.

From all the leads to death to seek the way of life
From all that leads to sin, to holiness and grace....
From all despair and grief, to hope of life renewed...



Come and turn my heart, O God.

The musical notation is a single staff in G minor, 4/4 time, with a melody consisting of quarter notes and a final quarter rest.

(Refrain)

O let your Spirit come, and cleanse my inmost heart...
Give back to me the joy of walking in your way...
O fill me with your grace that I might sing your praise...



Come and turn my heart, O God.

The musical notation is a single staff in G minor, 4/4 time, with a melody consisting of quarter notes and a final quarter rest.

(Refrain)

Leader: God of Love and Life,

All: We confess that we have sinned against you and each other, by what we have done and said, and by what we have failed to do and say. We confess that we are wounded, and those wounds affect how we treat ourselves and how we treat others. We come seeking forgiveness and healing. We come seeking a sense of wholeness in our lives. Help us to forgive the people who have wounded us, as we come seeking forgiveness for the wounds we have caused other people. Have mercy on us, O God. Help us to live differently. Help us to forgive graciously. Help us to love abundantly. Amen

Leader: God is faithful, even when we are not. God's promises are true, even when we break our promises. Our lives change but one thing does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. And it is in and through this love that in Jesus Christ God forgives you of all your sins. This is the good news that brings us new life.

All: Amen – Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise:

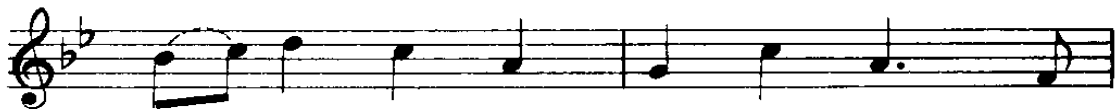
“Arise, Shine Out!”



1. A - rise, _ shine out, your light has come! A -
2. A - rise, _ shine out, come and re - jice! The
3. A - rise, _ shine out, and dry your tears! Our
4. A - rise, _ shine out, bring bread and wine! Come
5. A - rise, _ shine out, tell all the land that



wak - en your sad _ and wea - ry eyes! A
mu - sic of life _ sings of the new day! The
God has con - quered gloom _ and fright! For
gath - er a - round _ the ta - ble of dreams! And
ha - tred and vio - lence now _ shall cease! To -



song in the dis - tance has be - gun, the
dance of the spir - it; free - dom's voice, is
on _ this day new dawn ap - pears; be
share _ the sto - ry, let it shine, for
geth - er in hope and hand in hand, we'll



ci - ty of God _ born from the skies! _
mov - ing with - in _ to guide our way! _
born _ a - gain! _ Walk in the light! _
in _ this place _ God's King - dom sings! _
live _ God's mer - cy, love and peace! _

Leader: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Everlasting God,

All: 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. Amen.

Bible Readings

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 backwards.

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?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

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.

Gospel Verse **“Return to God”**

Congregation:



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

Sunday School Dismissal

Gospel Reading / Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47 (Due to the length we are not printing the reading.)

Song **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”** (Verses 1, 3, and 5)

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



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to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are 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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Affirmation of Faith The 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 of God's People

Leader: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Offering Response (sung)

**For your generous providing, which sustains us all our days,
For your Spirit here residing, we proclaim our heartfelt praise.**

**In the depths of joy and sorrow, though the road be smooth or rough,
Fearless, we can face tomorrow for your grace will be enough.**

**'Round your table, through your giving, show us how to live and pray
Till your kingdom's way of living is the bread we share each day;
Bread for us and for our neighbor; bread for body, mind and soul,
Bread of heav'n and human labor – broken bread that makes us whole.**

Leader: All good gifts around us come from you, O God.

All: You have given us new life in Christ! Therefore we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another. Amen

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Leader: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth ... With all the prophets of old and new, the saints and sinner, and all the company of heaven, we glorify your name and join in the endless song of all creation:

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Refrain

Leader: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

ALL: 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 Holy Communion

Song During Communion "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

1 Go to dark Geth-se-m - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at his feet,
4 Ear-ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit-ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf-f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace. **All: Amen**

Leader: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always. **All: Amen**

Benediction / Sending

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!!!