

## St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Our Mission: To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known

Welcome to St. Paul Church! We pray the Lord will bless you through our worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to Pastor Alison after the service.

**Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion:** We welcome all believers to the Lord's Table who believe the risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Children may commune at any time at the discretion of their parent/guardian.

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## PALM SUNDAY March 24, 2024 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

\* Stand (as able) P: Pastor

LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green book)

C: Congregation

WOV: With One Voice Songbook (blue book) NRSV: New Revised Standard Version Bible

Prelude: Musical selections by Ian Hoke

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### \*Procession with Palms

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

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

#### \*Blessing of Palms

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms 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

#### \*Procession

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

The procession begins with the opening hymn.

\*Processional Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honor (LBW #108)......bulletin page #25

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

#### \*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

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

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?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- L: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- C: For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- L: 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.
- C: Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.
- L: 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.
- C: But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God."
- L: My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- C: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11.....** NRSV pg. 1069 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.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Processional Hymn:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (LBW #170) vs.1-2 ....bulletin page #26

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th Chapter.



\*Reading of The Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1-11.................... NRSV pg. 922

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## P: The Gospel of the Lord!



**Gospel Processional Hymn:** *Crown Him with Many Crowns (LBW #170)* vs.3-4 .....bulletin page #26

#### Children's Message Sermon

\*Sermon Hymn: Ride On, Ride On In Majesty (LBW #121).....bulletin page #27

#### \*The Nicene Creed:

P: Let us confess the faith of the Church with the Nicene Creed.

#### C: 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

#### \*Prayers of the Church

P: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

#### C: Hear our prayer.

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

#### \*Passing of the Peace

P: The Peace of the Christ be with you always.

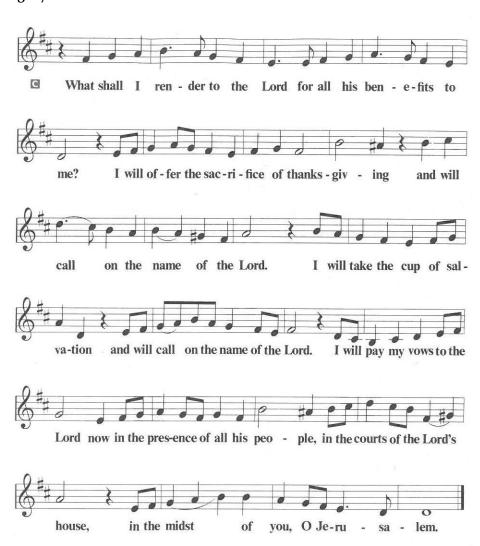
C: And also with you.



#### Offering

Anthem: Hosanna in the Highest......Adult Choir

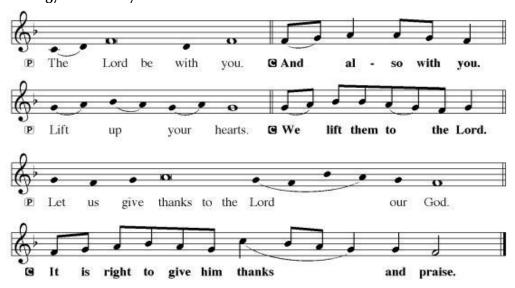
\*Offering Hymn: What Shall I Render to the Lord



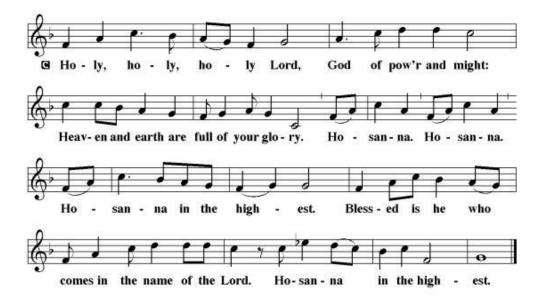
P: Let us pray,

C: Merciful Father, we offer with joy and Thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \*The Liturgy of the Holy Communion



- L: It is indeed salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you....
  - ....we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.



- P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... ...as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: ...Do this for remembrance of me.
- P: And so we pray with confidence, as our Lord has taught us:
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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.
- P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- C: Thanks be to God.

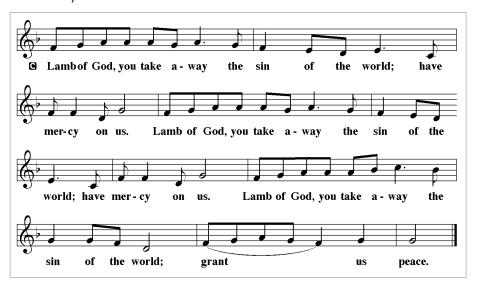
#### \*Communion Distribution

All are welcomed forward to receive communion. Our ushers will dismiss each row to come forward and receive communion elements from the pastor. While coming forward to receive the elements, you are invited to take a communion cup from one of our acolytes. You will then receive bread from the pastor and wine, or grape juice will be poured into the cup you previously received by a communion assistant.

Children are invited to receive at the discernment of their families. Any who would prefer not to partake are invited to come forward and receive a blessing from the pastor. You may signal this by crossing your arms across your chest.

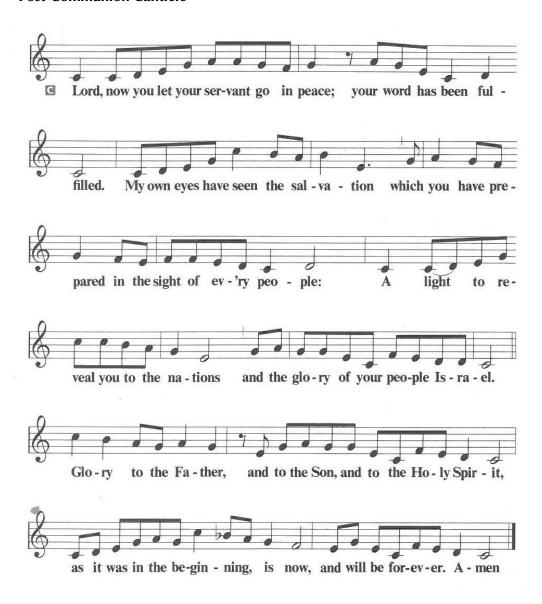


#### \*Communion Hymns



- o In the Hour of Trial (LBW #106)......bulletin page #28
- o O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (LBW #117) ......bulletin page #29
- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

#### \*Post-Communion Canticle



#### \*Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing:

P: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

\*Closing Hymn: Go to Dark Gethsemane (LBW #109) ...... bulletin page #30

#### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



#### **WORSHIP AIDES**

Acolytes: Lila Stormes, Mya Heller Audio/Visual Team: Michael Kurland

Communion Assistants: Kevin Cardosa, Betsy Scheivert

**Crucifer:** Eli Stormes **Lector:** Besty Scheivert

Music: lan Hoke

**Ushers - Captain:** Jim Gingerich

**Altar Flowers** are in honor of my brother, Robert Klingensmith's birthday, by Jane Fasano.

**Altar Flowers** are in memory of our mother, Eloise Myers, on her birthday, by the Myers family.

**Bulletins** are in memory of my husband, Chuck, and son Louis Hayes, by Ann Hayes.

**Communion Elements** are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Adolph John Lachnit and John Waler Dorsey, by Joe Lachnit.



**Palms** are in loving memory of my parents, Vincent and Gladys Kaltreider, by Carolyn Kaltreider.

**Palms** are in loving memory of the members of St. Paul who prepared the way for us, by Doris W. White.

**Palms** are in loving memory of Sandra M. Uffelman, by the Uffelman family.



On Easter Sunday, March 31, there will be an Easter breakfast provided in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. (between the 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. worship services). We are looking for volunteers to provide breakfast casseroles, fruit and juice. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



#### ST. PAUL'S SPRING WORK DAY

Saturday, April 20, from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 Noon

The property committee is looking for volunteers to help with various tasks both inside and outside the church on St. Paul's Spring Work Day. The intent is to clean, organize and improve the church. **We will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20th.** 

Please sign up on the volunteer sheet posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board for either indoor or outdoor tasks. We look forward to seeing you there!



#### **NOISY COLLECTION**

TODAY is the noisy coin collection. The Noisy Collection is used to replenish the Benevolence Fund. We are always thankful to the congregation for generously supporting the Noisy Collection.

#### **LECTIONARY/LESSONS**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

John 13:1-7, 31b-35, John 13:21-30, Psalm 88

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22:1-8

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31 (both services)**

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

#### **PRAYER LIST**

**Ed Thoman** 

Victoria Martin

**Elliott Leonard** 

Viola Zorbaugh

Kathy Godfrey

Jesse Betlyon

Pat Berkheimer (cancer)

Barb Gault

Tere Greer

Lou Long

Nancy Guthrie

Steve Tiehel

Sara Smith

Sheila Guevin

Larry Hamby

Betty Poff

Brian Miller (surgery)

Robyn Jirsa

**Christine Smith** 

**Doug Ewing** 

Sandy Mummert

Jan Hersh (heart problems)

Mary Kessler

Tom Uffelman

Scott Wisner (brain cancer)

Sue Smith

Sally Hoover (illness)

#### **CARING CORNER**

Each week the Visitation Committee will share a name, number, and address for you to reach out and send a card to and let someone know that you are praying for them:

Viola Zorbaugh, 1630 E. Scenic View Lane, Apt. 13E, Spring Grove, PA 17362

#### **IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION**

#### **TODAY'S WORSHIP - PALM SUNDAY (Noisy Coin Collection)**

9:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. "LIVE Stream Worship Online" YouTube Live - St Paul Lutheran Church Spring Grove

#### Fellowship Hour – Fellowship Hall 10:30-11:30 A.M. EASTER EGG HUNT & CELEBRATION – FELLOWSHIP HALL

# NO ADULT OR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 25**

8:30 a.m. Quilters (basement) (6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting -basement/3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

No Bible Study

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

10:00 a.m. Preschool Playgroup – 3rd floor

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner Church Service – Fellowship Hall (bring a dish to share)

(6:30-8:00 p.m. Scouts meeting(basement/3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

7:00 p.m. Traditional Choir Practice (after Maundy Thursday service)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (Service of Tenebrae)

7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae Worship

#### **EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31**

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship Service

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

#### 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

No Adult/Children's Sunday School or Children's Choir

Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

#### **FINANCE NEWS**

This financial information shows the total receipts and expenses for the general fund for the current calendar year, as well as the current deficit or surplus.

Please forward any questions to Amy at <a href="mailto:Amy.Thompson@stpaullutheranchurchsg.com">Amy.Thompson@stpaullutheranchurchsg.com</a>

## **General Fund Summary February 2024**

Total Revenues 65,380.33 Total Expenditures 74,252.07

Net -8,871.74

## **Quarterly Donation Statements - Please Read**

The Finance Committee has decided to eliminate quarterly donation statements. Annual statements will be mailed in January. If you would like to continue to receive quarterly donation statements, please call or email Amy Thompson at 484-336-4077 or <a href="mailto:Amy.Thompson@stpaullutheranchurchsg.com">Amy.Thompson@stpaullutheranchurchsg.com</a>. As a reminder, you may request a donation statement at any time during the year by contacting Amy.

#### **GIVE ELECTRONICALLY TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. PAUL**

Did you want to contribute during the offering today, but you have no cash or check? Scan the QR Code below to go straight to the St. Paul Electronic Giving Page. Thank you so much for contributing to the ministry happening at St. Paul Lutheran!

If you would like help setting up recurring giving, please contact Amy Thompson at <a href="mailto:Amy.Thompson@stpaullutheranchurchsg.com">Amy.Thompson@stpaullutheranchurchsg.com</a> or by phone at 484-336-4077.



#### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

#### **EVENTS**:

- o **Easter Egg Hunt** TODAY at 10:30 a.m.
- Youth Escape Room Event Friday, April 12
- Children's Rocket Launching Event Sunday, April 14, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 944
   Sunnyside Road, York (rain date April 21)
- o Vacation Bible School Monday, June 10, thru Friday, June 14, from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

o PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP: St. Paul Playgroup will be held every Wednesday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on the third floor. To join the St. Paul Playgroup email list, scan the QR Code below:





#### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY



#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

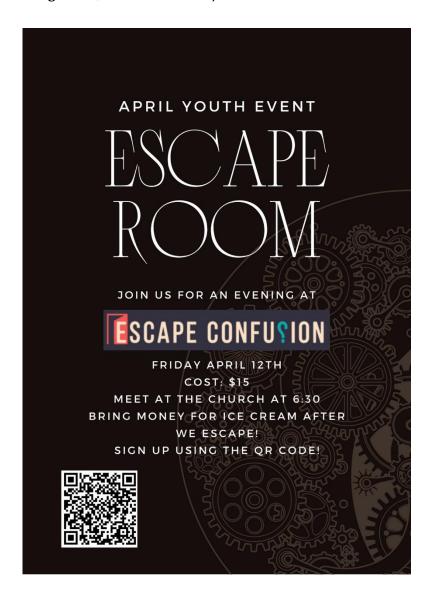
Scan the QR Code below to register.



#### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

#### YOUTH EVENT – ESCAPE ROOM – FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Sign up by scanning the QR code on the flyer below.



#### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

#### ELEMENTARY ROCKET LAUNCH EVENT – SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 1:00-3:00 PM





## Palm Sunday, March 24 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

(Live stream worship through YouTube - St. Paul Lutheran Church Spring Grove )

No Sunday School on Palm Sunday

#### 10:30-11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

(Starting in Fellowship Hall) Egg Hunt, Crafts, Visit from Easter Bunny, Coffee, Juice and Donuts

## Maundy Thursday Dinner Church, March 28

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall (bring a dish to share)

## Tenebrae Service (Good Friday), March 29

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

## Easter Sunday Worship, March 31

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

#### 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

(Live stream worship online available through YouTube - St. Paul Lutheran Church Spring Grove )

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday

# CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 1 GOSPEL MESSAGE

March 24, 2024

#### SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

#### The Heart of the Story

Martin Luther called the Psalms a "little Bible." He wrote that all the rest of the Holy Scriptures could be found in them. Luther went so far as to suggest that in the Psalms the church can glimpse the death and resurrection of Christ. In these ancient songs and prayers of the Hebrew people, every human emotion is laid bare: joy and contentment, anger and sorrow, hope and despair. The Psalms give voice to the wide spectrum of experiences that mark our human lives. This is their power—they speak the heart's language, turbulent as our hearts may sometimes be.

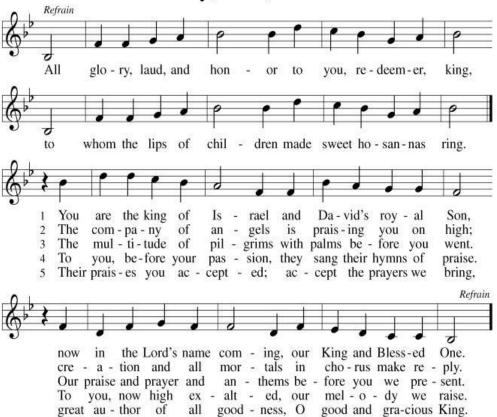
In a similar way, Holy Week places us at the center of the whole story of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. From the "hosannas" of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the seeming abandonment of the cross, emotions run high this week as the story of Christ's passion reaches into the depths of our human experience. The palm and passion stories are themselves a "little Bible" of salvation for the church within the wider story of God's saving love for all.

As we gather to hear the story of Christ's passion anew, the words and rituals of the church's worship life invite us to feel our way into this story from the inside out. We hear the shouts of blessing and come to the Passover in quiet hope. We follow to Gethsemane and to the cross, with mixed emotions. What does betrayal feel like in our bodies? What about amazement? Fear? How have we experienced ridicule or shame? How have we ourselves dismissed or derided others?

The palm and passion stories offer us a chance to contemplate Christ's sufferings and meditate on our salvation—to come side by side with Christ's passion and so to know and access our own. We are invited to honestly glimpse the workings of our own hearts. Nothing is off limits to God's grace. No human experience is untouched by the story of God's redemptive love.

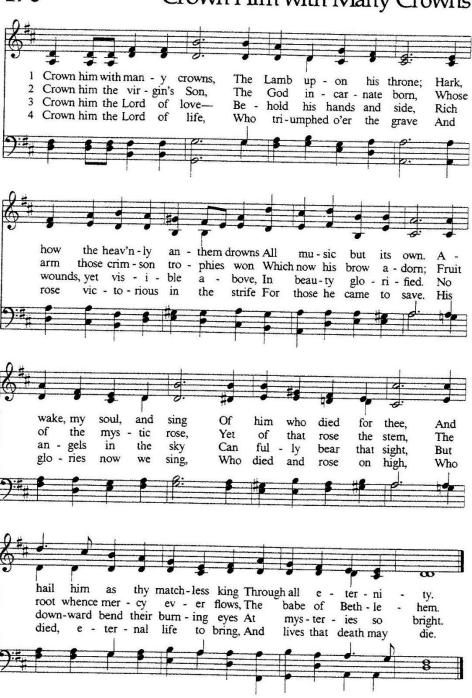
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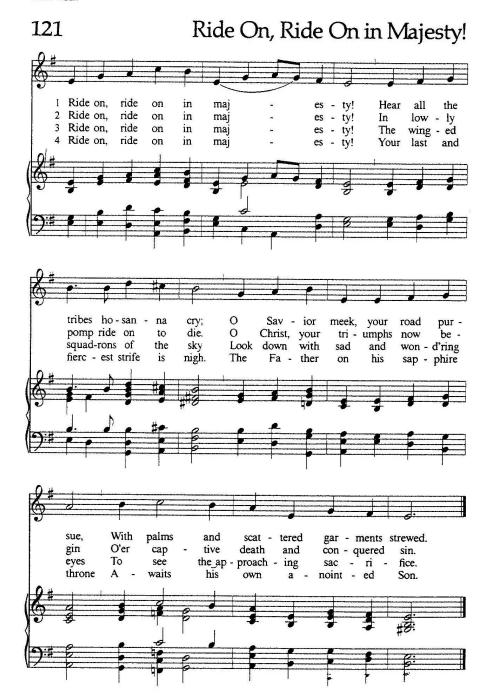
## All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

# Crown Him with Many Crowns





#### In the Hour of Trial



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843–1903

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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<sup>©</sup> Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite, alt. Tune: Hans L. Hassler, 1564–1612

#### Go to Dark Gethsemane



Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

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