

Word & Eucharist  
Holy Week: Palm Sunday  
March 24, 2024  
10:00 am ~ ONLINE & ONSITE



**bienvenidos!**

**everyone is welcome. this means you.**

**Welcome to First English Lutheran Church.** You're invited to fully participate in a community of faith and friendship that gathers for worship, relationship building, personal growth, and service in the community and the world. Following the example of Christ, this congregation welcomes you exactly as you are. We are committed to the work of racial equity, justice, and advocating for marginalized groups. We welcome people in all places on the journey of faith and life. We celebrate differences in age, appearance, economic status, ethnic origin, nationality, race, family configuration, marital or relationship status, political leaning, religious background, and those who are differently abled physically or mentally.

Since 1989, FELC has openly welcomed persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions to full participation in the church and society. We're Lutheran, so that means we believe in grace for everyone. The good news of Jesus Christ, who brings us the love and mercy of God as a gift, liberates us to love as we are loved, serve as we are served, and give as we have been given much. We rejoice in the diversity that has nurtured and enriched the whole church. Whether you're from another faith tradition, a seeker and questioner looking for more to life and a place to explore, or even a lifelong Lutheran, we're glad to have you.

At First English, we strive to use language for God, Christ, and humanity that is inclusive and diverse. Our use of feminine, non-gender, and masculine names and metaphors for God, both biblical and contemporary, helps us to experience God more fully. Languages that include persons of all gender identities, sexualities, ethnicities, and color, helps us better reflect God's expansive love and diversity.

The ELCA's Truth & Healing Movement is an opportunity for the church to increase our understanding of our impacts on Indigenous people in the past and present. Over the next several months, there will be opportunities to learn, raise awareness and engage in other ways to impact hearts and lives across this church. We believe that the truth, and our knowing and embracing it, is a step toward healing for all of us.

If this is one of your first times to connect with FELC, WELCOME! **Use the online Welcome Visitors information form** and provide feedback on your visit:

<http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors>.

**We ask everyone to respect each individual's safety needs and desires.**

**Hearing assistance devices** are available for use in the sanctuary. Two options are available: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids. Please connect with an usher if you would like a hearing assistance device.

**We welcome children in the liturgy** with a Spirit Space. Children with adults are invited to a child's space for quiet play and reading, including a rug, floor pillows, soft blocks, coloring supplies, lap desks, Bible story books, and other interactive items. Adults have places to sit while worshiping with children. Children and adults can remain in the Spirit Space following the sermon, and then return to the pews for the remainder of the liturgy—or remain in the Spirit Space. We welcome children by encouraging them and celebrating the joy and livelihood that children offer.

**We welcome your generosity in person and online.** The reign of God is not something that we can point to and say, "Look, there it is!" Yet, in moments of waiting on the Spirit, we discover God's presence here among us. In our gathering of gifts, food, silence, song, scripture, prayer, and ourselves, we are encountering the living power of Jesus – a leader who truly cares for his people and knows our pain and our beauty. In the amazing and undeserved love that he shows us, we find strength to love others. We are invited to welcome God's life in our generosity.

In an effort to connect with the broadest number of people, **we livestream and archive our services and events for broadcast on the internet.** Your attendance at an event constitutes your consent to be included in filming, photographing, audio recording, or broadcast and for any other use in whole or in part, including promotion. If you prefer to avoid being filmed, please use a back pew.

**All Gender Restrooms** with changing tables are in the left side hallway as you face the front of the sanctuary.

*We invite an open mind and heart as we gather.*

*We continue praying for and supporting the people and leaders of Ukraine as conflict continues, and in many places. We light a candle in the chancel (with the colors of the Ukrainian flag) each week.*

### **Holy Week: Palm Sunday**

“Hosanna” or “Hoshana” (הושענא) is a Hebrew word meaning *save us now*. Saint Augustine, fourth century bishop of the church, called Holy Week, the “Great Week” because of the great things that were accomplished during these days. Augustine said, “Unless the church can learn to identify itself with Christ in his death and resurrection, unless it can, on Palm Sunday, approach Jerusalem with Jesus, die with him on Holy Friday, and rise with him at the culmination of the Easter feast, the church cannot accomplish its mission, which is not only to proclaim the good news but to embody it in the world.” Many in the church in recent history celebrate Palm Sunday in two parts – the entry into Jerusalem and then the Passion of Jesus. FELC chooses to observe the more ancient custom and celebrate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and reserve the Passion for Good Friday. We celebrate the Lord of heaven and earth riding on a donkey – and we, too, join the procession of people – whoever we are and from wherever - Jesus welcomes all to follow him.

### **gathering**

*The assembly gathers in the front courtyard of the church building for the blessing and procession with palm branches.*

*Those not able to join in the procession onsite may take their place inside and online.*

Psalm 104:33; music: Taizé, France

Sing to the Lord, all my be-ing, let ev'-ry-thing in me pro-claim God's sal-va-tion.

Sing to the Lord, all my be-ing, and re-mem-ber all of God's mar-ve-lous deeds!

**reconocimiento de tierras****land acknowledgement**

We acknowledge the presence of God having existed before this region's conquest in ages past, on land once belonging to the Coahuiltecan, Comanche, Tonkawa and Jumanos peoples; land where we now live, move, and have our being, striving to honor the land and lifting up histories beyond our own.

**les damos la bienvenida!****welcome!**

*The assembly stands, as willing and able, in body or spirit.*

**acclamation**

Blessed is the one ☩ who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*The assembly raises palm branches as able.*

## **blessing of palms**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along the way.

Bless these branches ☩ and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Let us go forth in peace,

**in the name of Christ! Amen!**

*The onsite assembly proceeds into the building.*

*All join in waving branches and singing the song on the next page.*

*You're invited to keep your palm branches with you throughout the liturgy.*

*When reaching a place inside, please remain standing, as able.*

## **procession**

**Hosanna** (repeated)

music: Nancy Raabe (b. 1954)



## **Saludo**

**greeting**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

The abundant grace of Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God,  
and the everlasting communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**oración del día**

**prayer of the day**

Let us pray . . .

Sovereign God,

you have established your rule in the human heart

through the servanthood of Jesus Christ.

By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who

with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord,

and with their lives praise him as Savior,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.*

*The singing bowls sound throughout the liturgy, calling us to focus our prayer.*

⚡ **palabra**

**word** ⚡

**primera lectura**

**Zechariah 9:9-12** New Revised Standard Version - English Updated

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

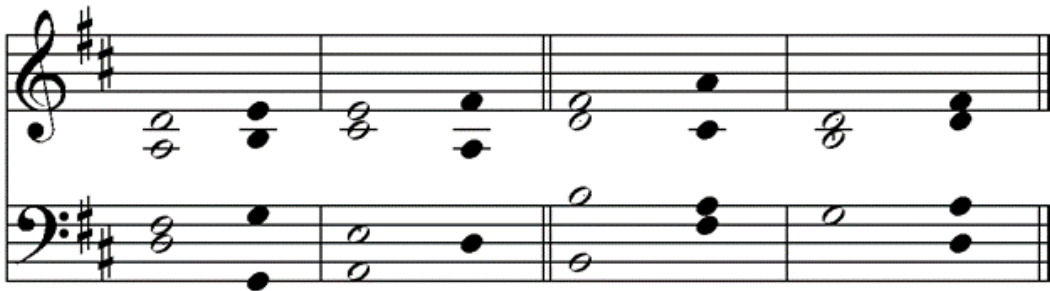
## respuesta

### Psalm 118:1–2, 19-20, 26-27 (ELW)

## response

Anglican chant

*The choir and the assembly chant the psalm responsively.*



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD for the LORD is | good;  
God's mercy endures | forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now | declare,  
"God's mercy endures | forever."

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of | righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the | LORD.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the | LORD;  
here the righteous may | enter."

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the | LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the | LORD.

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God and has given us | light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the | altar.



<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of 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 word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*La asamblea se pone de pie para recibir el evangelio./  
The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## aclamación del evangelio *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful!*

Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153); *Hiding Place*, John Leavitt, 1831



- 1 O Je - sus, king most won - der - ful! O Con - quer - or re - nowned!
- 2 When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts, then truth be - gins to shine,
- 3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low, the fount of life and fire,
- 4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name, for - ev - er you a - dore,
- 5 You may our tongues for - ev - er bless; you may we love a - lone



O Source of peace in - ef - fa - ble, in whom all joys are found:  
then earth - ly van - i - ty de - parts, then kin - dles love di - vine.  
sur - pass - ing all the joys we know, all that we can de - sire:  
and, seek - ing you, it - self in - flame to seek you more and more!  
and ev - er in our lives ex - press the im - age of your own!

## evangelio

**Mark 11:1-11** NRSV

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

<sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>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.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.*

**fe de los niños**

**faith of a child**

*Children and families are invited to gather near the baptismal font for a time of welcome, water, wonder, and worship.*

**sermón**

**“Transformation”**


*La asamblea se pone de pie para proclamar la palabra de Dios en canción. /  
The assembly stands, as able, to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## hymn of the day

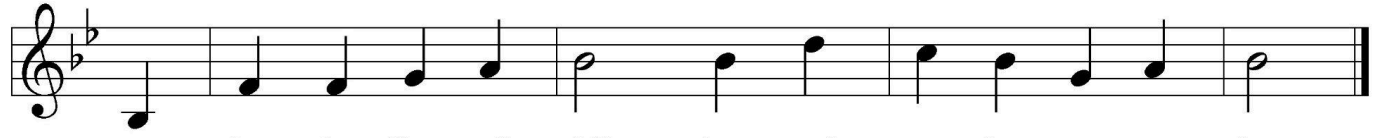
## All Glory, Laud, and Honor (HFW 30)

text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; Valet Will Ich Dir Geben, Melchior Teschner (1584-1866)


*Refrain*



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




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 is 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.

## oraciones de intercesión

## prayers of intercession

*The assembly may kneel or sit for the intercession.*

*Following each intercession: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.***

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through things unknown. **Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

✝ **comida**  
**meal** ✝

**la paz**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We offer signs and gestures of peace.  
We are aware of the desire for distance to be  
maintained and touch to be respected. We  
are invited to make a comment in the chat or  
to text someone.*

*La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.*

**ofreciendo invitación**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world through the care of those in need.*

*Worshippers may also give online: [www.felcaustin.org/information/giving](http://www.felcaustin.org/information/giving)*

**offering invitation**

**offering music**

**“Ride On, King Jesus”**

African American Spiritual

Ride on, King Jesus, no one can-a hinder me.

1 King Jesus rides a milk white horse, no one works like him,  
the river Jordan he did cross, no one works like him.

2 I know that my redeemer lives, no one works like him,  
and of his blessing freely gives, no one works like him.

*The assembly stands.*

**presentación de las ofrendas**

*Bread, wine, money, and other gifts are presented, and the altar is prepared.*

## offering song

## What Shall I Render

John Arthur(1922-1980); Psalm 119:41-42

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e-fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the

name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the

pres-ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,

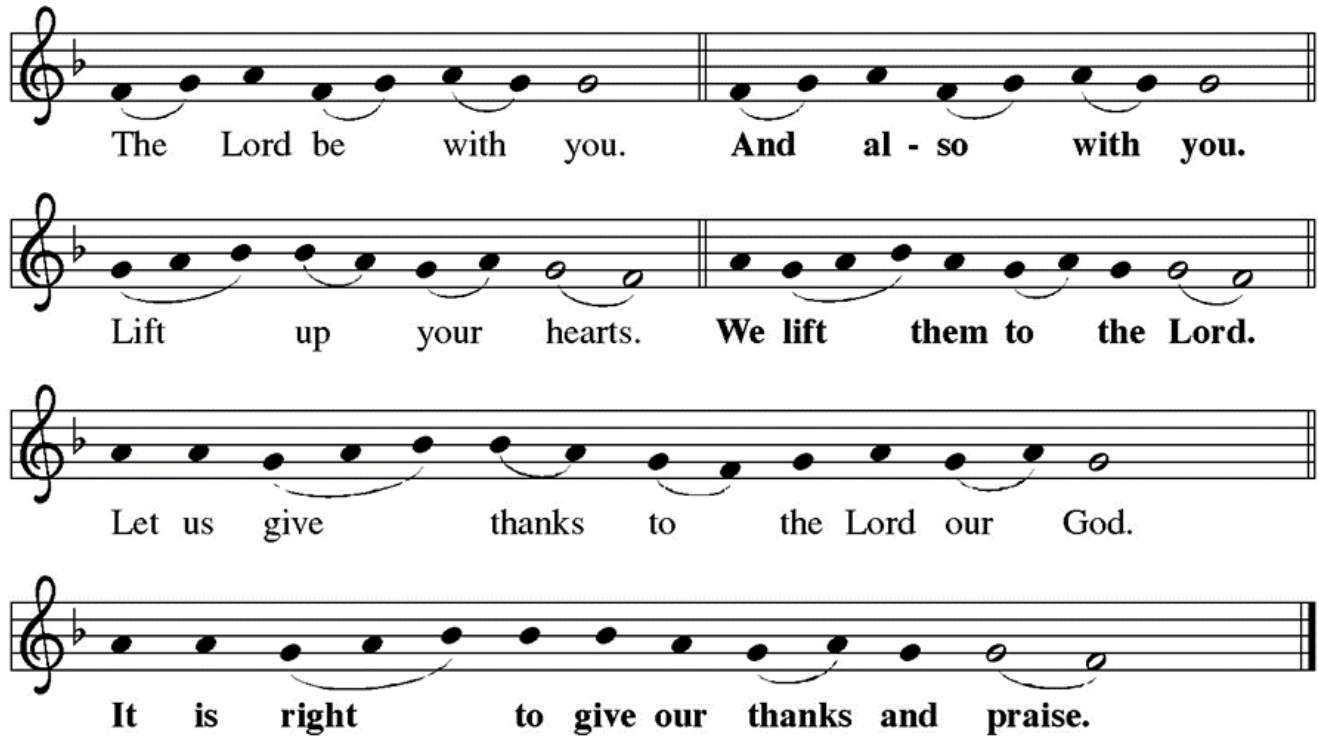
in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on each staff.

## offering prayer

All things come from you, O God;  
**and we give back to you the gifts that come from you.**

May the Lord God accept these sacrifices of praise, offered to God's glory,  
and for the good of all God's people. **Amen.**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

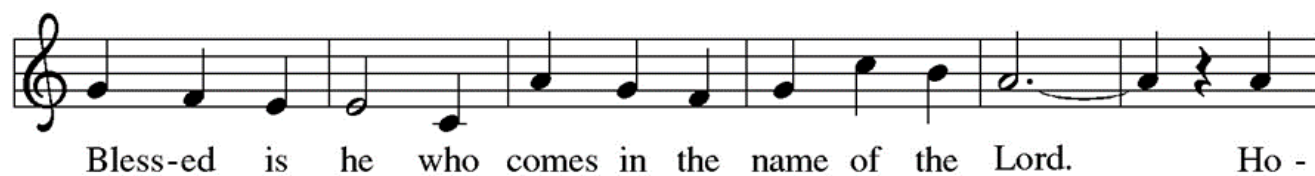
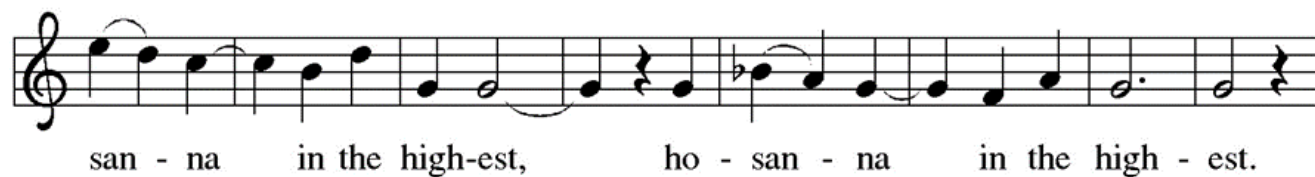
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## sanctus: holy, holy, holy





## **thanksgiving at the table**

Holy, mighty, and merciful God,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor and marginalized,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O God,  
and unite the wills of all who share in this heavenly food and blessing,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, ☩  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## oración de los discípulos

## disciple's prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray, in our own languages, as Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed  
be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it 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 forever. Amen.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom  
come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us  
our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga tu reino.  
Hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros  
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos  
del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y siempre. Amén.

Our Creator in heaven,  
holy is your name, your kin-dom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us  
our sin,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kin-dom,  
the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

*La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.*

## partiendo el pan

## breaking of the bread ~ *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.

## invitación a la comunión

## invitation to communion

*As you pass the baptismal font upon entering or leaving the space, and at communion distribution, you are invited to dip your hand in the water and make the sign of the cross. This is an ancient body prayer to remember baptism into the risen Christ. You may touch your hand to your forehead, then to your chest, then from one shoulder to another shoulder.*

## communion distribution

*All people, including children, are invited to the Lord's Supper.*

*We encourage you to participate in a way that is meaningful for you.*

*Ushers will direct you via the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand.*

*Then you may proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured.*

*Gluten-free wafers/grape juice are available. Please ask a minister.*

*Then make your way to your seat by a side aisle.*

*You are invited to remain kneeling or seated in prayer, meditation, and singing.*

*If you are not communing, you are invited to a station where a minister will offer a prayer of blessing. If you desire communion or a blessing at your seat, let an usher or minister know.*

## musica de comunion

### **Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am** (ELW 814)

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, featuring a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

*The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.*

## **oración después de la comunión**

## **prayer after communion**

Let us pray. Dear Jesus, thank you for this meal of grace that blesses and nourishes us with your presence. Send us to be your life-giving hope to a world of beauty and need. **Amen.**

## **✠ envío**

## **sending ✠**

## **anuncios**

## **announcements**

*Please read your bulletin and view our website for information on ministries.*

*For those in the building, following the liturgy, we invite you to a time of hospitality.*

*As we receive God's protection and blessing, please stand.*

## **bendición**

## **benediction**

People of God, live with courage;  
hold fast to what is good; render to no one evil for evil;  
love your neighbor, love your enemy, love your true self;  
empower the weak; lend to those who ask;  
align yourself with the least, rejoicing in the presence of the Spirit;  
and the blessing of God, Motherly, ✠ Majestic, and Mighty  
be with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

sending song

*Lord, What a Parade!*



1. Lord, what a parade! The crowd quick-ly grew; what  
 2. They wel-come-d you in, a con-quer-ing king, yet  
 3. Did those in that crowd ex-pect some-thing more, than  
 4. Lord Je-sus, it's true—we give you glad praise, yet

noise they all made in wel-com-ing you. "Ho-  
 what kind of reign would you real-ly bring? It  
 liv-ing for you will love-to the poor? Did  
 one who reached for chal-lenge our ways. So

san-na! they shout-ed. "It's Dav-id's own son! Ho-  
 was-n't a war horse you that day; Ho-  
 they think a sav-ior with ar-mies was best, a or  
 may we be o-pen and wel-come your reign. Ho-

san-na! Come save us! God's reign has be-gun!"  
 crea-ture of peace car-ried the you on your way.  
 did they re-mem-ber: the peace-ful are blessed?  
 san-na! Come save us! Re-new us a gain!

Biblical references: Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19;  
 Zechariah 9:9-10; and Matthew 5:9

Tune: attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

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## **dismissal to mission**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Go in peace. Jesus meets y'all on the way.

**Thanks be to God!**

*All are invited to take palm branches and place them above a door, or behind a wall cross or other symbol of sacred witness.*

## **sending music & hospitality**

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## **anuncios de la comunidad de la iglesia      church community announcements**

### **EcoPalms**

Today we use EcoPalms, which promote social justice, environmental stewardship, and are gathered through sustainable harvest programs. At least half of the farmers in Central Guatemala earn additional income from harvesting fronds and, more than a quarter of household heads support themselves exclusively by collecting fronds. Lutheran World Relief supports and promotes awareness of EcoPalms.

### **FELC Caregiver's Circle: Monday, March 25**

We meet from 7-8:30pm on the 4th Monday of each month via Zoom. Who are these caregivers? Anyone who assists another adult with the activities of daily living. You may live together or apart. Next meeting is tomorrow, Monday, March 25, 7pm. Email Barbara W at [bwiederaenders@att.net](mailto:bwiederaenders@att.net) to receive the link to the meeting.

### **Learning Ministry: children and adult faith formation**

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ in festive worship and hospitality and an Easter Egg Hunt during hospitality time! The next gathering for children and adult faith formation will be on Sunday, April 7 at 9am. Gwen Flory will engage adults in "Every Day is Earth Day: actionable ways each of us can protect our planet" as we celebrate Earth Day!



**Guest Preacher: Frank Vasquez (he/him)**

Frank Vasquez is a covenant member of The Vine Church, Austin, Texas. Frank graduated from Florida Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Arts in Hospital Administration. He also attended graduate school at the University of the Incarnate Word, receiving a Master of Applied Administration in Organizational Leadership/Development. He is in his final semester at Austin Seminary, where he will receive a Master of Divinity in May. He is an Associate Chaplain at South Austin Medical Center/St. David South. Frank was an intern at The Vine Church and will have completed 12 credit hours of Supervised Practice of Ministry (SPM) by the end of Fall 2024. Frank also serves different churches in the role of Pulpit Supply, which allows him to preach when there is a need. Frank resides on campus and has been elected Student Senator of Fellowship for all three years as a student at Austin Seminary. Frank also works as a Circulation Attendant at the Seminary Learning Center. He was born and raised in Colorado and moved to San Antonio with his spouse, Ronnie Grier, of 25 years. He is a proud parent to two adult children, Trevor and Courtney, as well as a Pampo to 5 amazing grandkids.

**Holy Week & The Three Days**

The season of Lent culminates with Holy Week—the ritual participation in the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. Through ancient liturgies and contemporary experience, we not only hear the story of Jesus, we become part of it now. The heart of the Christian faith is the paschal mystery—through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, God brings transformation, salvation, and renewal for us and the whole creation. Holy Week is the time of deep contemplation that our lives are caught up in this mystery. Palm Sunday is the entry into Holy Week, with the celebration of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem when he is hailed as the new king. Holy Week is the centerpiece of the entire Christian year, forming one worship event over three days. Holy Thursday (sometimes called ‘Maundy’ an English form of ‘mandate’ from the Latin name ‘mandatum’) connects us to the events of Jesus’ last supper, and, at times, includes the foot washing ritual that leads us to participate in Jesus’ own humility and loving service to others. Holy (Good) Friday is the solemn day of honoring Jesus’ death, receiving in the way of the cross—rejection, suffering, death—the power of God to redeem and transform us. At Easter (and for 50 days after) we celebrate that Christ renews our lives and the whole cosmos.



## **Holy Week & Easter Day at FELC**

Holy Week & Easter liturgies invite us into the central story of our faith: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that renews our lives. We hope you make the most of these worship opportunities for your own spiritual renewal and our community connections.

### **Holy (Maundy) Thursday: March 28, 2024 at Noon and 7pm**

The Rev. Timothy Lincoln, preaching

- The Noon liturgy will be abbreviated • Confession and absolution, with individual pronouncement of forgiveness • Foot washing ritual offered • Holy Communion • Stripping the altar in preparation for Holy Friday

### **Holy (Good) Friday: March 29, 2024 at Noon and 7pm**

The Rev. Robert Karli, preaching

- Adoration of the Cross liturgy with reading of the passion narrative, choral and instrumental music, and prayer and meditation around the cross • Virtual Stations of the Cross will also be available online for meditation and prayer

### **Holy Saturday, The Great Easter Vigil: March 30, 2024 at 7:59pm (Sunset)**

The Rev. Bradley Fuerst, presiding

- Lighting the new fire outside and blessing the new paschal candle • Candlelight procession and liturgy • Stories of salvation, baptismal renewal, and the first Easter Eucharist • Choral music • Festive reception following the liturgy

*All Sunday morning and Holy Week evening liturgies will be livestreamed on YouTube.*

### **Easter Sunday Worship & Hospitality: March 31, 2024 at 10am (on campus & online)**

The Rev. Robert Karli, preaching; The Rev. Bradley Fuerst, presiding

- Join together as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection of Christ • Flowering of the indoor cross before worship / this cross is fashioned from a previous Christmas tree (*bring your cut flowers*) • Full Holy Communion liturgy • Celebration of Baptisms • Choral and instrumental music • Festive hospitality after worship • Easter Egg hunt during hospitality (*bring a basket for little ones*)

## **Backpack Drive for Micah 6 Ministries: April**

We are collecting backpacks (new or slightly used) for our friends at Micah 6 Ministries during the month of April. Folks need a helpful way to carry food, clothing, and personal items. Bring a new or slightly used backpack to the church sanctuary and place it in a Micah 6 box in the north transept of the sanctuary. We are grateful to Derek Bridges for the idea to meet this need. Questions? Contact Andy MacLaren at [andybaclaren@cs.com](mailto:andybaclaren@cs.com).

### **Benevolence Task Force: We Want Your Suggestions!**

The Benevolence Task Force is organized through the Congregation Council. The council has appointed Claudia Barlow, Teresa Ringness, Ben Rode, and Merrily Porter for 2024. The task force would like your input to identify organizations or agencies the congregation would like to financially support in 2024. The money has been approved by the congregation in the 2024 ministry budget. We are guided by our intention to consider organizations that reflect our biblical and congregational values; to support some organizations that are local and others that are regional or global in their outreach and witness; and to financially support a group we are serving already in other ways, such as Micah 6 Ministries. We welcome your suggestions of organizations or groups that you would like to support. Please pass those **suggestions to Merrily Porter by April 3: [msporter58@gmail.com](mailto:msporter58@gmail.com)**.

### **National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Sunday, April 7**

On Sunday, April 7, FELC will join Upbring in calling awareness to and advocacy for the prevention of child abuse. This is an opportunity to join with churches across Texas to raise awareness of Upbring's efforts to break the cycle of child abuse and ask God to protect, comfort, and heal the thousands of children who are survivors of child abuse each year. For more than a century, from the service-minded Lutherans who dreamed of building an orphanage in the 1860s to the vital programs in place today throughout Texas, Upbring has grown and adapted to the changing needs of society. Although they have been known by different names, the meaning behind Upbring, honors the past while promising a commitment to the future – one that is long standing, innovative, and designed to “bring up” children and families just as predecessors have done. **On Sunday, April 7 we are invited to wear the color blue** in solidarity and awareness with children and families responding to child abuse. For more information, visit [www.upbring.org](http://www.upbring.org)

### **Feeding Hungry Students: Tuesday, April 9**

FELC is volunteering at Lutheran Campus Ministry's Tailgate Tuesday on Tuesday, April 9. LuMin is now feeding over 450 students each week. Because of this, we've added additional slots to the signup. You can volunteer from 3-5pm to prepare for the meal, from 5-7pm to serve the meal, 7-8pm for cleanup, or for the full 5 hours. There is now parking on the south side of 21st St. If you need a ride, we will meet at FELC at 2:45 and carpool to West Campus, or you can meet us there. Please sign up to volunteer. Your time will be greatly appreciated. Please click on this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FoA48A8AE2DA7FB6-48636204-felc> to signup or contact Paul Barlow at [tpaulbarlow@gmail.com](mailto:tpaulbarlow@gmail.com).

## **Word in Season Devotional Booklets**

April, May, June devotional books are available in the narthex at the main church entrance and near the Second Readings Library in the hallway to the fellowship hall. Large print editions are also available.

## **Calendar of Feasts & Commemorations this week**

**Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980**

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

## **Annunciation of Our Lord**

**Monday, March 25, 2024**

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death.

**Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824**

**Friday, March 29, 2024**

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

## **Prayer list: we pray for...**

the citizens, immigrants, and refugees of the United States;

the national, state, and local leaders of the United States;

the people of Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East;

all communities and families living with gun violence;

all who protect, defend, feed, and care for others; our care ministers;

all who are LGBTQIA2S+, and for allies who advocate for safety, justice, and equity;

God's guidance for our faith community in this time of transition and renewal;

our staff, child development center board of directors, and congregation council;

Leon Noren, for healing; Marjorie Dawson, in hope for good health reports;

and those seeking healing and justice.

**The FELC Prayer Circle** gathers faithfully to offer prayer (including confidentially)

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