The image features a central, detailed illustration of a green fern frond with multiple leaflets, set against a dark, textured green background. The background is decorated with several thin, gold-colored lines that intersect to form a geometric pattern of triangles and quadrilaterals. There are also irregular, brownish-red splatters or stains scattered across the green surface, adding to its textured appearance. The overall composition is balanced and visually rich.

Lest we be fooled because our hearts  
have surged with passing praise,  
remind us, Lord, as this week starts  
where Christ has fixed his gaze.

*St. Ignace of Loyola*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION  
APRIL 2, 2023

### GATHERING

#### CALL TO WORSHIP | STANDING

This is the day of triumph for our Savior!

**We will give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

**We will fill the air with welcome for Jesus!**

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

**We will shout Hosanna in the highest!**

#### THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY | STANDING

Matthew 21:1-11

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives. There Jesus sent two of the disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied up with her colt beside her. Untie them and bring them to me. And if anyone says anything, tell him, 'The Master needs them'; and then he will let them go at once."

This happened in order to make come true what the prophet had said:

**"Tell the city of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you!  
He is humble and rides on a donkey  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."**

So the disciples went and did what Jesus had told them to do: they brought the donkey and the colt, threw their cloaks over them, and Jesus got on. A large crowd of people spread their cloaks on the road while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds walking in front of Jesus and those walking behind began to shout,

**“Hosanna to David’s Son!  
God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Praise be to God!”**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was thrown into an uproar.

“Who is he?” the people asked.

**“This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee!”**

## **PROCESSION | STANDING**

*Following the Gospel, we process into the sanctuary singing...*

**Jesus Christ is our king, give him glory!  
Jesus Christ is our king, give him praise!  
Jesus Christ is our king, give him glory!  
Give him glory on this day of days!**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!**

*We remain standing to sing the opening hymn.*





1. All glo- ry, laud, and hon - or, to you, Re - deem - er King,
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
3. To you be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in chor - us make re - ply.  
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our me - lo - dy we raise:



You are the King of Is - ra - el, and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 The peo - ple of the ci - ty with palms be - fore you went;  
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One!  
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est with joy - ful voice we sing!

## OPENING PRAYER | STANDING

To you, O God, we cry:

Hosanna! Lord, save us!

Let this be our constant prayer -

as we dance among the palms,

as we sit around the table,

as we kneel before the cross,

as we bow our heads in sorrow.

To you, O God, we cry:

Hosanna! Lord, save us!

Amen.

# WORD

## WONDERING TOGETHER

*All the children are invited to come forward to wonder together about the events of this week. Children will remain in worship today with their families.*

## SOLO

Hosanna Song

With one breath, “Hosanna” we cry;  
with the next one we say, “Crucify!”  
With one voice we praise your name;  
with the same voice we condemn you to shame.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord!

With palm leaves we welcome your reign;  
With twisted thorns we crown you with pain.  
You wash our feet to show us your love;  
We wash our hands of your innocent blood.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Lord!

We claim you when you come in power,  
but we leave you in your terrible hour.  
We hail you for victory won,  
but we mock you as you say, “It is done.”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## THE PHILLIPPIAN CANTICLE

Philippians 2:5-11

## HYMN 215 | STANDING

What Wondrous Love Is This  
(verses 1-3)

## THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 27:11-54

## ORGAN MEDITATION

Behold the Lamb of God  
from Handel's *Messiah*

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

-John 1:29

## HOMILY

*Hosanna!*

Rev. Paul Gilmore

## CHORAL ANTHEM

Good Friday

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,  
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,  
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,  
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved  
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;  
Not so fallen Peter, weeping bitterly;  
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon  
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,  
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –  
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,  
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;  
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more  
And smite a rock.

-Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, O God,  
that we have betrayed and denied you,  
forgotten and doubted you.

When our faith is tested,  
we question where you are.

When we see injustice in the world,  
we often stand by,  
turn our backs,  
and ignore the cries of others.

We deny and betray you with our silence  
when we fail to proclaim the Good News,  
when we fail to live out the teachings of Jesus,  
and when we fail to love our neighbors.

Forgive us, O God, and help us truly repent,  
for the sake of the One who lived,  
who was crucified,  
and who lives again,  
Jesus the Lord.

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

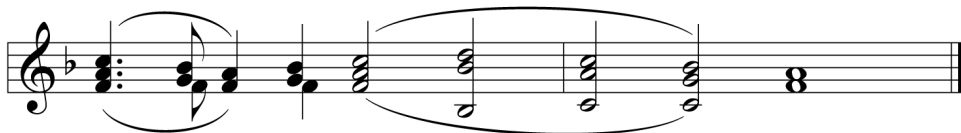
## KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, Have Mercy

*This setting of the Kyrie comes from the Ukrainian/Russian Orthodox tradition.  
It is a reminder to us of a world still torn apart by sin and in need of God's grace.*



1 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord of mercy,  
hear our prayer.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

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



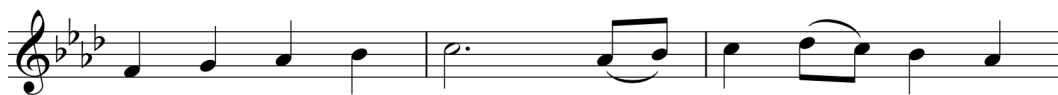
# TABLE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

## I Come With Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for -  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un -  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by



giv - en, loved, and free, the life of Je - sus  
find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,  
seen, but ev - er near, is in such friend - ship  
all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to



to re - call, in love laid down for me.  
ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
makes us one, and strang - ers now are friends.  
bet - ter known, a live a - mong us here.  
give the world the love that makes us one.

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Now we know, O God,  
 all is grace,  
 all is gift.  
 You give us all good things:  
 life and love;  
 daily bread and water to quench our thirst;  
 friends and faith.  
 Most of all, in your Son, Jesus,  
 you meet us with a love that will never let us go;  
 you utter words of mercy and forgiveness  
 that override our hurts,  
 and heal our brokenness;  
 you offer new beginnings  
 where we had expected only dead ends.  
 We give you thanks and praise  
 for the mystery of your suffering love  
 that gives us life.  
 We give you thanks and praise  
 that all our dying and living  
 is held in your good keeping.  
 Now we know:  
 all is grace  
 all is gift.  
 And for this,  
 we join our voices with the choirs of heaven,  
 to give you thanks and praise.

Ho ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts, Heav'n and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord, most high.

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus,  
who gives us the bread of life to eat  
and living water to drink.  
He leads us beside still waters  
and prepares this table for us,  
even in the presence of our enemies.  
The cup of blessing overflows!  
Now pour out your Holy Spirit  
upon this bread, this cup, these people.  
By the power of your Spirit  
breathe life into our dust  
and hope into our bones.  
Make us one flesh and one blood,  
one in the body of Christ.  
Let us live to sing your praise and show your love to all,  
until our wilderness wandering is over,  
and we feast with you forever  
in the land that you have promised.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, O God, now and always.

**Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.*

*Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,  
placing your cups in the baskets provided*

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**  
The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

## A New Commandment

Do this to remember the time is growing near,  
when I give myself, so all may have life.

Do this to remember.

Take, eat this bread: This is my body.

Drink from this cup of wine: This is my blood.

My body will be broken and my blood shed for you.

Do this to remember me.

A new commandment I give to you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

Do this to remember me.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of grace,  
we give you thanks  
for this feast of redemption.**

**Strengthen us by this sharing in the body and blood of Christ,  
that our lives may proclaim your great love for the world.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**



# WE ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK

## STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

Psalm 22

*The sanctuary is stripped of most of its normal furnishings and decoration. The starkness helps us to recall that during this Holy Week Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone.*



My God, my God, why have you a - ban - doned me? \_\_\_\_\_

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

“He trusted in the Lord, let him save him,  
and release him if this is his friend.” (refrain)

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and feet.

I can count every one of my bones. (refrain)

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone;

my strength, make haste to help me! (refrain)

I will tell of your name to my people and praise you where they are assembled.

“You who fear the Lord give praise; all children of Jacob, give glory.” (refrain)

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

As darkness descends,

may we ever look for the light.

As Holy Week begins,

may we ever look for the resurrection.

Go in quiet contemplation.

Go in quiet hope.

Go in the love of God.

*We leave quietly today as we enter into this most Holy Week with Christ.*

## ORDER FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to help fill the sanctuary with flowers for Easter Sunday (and the Easter season), please fill out this form and return it by this Sunday.

In loving memory \_\_\_\_\_

In honor \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

*Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org). Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our weekly email.*

### **MEN'S SMALL GROUP (CONFERENCE B)**

Saturday @ 8:30am

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE C)**

Saturday @ 10am

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)**

Tuesday @ 7am

### **BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE B)**

Wednesday @ 11am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **OFFERING**

You can financially support the ministry of WPC in one of the following ways:

- Scan this QR code.
- Place your offering in the collection box.
- Give online at [winnpres.org/give-online](http://winnpres.org/give-online).

## SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Ania and Cooper Cramer,

Nancy Holly

Lectors: Andy Langan, Kathy Fink,

Barbara Scott

Prayer Leader: Kathy Fink

Communion Assistants: Susan Langan,

Bill Witt

Musicians: Annie Liu, Warren Oja,

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# HOLY WEEK

April 2-9



## MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 6 @ 7PM

- Remember the Last Supper of Jesus with music and holy communion around the Table of the Lord

## GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7 @ 7PM

- Ponder the crucifixion of Jesus with prayer and music around the Cross of Christ

## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9 @ 10AM

- Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with a festival worship service
- Rejoice with choral music, baptismal waters, and holy communion
- Easter reception and egg hunt following worship
- Children remain in worship with their families

## COVER ART

### HANNAH PICKERING, ARTIST

This piece is part of a special collection of artwork created in 2017 to celebrate Holy Week. Each painting features abstract textures, geometric shapes, and botanical elements to symbolically tell the story of the day it represents. This represents Palm Sunday, the day of the Triumphal Entry, when Jesus entered Jerusalem and green palm branches were laid before him.

Information about Hannah can be seen at [www.hannahpickeringart.com](http://www.hannahpickeringart.com)