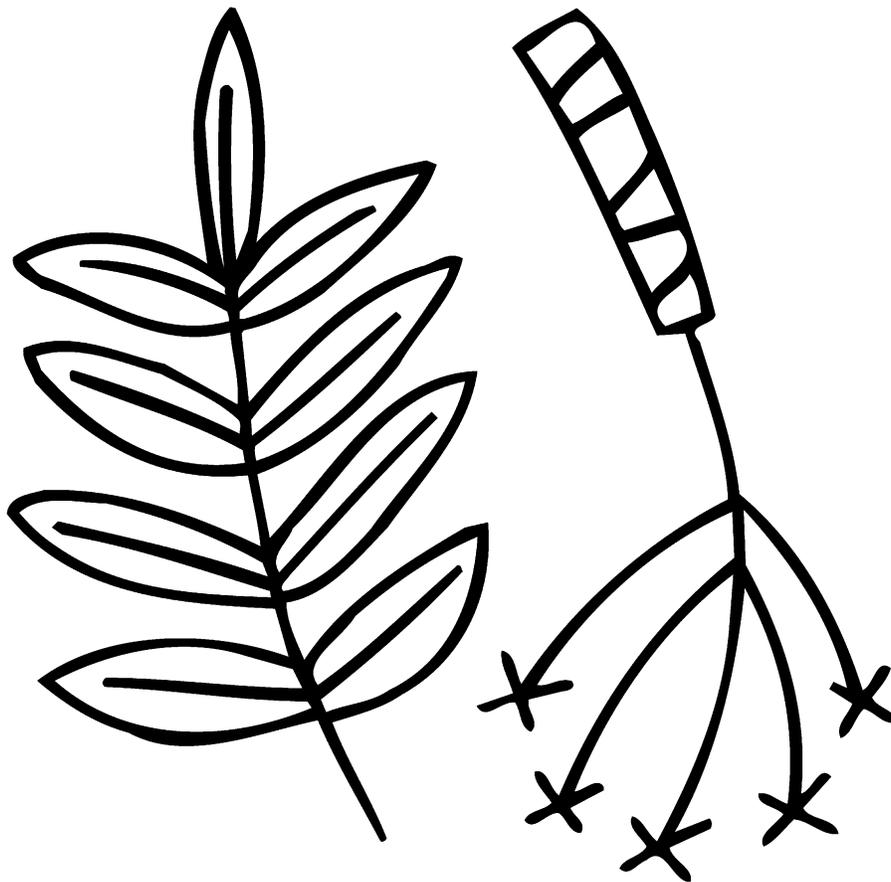


# Our Saviour

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## 🌀 GATHERING 🌀

Preparation Song

*As the Deer*

W&P9

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

### **Blessing and Procession of the Palms**

*Members of the assembly, including children, gather in the narthex, so that they may enter in procession.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Acclamation**

**P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.

#### **Processional Gospel:**

**Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

<sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

<sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

*“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”*

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

### **Blessing**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

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 his 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.

**C** Amen.

### **Procession**

**L** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of Christ. Amen.

### **Gathering Song**

#### *Blessed is the One*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name,  
who comes in the name of the Lord. **(repeat)**

### **Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

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.

## ✻ WORD ✻

### First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

L A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Philippi.

<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 Father.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Gospel: Luke 22:1-23:56

*The congregation remains seated. The reading is interspersed with stanzas of **There in God's Garden**, ELW 342*

**P** The Suffering and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

### I.

**Narrator:** As they came closer to the holiday of Unleavened Bread, also known as the Passover, <sup>2</sup> the chief priests and religious scholars continued looking for a way to kill Jesus; they hadn't been able to act yet due to their fear of the people's reaction. <sup>3</sup> At this point, Satan entered into one of the twelve, Judas (also called Iscariot). <sup>4</sup> Judas set up a private meeting with the chief priests and the captains of the temple police to discuss a plan for betraying Jesus and putting Him in their hands. <sup>5</sup> *This was just the kind of break they had been waiting for*, so they were thrilled and agreed to a handsome payment. <sup>6</sup> Everything was settled, and Judas simply waited for the right moment, when the crowds weren't around, to betray Jesus into their custody.

**Narrator:** <sup>7</sup> They came to the Day of Unleavened Bread, a holy day when a special lamb (called the Passover lamb) had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Jesus chose Peter and John and gave them instructions.

**Jesus:** Go and make all the necessary preparations for the Passover meal so we can eat together.

**Peter and John:** <sup>9</sup> Where do You want us to make preparations?

**Jesus:** <sup>10</sup> When you enter the city, you'll encounter a man carrying a jar of water. Just follow him *wherever he goes*, and when he enters a house, <sup>11</sup> tell the homeowner, "The Teacher has this question for you: 'Where is the guest room where I can share the Passover meal with My disciples?'" <sup>12</sup> He'll show you a spacious second-story room that has all the necessary furniture. That's where you should prepare our meal.

**Narrator:**<sup>13</sup> They did as He said and found everything just as He said it would be, and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>14</sup> When the meal was prepared, Jesus sat at the table, joined by His emissaries.

**There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,  
Whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:  
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.**

**Jesus:** <sup>15</sup> It has been My deep desire to eat this Passover meal with you before My suffering begins. <sup>16</sup> Know this: I will not eat another Passover meal until its meaning is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

**Narrator:** <sup>17</sup> He took a cup *of wine* and gave thanks for it.

**Jesus:** Take this; share it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> Know this: I will not drink another sip of wine until the kingdom of God has arrived in fullness.

**Narrator:** <sup>19</sup> Then He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them.

**Jesus:** This is My body, My body given for you. Do this to remember Me.

**Narrator:** <sup>20</sup> And similarly, after the meal had been eaten, He took the cup.

**Jesus:** This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant, made in My blood. <sup>21</sup> But even now, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on this table. <sup>22</sup> As it has been determined, the Son of Man, *that firstfruit of a new generation of humanity*, must be betrayed, but how pitiful it will be for the person who betrays Him.

**Narrator:** <sup>23</sup> They immediately began questioning each other.

**Disciples:** Which one of us could do such a horrible thing?

**Narrator:** <sup>24</sup> Soon they found themselves arguing about the opposite question.

**Disciples:** Which one of us is the most faithful, the most important?

**Jesus (interrupting):** <sup>25</sup> The authority figures of the outsiders play this game, flexing their muscles in competition for power over one another, masking their quest for domination behind words like

“benefactor” or “public servant.”<sup>26</sup> But you must not indulge in this charade. Instead, among you, the greatest must become like the youngest and the leader must become a true servant.<sup>27</sup> Who is greater right here as we eat this meal—those of us who sit at the table, or those who serve us? Doesn’t everyone normally assume those who are served are greater than those who serve? But consider My role among you. I have been with you as a servant.

**Jesus**<sup>28</sup> You have stood beside Me faithfully through My trials.<sup>29</sup> I give you a kingdom, just as the Father has given Me a kingdom.<sup>30</sup> You will eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will have authority over the twelve tribes of Israel.

**Jesus**<sup>31</sup> Simon, Simon, how Satan has pursued you, that he might make you part of his harvest.<sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you. I have prayed that your faith will hold firm and that you will recover from your failure and become a source of strength for your brothers here.

**Peter:**<sup>33</sup> *Lord, what are You talking about? I’m going all the way to the end with You—to prison, to execution—I’m prepared to do anything for You.*

**Jesus:**<sup>34</sup> No, Peter, the truth is that before the rooster crows at dawn, you will have denied that you even know Me, not just once, but three times.<sup>35</sup> Remember when I sent you out with no money, no pack, not even sandals? Did you lack anything?

**Disciples:** Not a thing.

**Jesus:**<sup>36</sup> It’s different now. If you have some savings, take them with you. If you have a pack, *fill it and* bring it. If you don’t have a sword, sell your coat and buy one.<sup>37</sup> Here’s the truth: what the Hebrew Scriptures said, “And He was taken as one of the criminals,” must come to fruition in Me. These words must come true.

**Disciples:**<sup>38</sup> Look, Lord, we have two swords here.

**Jesus:** That’s enough.

It's name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"  
There on its branches see the scars of suff'ring;  
See there the tendrils of our human self-hood feed on its life-blood.

## II.

**Narrator:** <sup>39</sup> Once again He left the city as He had been doing during recent days, returning to Mount Olivet along with His disciples. <sup>40</sup> And He came to a certain place.

**Jesus:** Pray for yourselves, that you will not sink into temptation.

**Narrator:** <sup>41</sup> He distanced Himself from them about a stone's throw and knelt there, <sup>42</sup> praying.

**Jesus:** Father, if You are willing, take this cup away from Me. Yet not My will, but Your will, be done.

**Narrator:** [<sup>43</sup> Then a messenger from heaven appeared to strengthen Him. <sup>44</sup> And in His anguish, He prayed even more intensely, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.] <sup>45</sup> When He rose from prayer and returned to the disciples, He found them asleep, weighed down with sorrow. <sup>46</sup> He roused them.

**Jesus:** Why are you sleeping? Wake up and pray that you will not sink into temptation.

**Narrator:** <sup>47</sup> Even as He said these words, *the sound of a crowd could be heard in the distance*, and as the crowd came into view, it was clear that Judas was leading them. He came close to Jesus and gave Jesus *the traditional greeting of a kiss*.

**Jesus:** <sup>48</sup> Ah, Judas, is this how you betray the Son of Man—with a kiss?

**Disciples (realizing what was going on):** <sup>49</sup> Lord, is this why You told us to bring the swords? Should we attack?

**Narrator:** <sup>50</sup> Before Jesus could answer, one of them had swung his sword at the high priest's slave, cutting off his right ear.

**Jesus:** <sup>51</sup> Stop! No more of this!

**Narrator:** Then He reached out to touch—and heal—the man's ear. <sup>52</sup> Jesus turned to the chief priests, the captains of the temple, and the elders and spoke.

**Jesus:** Do you think I'm some sort of violent criminal? Is that why you came with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> *I haven't been hard to find*—each day I've been in the temple in broad daylight, and you never tried to seize Me there. But this is your time—*night*—and this is your power—the power of darkness.

**Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;  
Our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.  
Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it  
nor fire consumed it.**

### III.

**Narrator:** <sup>54</sup> They grabbed Him at this point and took Him away to the high priest's home. Peter followed—at a distance. <sup>55</sup> *He watched from the shadows* as those who had seized Jesus made a fire in the center of the courtyard and sat down around it. Then Peter *slipped in quietly and sat with them*. <sup>56</sup> But a young servant girl saw his face in the firelight. She stared for a while and then spoke.

**Servant Girl:** This fellow here was with Jesus. *I recognize him*.

**Peter (denying it):** <sup>57</sup> Woman, I don't even know the man.

**Narrator:** <sup>58</sup> A little later, a man also recognized him.

**Man:** *I recognize you*. You're one of Jesus' followers.

**Peter:** Man, you're wrong. I'm not.

**Narrator:** <sup>59</sup> An hour or so passed, and then another person pointed to Peter.

**Another Person:** This fellow is obviously Galilean. He must be a member of Jesus' group.

**Peter:** <sup>60</sup> Look, I have no idea what you're talking about.

**Narrator:** And he hadn't even finished the sentence when a nearby rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned toward Peter, and their eyes met. Peter remembered Jesus' words about his triple denial before the rooster would crow, <sup>62</sup> so he left the courtyard and wept bitter tears.

#### IV.

**Narrator:** <sup>63</sup> At this point, the men who were holding Jesus began to mock Him and beat Him. <sup>64</sup> They put a blindfold on Him.

**Men Holding Jesus:** *Hey, Prophet!* Use Your prophetic powers to tell us who just whacked You!

**Narrator:** <sup>65</sup> They kept on with this sort of insulting, degrading treatment for quite some time. <sup>66</sup> When dawn had given way to full day, the Sanhedrin council assembled, consisting of religious leaders *of the Sadducean party*, along with the chief priests and religious scholars. They took Him to their headquarters *for interrogation*.

**Sanhedrin:** <sup>67</sup> If you are the Anointed One whom God promised us, tell us plainly.

**Jesus:** If I give you an answer, you won't believe it. <sup>68</sup> And if I ask you a question, you won't answer it. <sup>69</sup> But *this I will say to you:* from now on, the Son of Man will take His seat at the right hand of the power of God.

**Sanhedrin:** <sup>70</sup> So You are the Son of God, then?

**Jesus:** It's as you say.

**Sanhedrin:** <sup>71</sup> What more evidence do we need? We've heard it with our own ears from His own lips.

**Narrator:** <sup>23:1</sup> So the whole council got up and took Jesus to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> They brought accusations against Him.

**Sanhedrin:** We have observed this man leading our nation astray. He even forbade us to pay our taxes to Caesar. He claims to be the Anointed One and a King Himself.

**Pilate:** <sup>3</sup> Are You the King of the Jews?

**Jesus:** It's as you say.

**Pilate (to the chief priest and crowd):** <sup>4</sup> I find this man guilty of no crime.

**Sanhedrin (growing more intense):** <sup>5</sup> He has been stirring up discontent among the people all over Judea. He started up in

Galilee, and now He's brought His brand of trouble all the way to Jerusalem!

**Pilate:** <sup>6</sup> *Just a minute.* Is this man a Galilean?

**Narrator:** <sup>7</sup> When Pilate learned *that Jesus was indeed Galilean*—which meant He was officially under Herod's jurisdiction—Pilate sent Him over to Herod, who was currently in Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> Herod was fascinated to meet Jesus for he had heard about Him for a long time. He was hoping he might be treated to a miracle or two. <sup>9</sup> He interrogated Jesus for quite a while, but Jesus remained silent, refusing to answer his questions. <sup>10</sup> Meanwhile the chief priests and religious scholars had plenty to say—angrily hurling accusations at Jesus.

**Narrator:** <sup>11</sup> Eventually Herod and his soldiers began to insult Jesus, mocking and degrading Him. They put expensive clothing on Him and sent Him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> This ended a long-standing rift between Herod and Pilate; they became friends from that day forward.

**Narrator:** <sup>13</sup> Pilate assembled the chief priests and other Jewish authorities.

**Pilate:** <sup>14</sup> You presented this man to me as a rabble-rouser, but I examined Him in your presence and found Him not guilty of the charges you have leveled against Him. <sup>15</sup> Herod also examined Him and released Him to my custody. So He hasn't done anything deserving the death penalty. <sup>16</sup> I'll see to it that He is properly whipped and then let Him go.

**Narrator:** <sup>17</sup> It was the custom for Pilate to set one prisoner free during the holiday festivities.

**Crowd (all shouting at once):** <sup>18</sup> Away with this man! Free Barabbas instead!

**Narrator:** led in Jerusalem. He had also committed murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate argued with them, wishing he could release Jesus, <sup>21</sup> but they wouldn't be silenced.

**Crowd (shouting):** Crucify Him! Crucify Him!

**Pilate** (*countering a third time*): <sup>22</sup> Why? What has He done that is so evil? I have found in Him no offense worthy of capital punishment. As I said, I will punish Him and then release Him.

**Narrator:** <sup>23</sup> But they would not relent. They shouted louder and louder that He should be crucified, and eventually Pilate capitulated. <sup>24</sup> So he pronounced the punishment they demanded.

**Narrator:** <sup>25</sup> He released the rebel and murderer *Barabbas*—the insurrectionist they had pleaded for in His place—and he handed Jesus over to them to do with as they desired.

**See how its branches reach to us in welcome;  
Hear what the Voice says, “Come to me, ye weary!  
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow,  
I will give blessing.”**

## V.

**Narrator:** <sup>26</sup> On the way to the place of crucifixion, they pulled a man from the crowd—his name was Simon of Cyrene, a person from the countryside who happened to be entering the city at that moment. They put Jesus’ cross on Simon’s shoulders, and he followed behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Along with Him was a huge crowd of common people, including many women shrieking and wailing in grief.

**Jesus** (*to the people in the crowd*): <sup>28</sup> Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me. Weep instead for yourselves and weep for your children. <sup>29</sup> Days are coming when people will say, “Blessed are the infertile; blessed are the wombs that never bore *a child*; blessed are the breasts that never nursed *an infant*.” <sup>30</sup> People will beg the mountains, “Surround us!” They’ll plead with the hills, “Cover us!” <sup>31</sup> For if they treat Me like this when I’m like green unseasoned wood, what will they do to a nation that’s ready to burn like seasoned firewood?

**Narrator:** <sup>32</sup> *Jesus wasn’t the only one being crucified that day.* There were two others, criminals, who were also being led to their execution. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place known as “The Skull,” they crucified Jesus there, in the company of criminals, one to the right of Jesus and the other to His left.

**Jesus:** <sup>34</sup> Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.

**Narrator:** Meanwhile [soldiers] were drawing lots to see who would win Jesus' clothing. <sup>35</sup> The crowd of people stood, watching.

**Authorities (*mocking Jesus*):** So He was supposed to rescue others, was He? He was supposed to be God's Anointed, *the Liberating King*? Let's see Him start by liberating Himself!

**Narrator:** <sup>36</sup> The soldiers joined in the mockery. First, they *pretended to offer Him a soothing drink*—but it was sour wine.

**Soldiers:** <sup>37</sup> Hey, if You're the King of the Jews, why don't You free Yourself!

**Narrator:** <sup>38</sup> Even the inscription they placed over Him was intended to mock Him—"This is the King of the Jews!" This was written in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew.

**Narrator:** <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals joined in the cruel talk.

**Cynical Criminal:** You're supposed to be the Anointed One, right? *Well—do it!* Rescue Yourself and us!

**Narrator:** <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal told him to be quiet.

**Believing Criminal:** Don't you have any fear of God at all? You're getting the same death sentence He is! <sup>41</sup> We're getting what we deserve since we've committed crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong at all! <sup>42</sup> (turning to Jesus) Jesus, when You come into Your kingdom, please remember me.

**Jesus:** <sup>43</sup> I promise you that this very day you will be with Me in paradise.

**Narrator:** <sup>44</sup> At this point, it was about noon, and a darkness fell over the whole region. The darkness persisted until about three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> and at some point during this darkness, the curtain in the temple was torn in two.

**Jesus (*shouting out loudly*):** <sup>46</sup> Father, I entrust My spirit into Your hands!

**Narrator:** And with those words, He exhaled—and breathed no more.

**This is my ending, this my resurrection;  
Into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.**

**Narrator:** <sup>47</sup> The Centurion—*one of the soldiers who performed the execution*—saw all this, and he praised God.

**Centurion:** No doubt, this man must have been innocent.

**Narrator:** <sup>48</sup> The crowds of common people who had gathered and watched the whole ordeal through to its conclusion left for their homes, pounding on their own chests *in profound grief*. <sup>49</sup> And all who knew Jesus personally, including the group of women who had been with Him *from the beginning* in Galilee, stood at a distance, watching all of these things unfold.

**Narrator:** <sup>50</sup> Meanwhile a man named Joseph *had been at work*. He was a member of the council, a good and fair man, <sup>51</sup> from a Judean town called Arimathea. He had objected to the plans and actions of the council; he was seeking the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> He had gone to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

**Narrator:** <sup>53</sup> He removed the body from the cross and wrapped it in a shroud made of *fine* linen. He then laid the body in a cavelike tomb cut from solid rock, a tomb that never had been used before. <sup>54</sup> It was Preparation Day—*the day before the holy Sabbath*—and it was about to begin *at sundown*.

**Narrator:** <sup>55</sup> The women who had accompanied Jesus *from the beginning* in Galilee now came, took note of where the tomb was and how His body had been prepared, <sup>56</sup> then left to prepare spices and ointments *for His proper burial*. They ceased their work on the Sabbath so they could rest as the *Hebrew Scriptures* required.

**All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
Offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!**

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*A brief sermon or commentary on the lesson may follow.*

**Song of the Day**    ***You Lord are Both Lamb and Shepherd***

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.  
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer  
of the way you took and gave.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
stripped of might upon the cross,  
shining in eternal glory,  
beggared by a soldier's toss,  
you, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,  
sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry;  
worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our death and life.

**Prayers of the People**

*The minister begins the prayers:*

P Beloved, I ask you prayers for the church, for all manners of people, and for God's good Creation.

**Prayer Song**    *Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping*

Sometimes our only song is weeping;  
our only sound is gasping breath.  
Sometimes it seems that God is sleeping  
while our brief lives are bound in death.  
Who hears the song our sorrows swallow  
and offers hope to calm our fears?  
When all our words seem frail and hollow,  
God heeds the prayers within our tears.

*The minister concludes the prayers:*

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

**C** Amen.

Sometimes we catch the faintest humming,  
a far-off tune our hearts know well.  
Sometimes we sense the Spirit coming.  
Our song returns; our voices swell.  
The Spirit sings though we are shaken,  
and Christ has shared our heartfelt cries.  
Restored, our weary souls awaken  
to join God's song that never dies.

 **MEAL** 

**Sharing Our Gifts**

**L** Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

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Come to the table of mercy,  
prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty,  
come, and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation;  
receive from his nail-scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation;  
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

**Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray together.

C Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,  
may our reconciliation with you be near at hand,  
so that, though we do not earn it by our own deeds,  
yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the  
effects of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Dialogue**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

P Holy God, source of all that is good and redeemer of what is fallen  
from goodness, we bless you for your mercy through the ages.  
Though Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, by your providence  
he saved your people from death. We praise you for the new  
life given to Israel in ancient times, and for your promise of  
new life today for those who trust in you.  
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 that Jesus suffered our betrayal, died for our redemption, and on the third day rose to give us hope, we dare to live as your people, awaiting the fullness of your promise.

Pour out your Spirit on this bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, a foretaste of the day we feast with you forever.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** Amen

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

**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.**

### **Sharing Holy Communion**

*All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.*

### **Communion Song    *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*    Voices of Praise**

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies,  
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide;  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

#### ***Chorus:***

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.

I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.  
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.  
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, (Jesus).

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,  
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood, comes flowing down.  
*(Chorus)*

*Bridge:*  
Here my hope is found, here on holy ground;  
Here I bow down, here I bow down.  
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life;  
Here I bow down, here I bow (down).  
*(Chorus)*

I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.  
*(Bridge 2x)*  
*(Chorus)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

L Let us pray.

Lord, you have satisfied our hunger with this spiritual food. The death of your Son gives us hope and strengthens our faith. May his resurrection give us perseverance and lead us to salvation. We ask this through Christ our Saviour.

C Amen.

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

L May Almighty God, the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

### **Sending Song**

#### **On a Hill Far Away**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

## *Refrain*

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above,  
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see;  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

## Dismissal

L Go in peace. Remember the Cross.

C Thanks be to God.

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