

# Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!  
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.

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## PRELUDE

**GATHERING** *The assembly gathers outside the Narthex doors with palm branches.*

*Please keep them for the whole service*

## ACCLAMATION

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

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-16

L: The holy gospel according to John.

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

L: <sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: <sup>15</sup>"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

AM: 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

AM: Let us enter worship in peace,

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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ELW 344

*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 are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: 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. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>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; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

L: A reading from Philippians.

<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.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 21:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Marcus

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"**

**ELW 346**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:** Kyleigh Rénee Melton  
Emmaleigh Kate Thivierge

**ELW p.227**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

AM: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs. O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally, especially our presiding bishop Yehiel Curry, our synod bishop Sue Briner, and our pastors Marcus and Rudy. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus.

*Response to each petition:* AM: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

AM: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

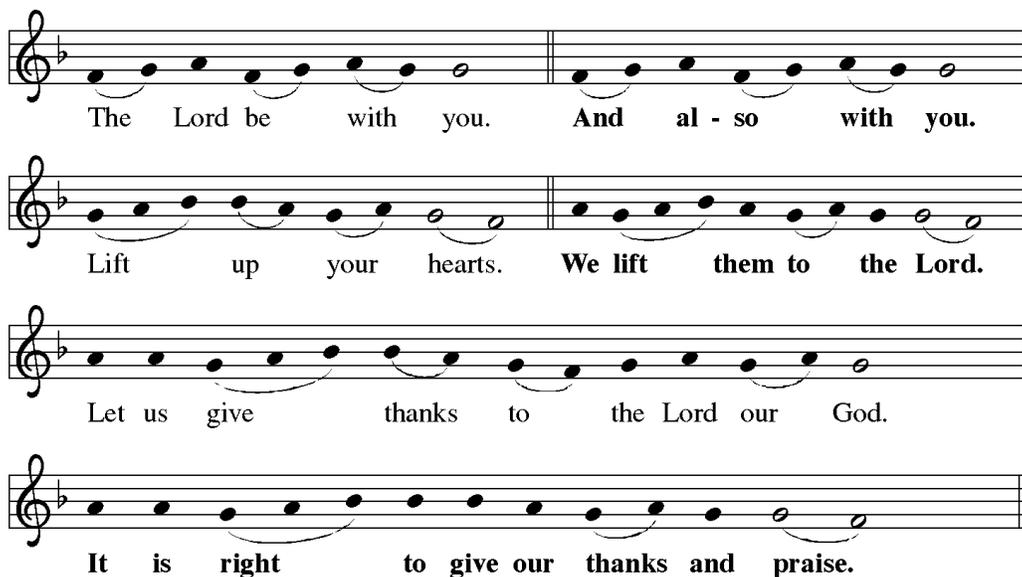
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

AM: Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**


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.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER****LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

**COMMUNION**

*Communion will take place via continuous line. We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one. They will present you with a plate where you may retrieve*

*the wafer. Each will then step to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses. Please take an empty cup if you prefer wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, cross your arms for a blessing.*

**AGNUS DEI**

**"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.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**"There in God's Garden"**

**ELW 342**

*Verses 1-4*

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

**ELW 338**

**TABLE BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

AM: Let us pray.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✝ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**“Prepare the Royal Highway”**

**ELW 264**

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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Emanuel’s Lutheran Church welcomes  
Kyleigh Rénee Melton  
daughter of Dawn Thivierge  
and  
Emmaleigh Kate Thivierge  
daughter of Dawn Thivierge and Jason Medina  
into the body of Christ and into the mission we share as  
new members of Emanuel’s Lutheran Church  
through the Sacrament of Baptism.  
Thanks and praise to God.

Kyleigh’s sponsors are Amanda and Douglas Anderson, and Kaylee Anderson.  
Siblings are JT Melton and Emmaleigh Thivierge. Grandparents are Richard and  
Shelly Thivierge, and David and Michelle Tschoepe.

Emmaleigh’s sponsors are Robert and Ana Gonzalez. Siblings are JT Melton and  
Kyleigh Melton. Grandparents are Carrie Moseley, Steven and Renee Medina,  
Richard and Shelly Thivierge, and David and Michelle Tschoepe.

**MUSICIAN TODAY:** Edward Workmon, organ

**WORSHIP LEADERS for Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026: Preaching:** Pastor Marcus; **Presiding:** Pastor Rudy; **Assisting Minister:** Lory Alves; **Communion Assistants:** Steve Anderson, Darlene Zies, Bill Elley, NEEDED, Jeanne Palmer; **Reader:** Bill Salt; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Dave English, Sheila English, Elizabeth Jandt; **A/V Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Bryce Kennedy; **Safety Attendant:** Joe Kane, Kevin Seider; **Hospitality:** Bev Seidenschwarz, Walter Seidenschwarz

**WORSHIP LEADERS for Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026: Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Ministers:** Stephanie Robbins; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; **Reader:** Allison Eladhari; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; **Altar Guild:** Carrie Moseley, Jeanne Palmer; **AV/Tech:** NEEDED; **Council Greeter:** Rissa Springs; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard

## EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is in the sanctuary, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHARE?** Submit a brief, yet detailed description of your event to [info@elcsequin.org](mailto:info@elcsequin.org) on Mondays for consideration in the Weekly News and bulletin.

### SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Seeking to unlock the wisdom of the Bible through fellowship and robust group discussion. Spring Study: "Lament, Confession, Rebirth"
- **JOY CLASS:** Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets one Sunday a month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **THE DISCIPLES CLASS** (Family Life Center): 9:00am Feb. 22 – Mar. 29, PovertyCure Workshop & Discussion led by Paul Sims.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry volunteers lead our PK to 5<sup>th</sup> grade learners to the Children's Church room, just down the hall from the sanctuary, returning as we share the peace.
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** gathers on Sundays with our church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, and Spirit of Joy - at Spirit of Joy campus. Middle School (6-8 grades) from 4-5pm, dinner for everyone at 5pm, and High School (9-12 grades) from 5:30-6:30pm. [Hannah@elcsequin.org](mailto:Hannah@elcsequin.org)
- **CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets **April 26** at 11:45 in the Women's Ministry Room.

### WEEKLY AND MONTHLY STUDIES AND PROGRAMS:

**Line Dancing with Handsome Rob** (Fellowship Hall): Mondays at 2:00pm

**Chair Yoga with Gina** (Family Life Center): Wednesdays at 9:00am

**3C: Community-Connection-Conversation** (Church Lawn): Tuesdays at 7:30am

**The Wired Word** (Family Life Center): Tuesdays at 8:45am

**Sweet Hour of Prayer** (Family Life Center): Thursdays at 10am

**Pathways to Healing Grief Support** (Family Life Center): 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 2:00pm

**Pub Theology** (1916 Bar & Bistro): 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:30pm

**Caregiver Café** (Family Life Center): 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:00pm

**Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 2:00pm

**Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9:30am

**Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 2:00pm

### Emanuel's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Jeanne Palmer's father, Maj. Charles Mitchell and Gene Palmer's mother, Florence Palmer.

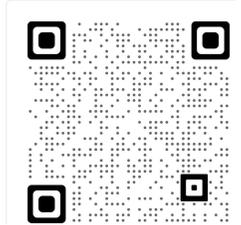
Pulpit Flowers are placed honor of Kyleigh Melton by her parents and grandparents.

Lectern Flowers are placed in honor of Emmaleigh Thivierge by her parents and grandparents.

**LUTHERAN LUNCH BUNCH** will **NOT** meet in April. See you on the first Sunday of May after worship!

**FLOWERING OF THE CROSS:** We will be flowering the cross on Easter morning on the steps outside the church entrance. Please bring some fresh-cut blooms from your garden, the flower shop, or even HEB! Before the service, add your blossoms where there's space. We look forward to transforming that old wooden cross into a sign of blossoming grace and hope. May it become a sign for us!

**CAREGIVER SYMPOSIUM** is **Thursday, April 16** from 9am to noon at the Seguin Public Library. The Caregiver Symposium features Rev. Dr. Carla Cheatham, an expert in trauma-informed care, resilience, and emotional intelligence, who will equip professional and non-professional caregivers with practical tools for sustainable self-care and compassionate presence. Participants will learn mindfulness, boundary-setting, and emotional resilience strategies that strengthen both personal well-being and the quality of care they provide. To make attendance accessible and restorative, onsite respite care for loved ones will be offered by GRMC Hospice volunteers. Presented by Emanuel's Lutheran Church, Guadalupe Regional Medical Center, and the Resilient Foundation. Scan the QR code to register. Seats are limited. Call 830-379-5046 for questions.



**EMANUEL'S NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK** is **Friday, April 10 at 7pm. Only 8 tickets remain!** The Gather & Grow team invites you to a Missions baseball game at Wolff Stadium in San Antonio. Meet in the Mountain Street parking lot at 5pm to carpool, leaving promptly at 5:30pm. Or meet at the stadium. Tickets are \$20 each at <https://www.gofevo.com/event/EmmanuelLutheran31>, or by scanning the QR code on our flyer. Batter up!

**MAKING YOUR GRIEF COUNT** is a three-week grief program for those who have experienced loss of any kind to work through their grief, learn about healthy coping tools, and discover a path to healing in a supportive environment. Pastor Darwin Huartson facilitates this program at Emanuel's in the Family Life Center on **Sundays, April 19, 26, and May 3** from 2-4pm.

**COMPASS SUMMER FUNDRAISER:** We have so many amazing programming opportunities for our youth this summer, but we need your help to accomplish them! Starting this Sunday and throughout the next several weeks, there is a large display in the narthex of envelopes labeled 1-150. If you feel called to do so, pick an envelope with a number that you would be willing to donate (Ex: if you could donate \$72, pick envelope "72"). Fill out the form inside of the envelope, make the donation, and drop the envelope in the box! As a thank you for donating, you are invited to join us at the end of the summer for a special dinner served by the youth where we will show pictures, videos, and hear stories about the summer programs! Not only will you be investing in our programming, but in the faith formation of our youth. Thanks so much for your support of the Compass Cooperative ministry! *Have any questions? Reach out to Hannah Hansen at [hannah@elcsequin.org](mailto:hannah@elcsequin.org).*

**CPR and AED CERTIFICATION** opportunity on **Saturday, April 11** from 8:30-Noon. Sign up with the Safety Team or Pastor Marcus by Wednesday, April 8.

## HOLY WEEK AT EMANUEL'S

### **Palm Sunday | March 29 at 10:30 am**

Worship begins outside the church on the steps.

### **Maundy Thursday | April 2 at 6:30 pm**

Worship and First Communion

### **Good Friday | April 3 at 7:00 pm**

Worship at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, 416 Dolle Ave.

### **Easter Sunday | April 5 at 7am and 10:30 am**

Sunrise service, with Spirit of Joy, at 7am outside under Emanuel's oak.  
Worship in the sanctuary at 10:30, then an egg hunt on the lawn.



## EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL And Ministry Team Liaisons

**President**, Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*  
**Vice President**, Sheila English, *Fellowship & Feast Team*  
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Bill Salt, *Education Team*  
Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*  
Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

### ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT Tuesday, May 27

**5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room**

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects.

### EMANUEL'S STAFF

**Senior Pastor**, The Rev. Marcus Bigott, 830-377-8643 cell, [pastormarcus@elcsequin.org](mailto:pastormarcus@elcsequin.org)  
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**EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

**GIVING AT EMANUEL'S:** Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.

## Emanuel's Lutheran Church

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## Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

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## For the Fruit of All Creation



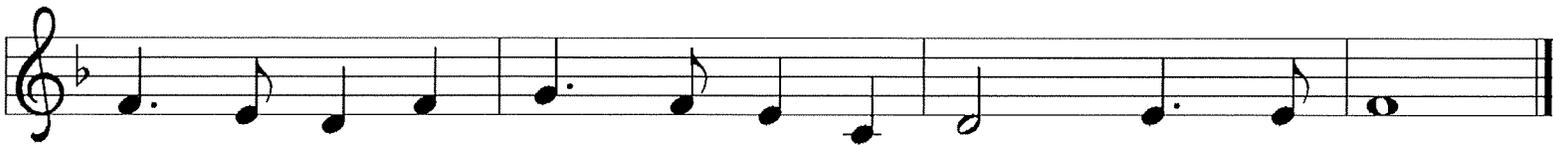
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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## There in God's Garden



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 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.

6 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!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982

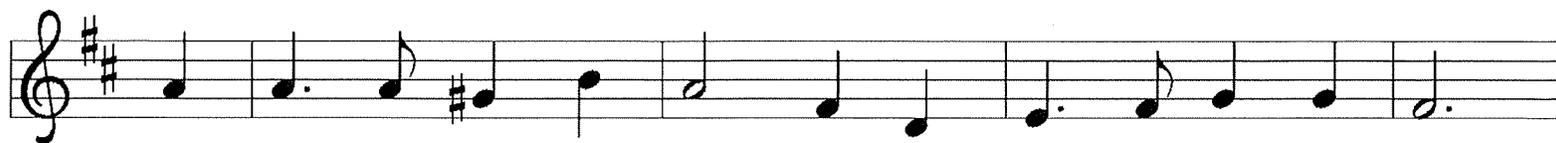
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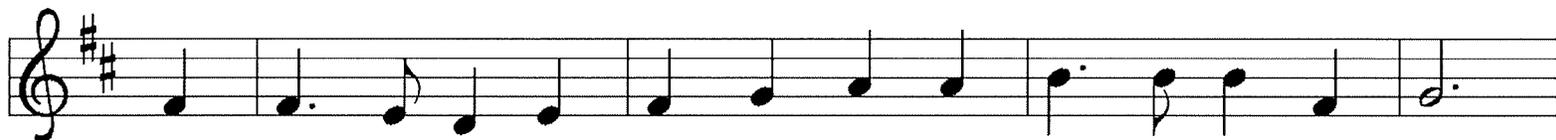
## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

## Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

### *Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
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