

PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

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

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: ¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His 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 in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

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: 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.

WORD

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

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

Congregation is invited to read the bolded verses.

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

READING: Philippians 2:5-11

L: A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and 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: Luke 19:28-40

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "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. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners

asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now 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, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"When the Stones Cry Out"

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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NICENE CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power.

Response to each petition: AM: God, in your mercy,
C: receive our prayer.

AM: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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 HYMN

"My Song is Love Unknown"

ELW 343

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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

**"For the Bread Which You have Broken"
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

**ELW 494
ELW 332**

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.

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"There in God's Garden"

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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MUSICIAN TODAY: Edward Workmon, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS for Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Bill Salt; **Communion Assistants:** Elizabeth Jandt, Bill Elley, Karen Weinstein, Rissa Springs, Linda Salt; **Reader:** Cathy Anderson; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier; **A/V Tech:** Stephen Anderson; **Council Greeter:** Tonya Darnell; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit; **Safety Attendants:** Joe Kane, Brandon May

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY, April 20, 2025: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Ministers:** Stephanie Robbins; **Communion Assistants:** Cindy Pique, Bev Seidenschwarz, Janelle Leon-Weinman, Emily Prochnow; **NEEDED;** **Reader:** Bill Salt; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Cindy Pique, **NEEDED;** **AV/Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Paul Sims; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Barbara Haas, Doris Jefferies



HOLY WEEK

Emanuel's Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday, April 13: 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17: 6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 18: 6:30 pm



Easter Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Service at Spirit of Joy, 7:00 am

Worship with Communion, 10:30 am

Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

on the Lawn following the 10:30 service

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SUNDAY STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. This quarter we are studying the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount with Bible texts appropriate for Lent. Please join us.
- **JOY CLASS:** Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Class meets the first Sunday of each month in the WMR at 9:00am.
- **HABAKKUK: FAITH IN TOUGH TIMES** (Family Life Center): March 9 – April 13 at 9am. Join us for our Lenten study as we study together through the book of Habakkuk and other related Biblical texts as we ponder God's work during challenging times and how we can respond faithfully.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** During worship Children's Ministry Coordinator Jordana leads our PK to 5th grade learners to the Children's Church room and returns as we share the peace.
- **THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** gathers on Sundays with our four church partners- Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church - 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.'
- **CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for our 6th to 8th graders meet this year on the 4th Sunday of every month after worship in the Women's Ministry Room.

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00

CAREGIVER CAFÉ is a support group for caregivers meeting on April 27 (usually the 3rd Sunday of the month) from 2-4 pm at Emanuel's and 2nd Tuesdays of the month at Argent Court Assisted Living. Please contact Donna Simmons at donna@elcseguin.org for more information.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB BUS & TRAIN TO BURNET on **Saturday, May 3** has 3 extra seats available on the bus and train. If you are interested in going, please let donna@elcseguin.org know so she can add your name. Once filled then a waitlist will be formed. The cost per person for the bus and train ride is \$65. Lunch in Burnet will be on your own and there is also a concession car on the train. Make your check payable to *Emanuel's Lutheran Church* with *May 3rd bus trip* on the memo line.

APRIL SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB meets next on **Thursday, April 17** at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. It's a busy week in the life of the church, so we are having pizza! Please bring a side or dessert to share.

GOD'S EXPLORERS: FAITH & SCIENCE COME ALIVE is open and ready for registration for all 3rd to 8th grade youth. Hosted **June 30 to July 3**, from 8am to 5pm, this incredible group of youth, chaperones, and pastors will traverse central Texas visiting the USS Lexington, the Alamo & Tower of the Americas, the Dinosaur Park, and the Safari at Natural Bridge Caverns. We will eat together, have Bible studies, and explore each of these fascinating locations. All participants must have turned in their registration form in order to participate. The only costs incurred by each youth will be any souvenirs they wish to purchase. Register your youth here: <https://forms.gle/WE8aq6ktC9phqXG9>

EASTER BRUNCH and EGG HUNT will be on the lawn following the 10:30am service. The Congregational Care Team invites you to enjoy some hot coffee and breakfast goodies on this festive, glorious morning. There are signup sheets in the Narthex and Chapel entrances if you would like to delight us with one of your breakfast specialties, bring juice, or help serve/clean-up. Thank you!

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: We will be flowering the cross on Easter morning. Please bring some fresh-cut blooms from your garden, the flower shop, or even HEB! There will be time before the service for all to create a colorful cross to celebrate the glorious day!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are placed in celebration of Rudy and Estella Salazar's 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 19th. Given by Emanuel's Music Ministry and friends.

**EMANUEL'S CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL
and Ministry Team Liaisons**

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*
Vice President, Bryce Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*
Secretary, Paul Sims, *Education Team*
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Tim Kent, *Congregational Care Team*
Janelle Leon-Weinman, *Congregational Care Team*
Bill Salt, *Education Team*
Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

**ALL TEAM MEETING NIGHT
Wednesday, May 7 2025**

5:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room

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

EMANUEL'S STAFF

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Children's Ministry Attendants, Aaliyah Kirton and Charis Wirtley

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.



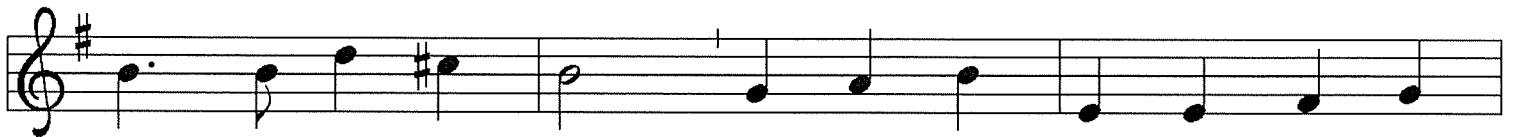
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Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



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



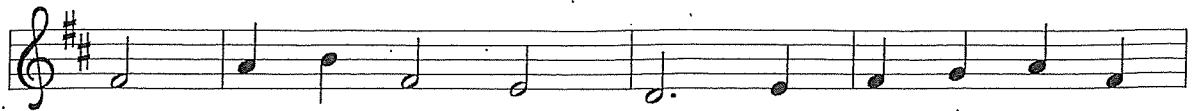
sue,	with palms	and scat - tered	gar - ments	strewed.
gin	o'er cap - tive	death and	con - quered	sin.
eyes	to see	the ap - proach - ing	sac - ri - fice.	
pain,	then take,	O Christ, your	pow'r and	reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.
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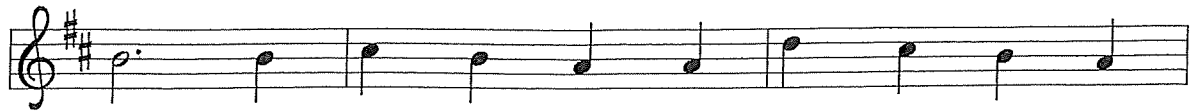
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My Song Is Love Unknown

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
 stow; the world that was his own would not its
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624–1683, alt.
 Music: John Ireland, 1879–1962
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LOVE UNKNOWN
 6 6 6 4 4 8

Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

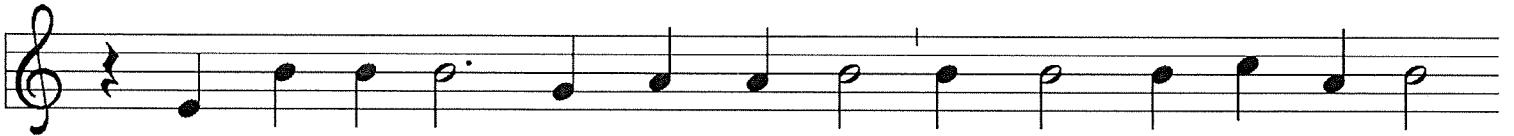
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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

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 - drills 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

Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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