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Zion Lutheran Church*

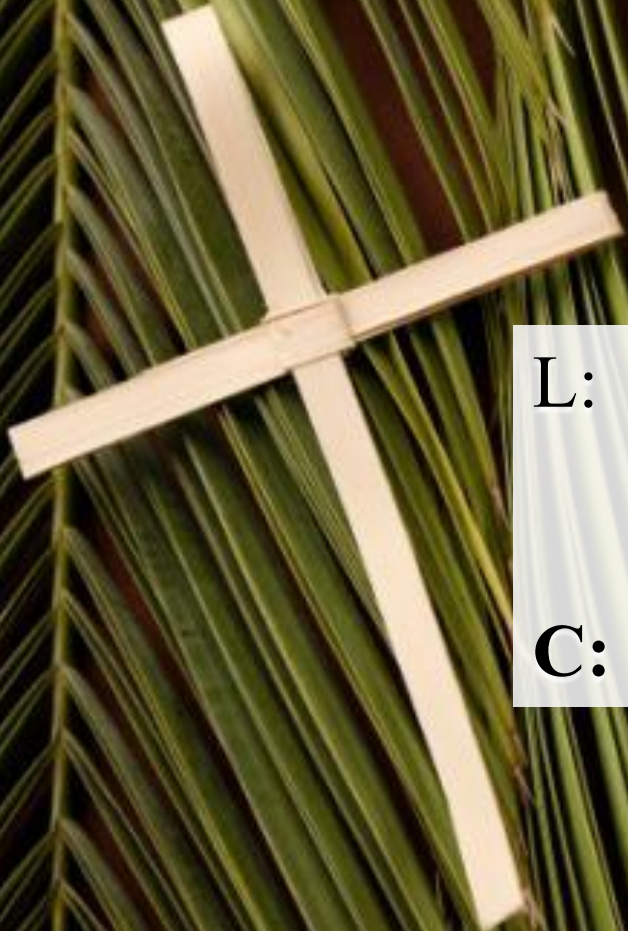
*Sunday, March 29, 2026*

*9:00 am*

Palms at Como Conservatory  
Photo by Kamarra Brunelle



*Welcome*



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

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

## *Processional Gospel*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
the twenty-first chapter.

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

## Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

<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.”

L: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

## *Blessing of Palms*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: 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.

L: 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.**




# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW #344

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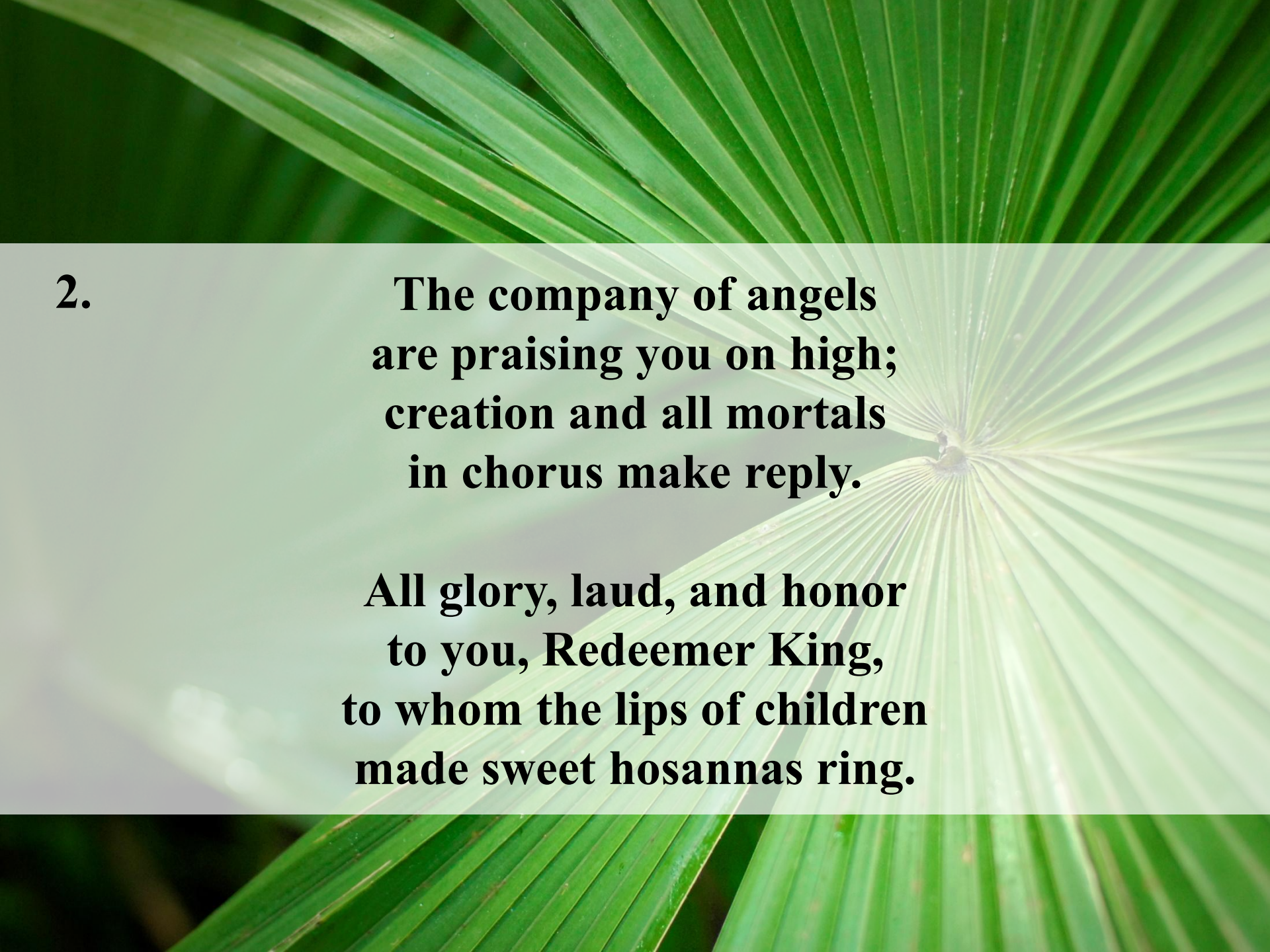
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**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**




**1. You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**



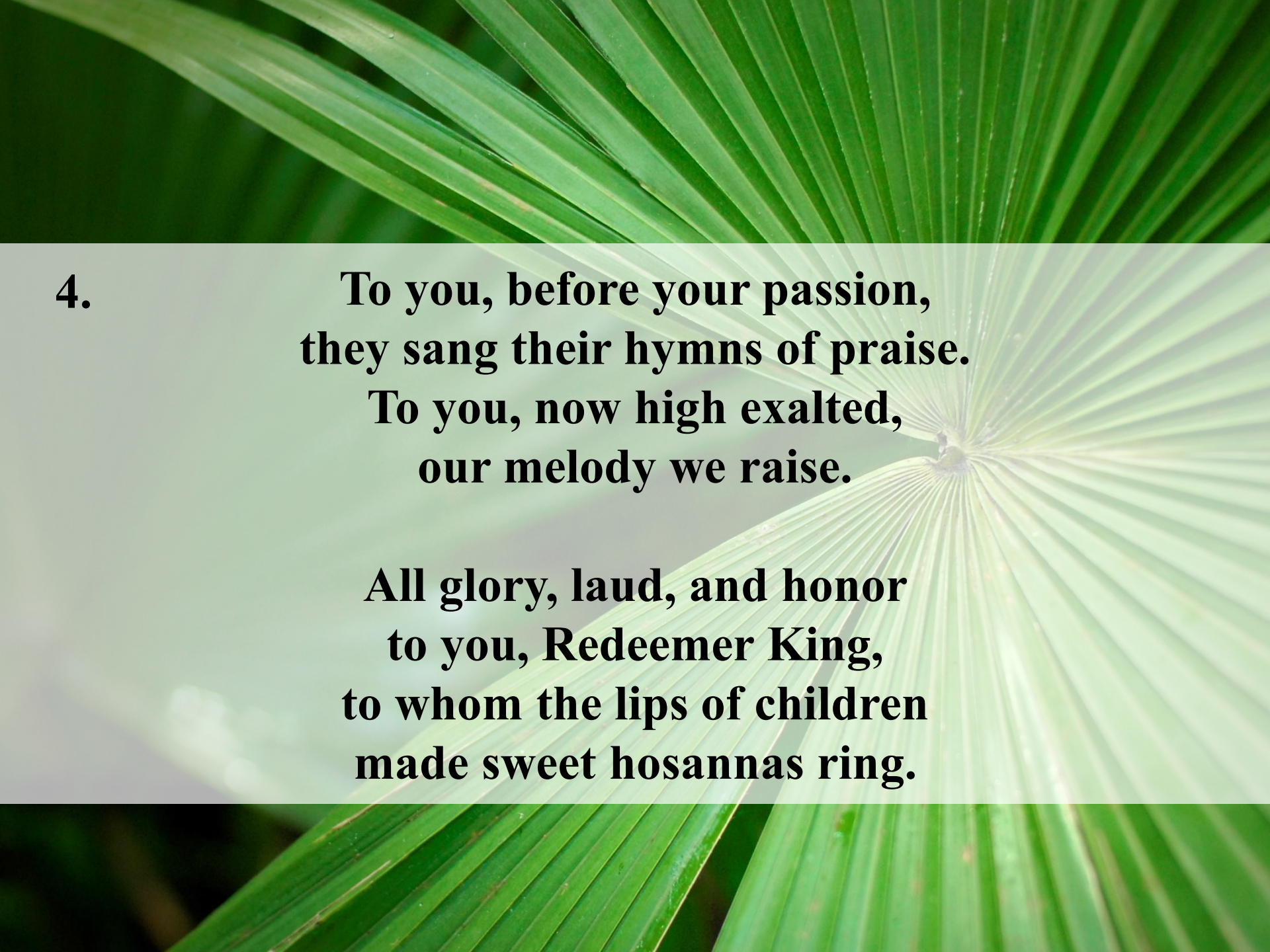
**2.           The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**



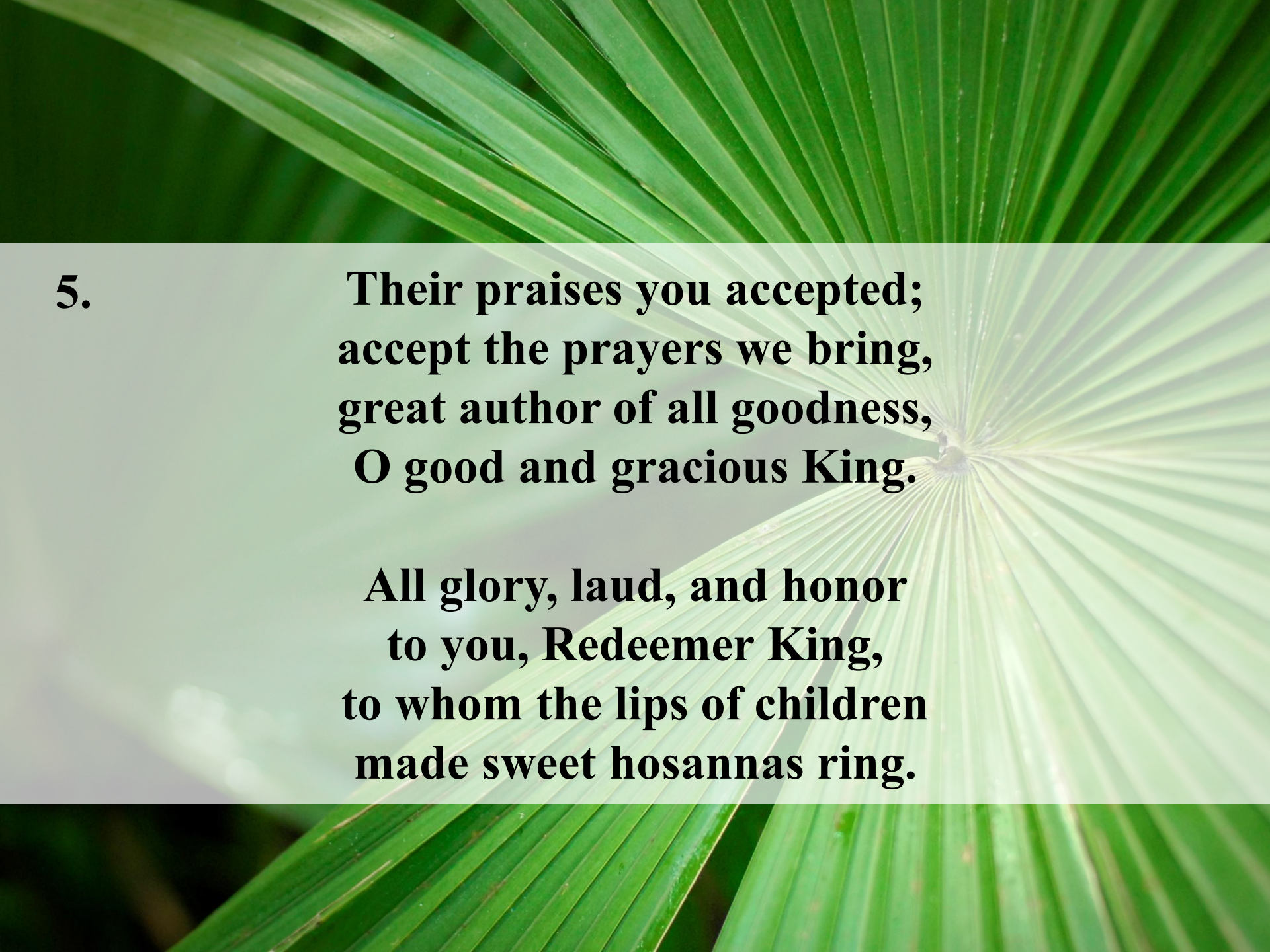
**3. The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went.  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring**



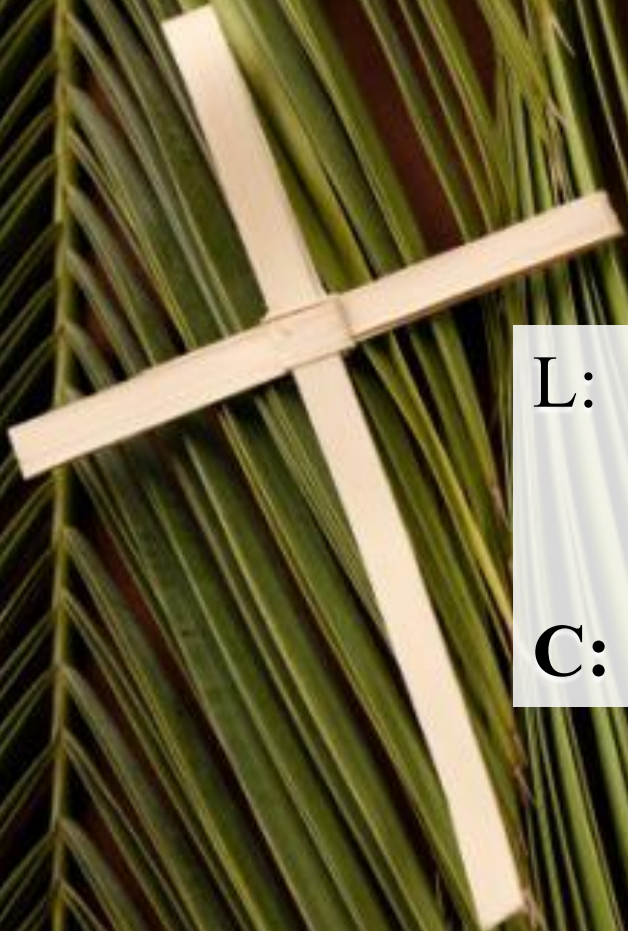
**4. To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**



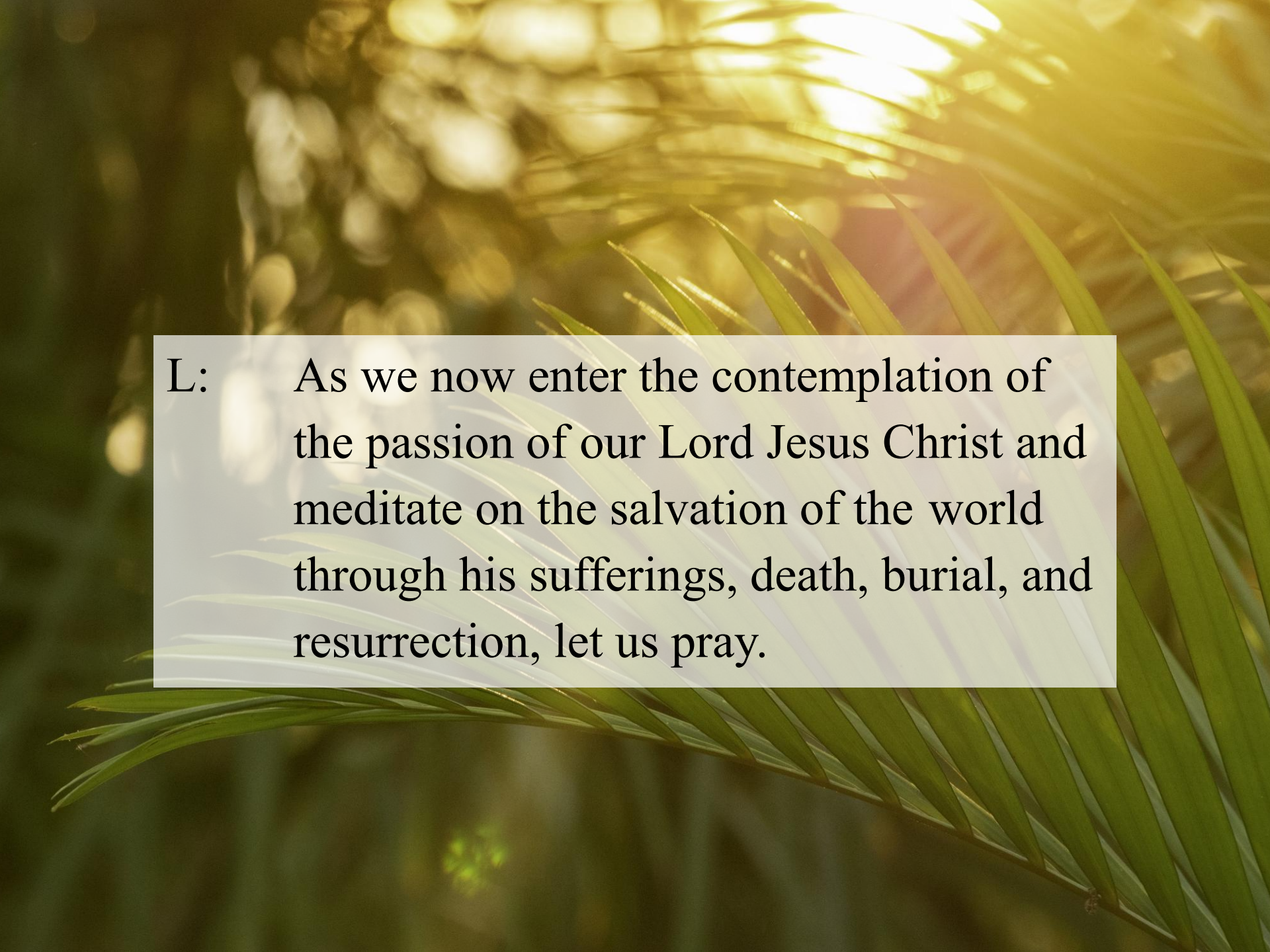
**5. Their praises you accepted;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness,  
O good and gracious King.**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**



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

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**



L: As we now enter the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

## *Prayer of the Day*

**L:** 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.

**C:** **Amen**

*A Message for  
All God's Children*



## **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

*The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

<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 awakens,  
awakens 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?

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 31:9-16

**L:**     <sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

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

L: <sup>11</sup> I 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.

C: <sup>12</sup> **Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

L: <sup>13</sup> 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.

C: <sup>14</sup> **But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.**

L: <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

C: <sup>16</sup> **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

## **Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

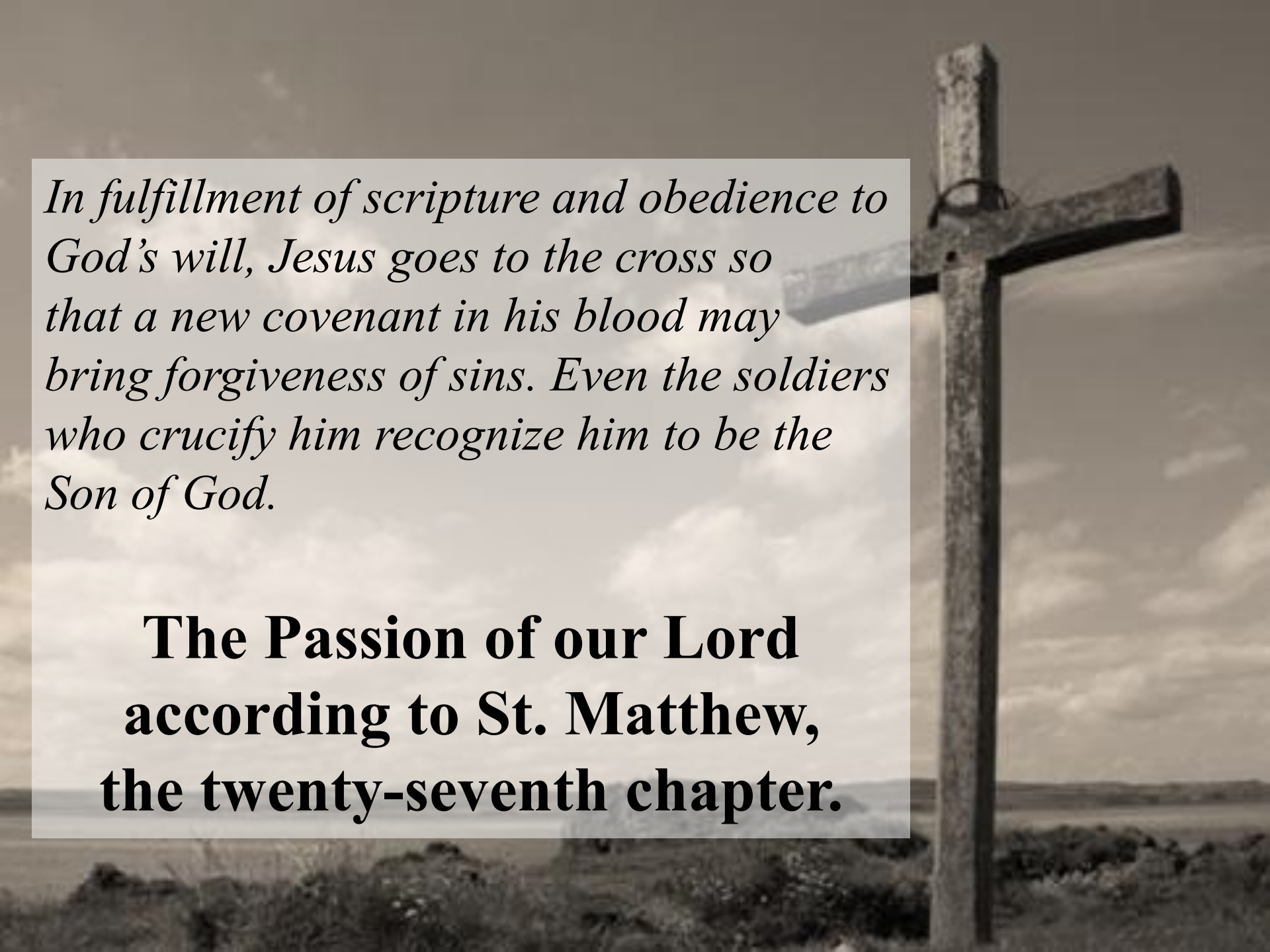
*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

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

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to 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.**

A wooden cross stands in a field under a cloudy sky. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The background is a soft-focus landscape with a horizon line. The sky is filled with light, diffused clouds. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

*In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.*

**The Passion of our Lord  
according to St. Matthew,  
the twenty-seventh chapter.**

<sup>27:1</sup> When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. <sup>2</sup> They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup> When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup> He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

<sup>5</sup> Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup> But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.” <sup>7</sup> After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. <sup>8</sup> For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

<sup>9</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, <sup>10</sup> and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

<sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” <sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. <sup>15</sup> Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

<sup>18</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”

<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup> Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup> Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”

<sup>26</sup> So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified. <sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup> They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.

<sup>31</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. <sup>32</sup> As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup> then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

<sup>37</sup> Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

<sup>38</sup> Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

<sup>42</sup> “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ” <sup>44</sup> The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup> And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup> At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

*Message*

# Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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- 1. Lord Jesus, you shall be  
my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody  
about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life  
and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be  
my song as I journey.**

**2.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you  
as long as I journey.**

**May all of my joy be a  
faithful reflection of you.**

**May the earth and the sea  
and the sky join my song.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you  
as long as I journey.**

**3.**

**As long as I live, Jesus,  
make me your servant,  
to carry your cross  
and to share all your  
burdens and tears.**

**For you saved me by  
giving your body and blood.**

**As long as I live, Jesus,  
make me your servant.**



**4.**

**I fear in the dark and the  
doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come  
with the sound of your steps  
by my side.**

**And with all of the family  
you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn  
at the end of our journey.**

## *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**




*Offering*  
with  
*Choir Anthem*  
“*Marvelous Mystery*”



# Beautiful Savior

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- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**



# *Offering Prayer*

**L:** 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.**



# *Prayers of Intercession*

Response after each petition:

**L:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

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

**C:** **Amen.**



# *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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**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.**

# *Blessing*

**L:** 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.



*Announcements*



# Help to beautify our sanctuary when we celebrate Easter!

Order forms are available in the Gathering Space  
and are due **TODAY**.

The cost is \$10 per lily, hyacinth, or tulip.







# *Easter* **BREAKFAST**

Serving from 8:00 to 8:45 am

Egg bakes, muffins, fruit, milk/juice/coffee

← Volunteer opportunities →  
Help serve and/or bring food

**Sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Space.**



## **Help us fill Easter eggs for the Easter Egg scramble!**

TODAY, following worship, there will be baskets with the plastic eggs and goodies to be used for filling them. Many hands make light work! Stay after worship for treats and filling the eggs.



# Holy Week and Easter

## **April 1: Wednesday**

No worship service, classes, or meal

## **April 2: Maundy Thursday**

6:15 pm- Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion

## **April 3: Good Friday**

6:15 pm- Good Friday worship service

## **April 5: Easter**

7:00 am- Easter worship service with Holy Communion

8:00-8:45 am- Easter Breakfast

9:00 am- Easter worship service with Holy Communion





# Day by Day

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- 1. Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**2. Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.**

**3. Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.**



## *Dismissal*

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



*Thank you  
for worshipping  
with us!*

*God bless you!*

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