

Family Notes

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALMSUNDAY

Today's liturgy begins with a procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

Pastor Mac's sermon, "*Down the Mountain, Onto the Cross*," reminds us of the awesome sacrifice of Christ in this week.

As we continue this penitential season and enter Holy Week, please note:

- we read a Processional Gospel from Matthew
- a Lenten Center is at the foot of the cross
- there are no flowers on our altar
- we omit the Hymn of Praise
- a Gospel processional replaces the Lenten Sentence
- we read the Passion Narrative from Matthew Gospel
- a guided meditation in Family Notes gives direction to our reflection during communion
- there are no communion hymns
- instrumentalists join our choir
- our Baptismal font moves closer to the altar and the cross as we move closer to Calvary
- an additional cross is in our sanctuary, made out of Christmas trees, to remind us that the baby at Bethlehem is the Christ of the Cross
- there is no postlude

The Sacrament today will be administered by intinction. If you are visiting with us and believe as we do that in the Sacrament we receive God's gift of life and forgiveness, if you are a baptized member of the Christian Church, we hope you will join us at the Lord's table. Gluten free wafers are available at both stations

GUIDED MEDITATION: Christian ran...till he came to a place somewhat ascending; and upon that place stood a Cross, and a little below, in the bottom, a Sepulchre. So I saw in my dream, that just as Christian came up with the Cross, his burden loosened from off his shoulders, and fell from his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do, till it came to the mouth of the Sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more. - John Bunyan

Our Lessons:

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.

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.

Matthew 27:11-54. 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.

TYING IT ALL TOGETHER: Many of us grew up when "Palm Sunday" was a "mini-Easter" celebration. One of the great gifts of the renewal that came out of Vatican II last century, was the reclaiming of this powerful day as Passion Sunday, the awesome entry into Holy Week. And so our lessons today are filled not with grandeur, but with the simple message of servant ministry. Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah is the third of his "servant songs," that describe the suffering servant of God who submits to God's will. (The servant at times is understood as the people of Israel, or as a special prophet or king, as Jesus, or as us). Philippians picks up on this exact same theme and talks about the humility of Christ...a sacrifice for us...an example for us. And Matthew's Gospel today tells of the Passion and the ultimate gift of God. We begin today on the high note of our Processional Gospel and the ride into Jerusalem and from there it goes "*Down the Mountain, Onto the Cross.*"

WELCOME

If you are visiting, we welcome you and hope you'll soon return to Faith, and that you'll feel free to share in all that is ours in Christ. Please sign our guest book and a visitor's card which you'll find in the pew. If you are interested in learning more about our community, please speak to Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac, or leave a note in the offering. Please stop by the Information Table in the narthex and pick up materials about our Family of Faith. While we encourage children's attendance and participation in our worship hour, we do provide nursery care for those needing this service.

Our ushers will be happy to direct you to our downstairs Nursery.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Family of Faith is a Christ-centered servant community that strives to be loving, forgiving, healing and affirming, as it continues to seek new opportunities to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

Sustained by the Holy Spirit, we worship, serve, learn and grow together by sharing God's gifts of our time, talents and treasures.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Diantha Pearson	Vivian Mossberg
Thomas Lange	Ernie Andersen
Ron Waltemyer	John Glass
Sherry Peterson	Nancy Kordistas
Ben Santore	Ruth Bentley
Jan Siberine	Paul Lutz
Lucas Reiling	Constance Burde
Katie Anderson	Curtis D. Kelly
Annie Scherba	Eric Brodbeck
Jim Connaughton	Todd Shell
Julie Floch	Heidi Santore
Joe Auchter	Bob Bell
Eileen Sergent	Carolyn & Art Engelken
PJ Sneeringer	Minet Merritt
Ted Moody	Anne Rogers
Andrew Stofa	Loren Zachau
Rose Ondich	Carol MacPherson
Aaron Shinn	Otto Picard
Ann Bueschel	Harold Johnson
Kim Wood	Jeanne Jenkins
Kerry Michaels	Mike Sergent
Pastor Carol Lindsay	Wei Che Hu
Bob McQuaid	Margaret D'Oliveira
Donna Swanson	Jim Mastakas
Chris Bowman	Anna Mae Glassman
Marlys Christiansen	Nancy Wiles
Judy Lonn	Sven Mossberg
Nancy	Shan & Wayne Felts
Carl Seastedt	Donna Jaffee
Gertrude Kruger	Rose & Roger Wright
Maggie Hoyer	Raymond E. Smith
Jessica	Carol Lee Tieman
Eunice Neubeck	Linda Eriksen

To add to or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office. Unless we hear otherwise, names are removed after three months.

COUNCIL AT THE DOOR

If you have questions or suggestions for the Church Council, stop and see the Council Representatives at the door.

Serving today are: 8:30 - KW Janne
11:00 - Marti Neumann

Cross lapel pins identify our council members. We give thanks to God for these servants who undergird and direct our ministry.

1st Quarter Financial Statements

Your current "giving" update is now available thanks to Paul Mossberg. Please pick yours up outside Franklin Nelson Hall today.

New Members

What a joy today to welcome new members into our Family of Faith. Sharing our ministry in the days to come are:

Amber & Peter Leach, Savannah & Sebastian	New Providence
Kirsten & Russell Luedecker (James)	Gillette
Jessica & Steve Short & James	Florham Park
Tammy & Brett Siksnius & Ryan, Jeremy & Kaitlyn	Berkeley Heights

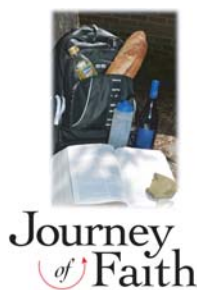
We are thankful for your partnership in our mutual ministry. If you are interested in learning more about our Family of Faith, please contact one of the Pastors.

Your Prayers

Today we remember Pastor Michael McQuaid, Peter's brother, who was installed last Sunday as the Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Linthicum, Maryland.

Music Notes

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday led by our Sanctuary Choir, and guests Max Morden, trumpet, and Nick Scheuble, timpani and percussion...member David Bronocco joins us on trombone...Later this week, our Sanctuary Choir leads us through the Good Friday service, with the Faith Bell Ringers, Brass, and Choir on at both services Easter Sunday.



Our theme this year reminds us that as God's people we are pilgrim people. As we follow Jesus, being formed into his image, we are people on a move, people with a mission. As a worshiping and serving community of disciples we journey wherever our Lord leads us to share the good news of Jesus Christ confident that God has provided all that we need to be his servants: water and word, bread and wine and healing oil. Join us this year and be part of our Journey of Faith.

A Servant's Prayer

"Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through challenges unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

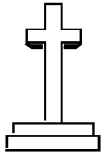
PLAN AHEAD

To help us better prepare for worship each week and to provide guidance for daily Bible reading, we publish the following Sunday's lessons each week. Take a few minutes each day to read over these Bible passages in anticipation of our sharing of the Word together. Next Sunday's lessons are:

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43

Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10



**Children Ages 3 & Up
You Are Invited
Children's CrossWalk
Mark the Date –
Good Friday, April 22nd
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL Registration Continues

Faith Nursery School continues registration for the 2011-2012 School Year. Three different morning classes are offered: a class for 2 ½ year olds that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays; a class for three year olds that meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and a Pre-K class that meets Monday thorough Friday. If you are interested in more information or are ready to register your child, please call Susan Nord, Director, at (908) 542-1252.



BROADWAY HOUSE more than a house...a home

In May, we will be heading over for our annual Spring Sing at Broadway House, our AIDS ministry. Look for the date soon in Family Notes. In addition, if you have any new or gently used men or women's spring clothing that you no longer need, please feel free to donate that as well. The Broadway House box is down the hall from the church office.

Opportunities for all ages, both on-site and off-site, are available. If you have any questions or for more information on ways you can help at Broadway House, contact Vicar Jane McCready at 908-233-8935 or jane@mccready.com.



LEND A HAND

As we move into our new expanded ministry center we are seeking to develop a list of folks who can assist with property needs as issues arise. Please email back or call if you can help with electric, plumbing, heating, or general maintenance. Our hope is to have a team of folks who can assist with minor problems and to let us know when we need to be calling outside help.



COFFEE TIME

Our Coffee time continues this morning at 9:40. If you can host one of our upcoming dates, please sign the sheet outside the Office. Thanks to today's hosts: Ellen & Larry Holt, Anne & Fred Fell.

Upcoming:
May 1 - Open
May 8 - Open

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

Information session May 1 after late service and May 8 at Peer Leader Forum. See Pastor Jim for more information.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum continues its educational ministry today at 9:40 a.m. Join us in Franklin Nelson Hall for coffee and conversation and then a chance to grow in your faith and why not "go green" by bringing your own cup to forum.

Today - LENTEN LEARNINGS - Join us for our Lenten Bible Study of each week's lessons.

May 1 - FUNDAMENTALISM IN AMERICA - A look at how this religious phenomenon shapes our culture.

May 8 - ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE CHURCH - A look at our sordid history and our hopeful future.

May 15 - I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB - A look at the sheep-shepherd imagery of the Bible and what it tells us about relationship with God.

AA

The gift of healing is shared through our AA ministry each Monday through Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. We give thanks to God for this healing ministry. Our Youth AA group meets each Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



WORLD HUNGER

March 27 was the first of our world hunger Sundays in 2011. Your gifts will provide the support that enables us to serve thousands of meals at the Soup

Kitchen in the coming months. They provide food for the dozens of families that will be staying with us in the Hospitality program. And they will feed the hungry here and around the world through the ELCA World Hunger program. Please prayerfully consider your gift and then respond generously and sacrificially to care for our sisters and brothers. If you forgot your Hunger envelope that came with your mailing this week, simply mark a pew envelope "Hunger." Gifts after 2 weeks total \$3587.

VISITORS CONTINUE

Last week we again saw new visitors at worship! This means we've now had at least one new visitor at worship for 1259 out of the last 1279 Sundays. Make this week the time to invite a relative or friend to join us for our worship gathering. Share the Family! Share the Faith!



Somerset Patriots Baseball Game and Picnic

A night of Fun and Fellowship between Advent and Faith Lutheran

Friday, May 20, 2011

This is also a FIRE WORKS NIGHT

(Picnic area opens about 6 p.m., and fireworks usually run through 11:15 p.m.)

The picnic includes all you can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Fred baked cookies, chips and soft drinks. (Beer and wine can be purchased separately.)
\$25 per person

A sign-up sheet is on the table outside the Office and payment is now due

DID YOU KNOW...

...Today is Passion/Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week - and our return to our Sanctuary...our Membership Exploration Group met Tuesday, April 5 and new members are received today...3 of our Peer Leaders joined the Pastors for a trip to the Seminary this week...a new day time Bible study begins May 4... Coffee hosts are needed for Forum... AA meets Monday through Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings ...Faith Nursery School is now registering for the 2011-2012 school year...we've had at least 1 new visitor 1259 out of the last 1279 weeks...a special welcome to all who are visiting with our Family today...check next week's lessons...we continue to have a host of new visitors - welcome...why not bring a friend to Worship next Sunday...2010-2011 calendars are now available at cost in the narthex ...see you in church next week!

Family Prayers

We continue to pray for ALL those whose lives have been forever affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially the over 6400 service personnel who have been killed. Today we pray by name for the families of allied service personnel who have died in both wars. Please pray for the families of the following, all of whom died recently:

Sgt. Michael Beckerman, 25, USA, Missouri
Lance Cpl. Kenneth Corzine, 23, USMC, Illinois
Lance Cpl. William Crouse IV, 23, USMC, So. Carolina
Cpl. Steven Dunn, 27, British Royal Army, England
Pfc. Conrado Javier, Jr., 19, USA, California
Petty Officer 2nd Class Jonathan Lefort, 28, French Navy, France
Lance Cpl. Jose Maldonado, 21, USMC, Texas
Cpl. Steve Martin, 24, Canadian Army, Canada
Cpl. Maj. Matteo Miotto, 24, Italian Army, Italy
Sgt. Garrett Misener, 25, USMC, Tennessee
Cpl. Tevan Nguyen, 21, USMC, Texas
Cpl. Eric Torbert, Jr., 25, USMC, Pennsylvania
Warrant Officer Class 2 Charles Wood, 34, British Royal Army, England

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our website offers prayers for these folks and affords the opportunity to list service personnel serving there. To include a name, please see Pastor Mac. Today we pray for SPC Joe Ellis, a member of our Family, who is on active duty at Camp Drum after a year in Afghanistan. We also remember Lt. Christopher Wilk, a friend of the Daniels.

We remember Scott Farrell in our prayers. Scott is a relative of the Novaks, who is recuperating at Walter Reed Army Hospital after being wounded in Afghanistan.

YOUR PRAYERS/YOUR GIFTS

We continue to pray for all the people of Japan and those in the Pacific affected by the earthquake and tsunami. We are thankful that all of our ELCA missionaries and their communities are safe, even as we realize the catastrophic disaster that has forever changed so many lives. We invite your gifts for **Lutheran World Relief** which is in the midst of the recovery and relief efforts there. LWR has an outstanding record of getting gifts to the people for whom they are intended with minimal overhead. To share in this care of our sisters and brothers, simply make your check payable to "Faith" and mark it "Japan." Gifts after 4 weeks total \$2535.

UPCOMING -

April 17 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
18 - Staff Worship Planning
18 - FNS Enrichment
19 - Advent Church Council
21 - HOLY THURSDAY:
12:15 p.m. - Spoken Eucharist
7:30 p.m. - Eucharist & 1st Communion
22 - GOOD FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. - PLF Breakfast
10:00 a.m. - Children's CrossWalk
12:00 p.m. - Community Service
7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service
24 - EASTER
7:00 a.m. - Lighting of the Paschal Candle
8:30 & 11 a.m. - Festival Eucharist
25 - FNS & Office Closed
26 - Staff Worship Planning
26 - FNS Lunch Party
30 - Scotch Plains/Fanwood Recycling
May 1 - Olbers Baptism
1 - Interfaith Youth Meeting
1 - Hospitality Guests Arrive
2 - Staff Worship Planning
2 - FNS Enrichment
4 - Daytime Bible Study
4 - FNS Lunch Party
8 - Luedecker Baptism
8 - Hospitality Guests Depart
9 - Staff Worship Planning
9 - FNS Enrichment
9 - Finance Committee
10 - Cabinet
10 - Council
11 - Daytime Bible Study
12 - FNS Lunch Party
13 - Staff Retreat
14 - Soup Kitchen
14 - Spring Clean-Up at ARC Home

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE

Caring for Creation Now!

Green Food for Thought

Modern Christian Thought on God's creation:

"In our eagerness to prosper, we have ravaged what was good. Using more than what was needed, taking everything we could. We have changed the gentle order you intended for the earth. Now we humbly ask the wisdom to be part of its re-birth." (*Prayer for Creation* by Cathy Yost, hymn writer and first moderator of Presbyterians for Restoring Creation)

Green Tip: **Use power strips and turn them off.** Standby loss is the energy you waste (and pay for) simply by having appliances powered up even when they're turned off. Confused? Everyday home electronics, from TVs to computers, to cable boxes, DVDs and broadband modems, use hundreds of kilowatt-hours of energy per year, even when they're not in use. The solution is to unplug them, but

that can get laborious: the easy answer is to put your home office appliances on one power bar, your entertainment gadgets on another, and turn the power bars off when you turn in.

Wake up and smell the flowers!

As winter rolls to an end, it's a great time to enjoy the warming weather while sharing our abilities with communities all around the world. God has given us a beautiful new season and there is no better way to celebrate His gifts than by participating in Faith's ministries with events this spring.

This April, Faith will again be participating in recycling at the Fanwood Recycling Center. The date for this event on April 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with sorting recycled materials. Even if you can only be there for an hour or two, every bit helps. The church receives a check for our efforts at the Recycling center, which is used to help pay our electric bill. Please sign up at the information center or contact Ky Luu (908-322-2540 or kyvanluu@verizon.net). Go green!

Another great way to enjoy the spring weather while helping others is the Pedals for Progress bike collection. This program collects used bicycles for shipment to poor people overseas in need of transportation to get to jobs, markets, customers and schools. The date for this year's collection and processing is Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sign-ups can again be done in the information center or by contacting Bob Berk (908-322-1693 or reberk100@aol.com). This is a wonderful time to think about how much someone would appreciate a bike that you rarely use or has been sitting in your garage for years. You might also consider sending an e-mail to people you know and collect used bikes from neighbors and friends.

After getting through this long, snowy winter now is a great time to start the spring season by dedicating a few hours to serving others. If not you, then whom? If not now, then when?

The Stewardship Committee



JOIN US AT OUR VBS BIG ADVENTURE!

Ages: 3 years to 2nd grade

Dates: June 27 to June 30, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Registration begins Palm Sunday, April 17th

For more information, call Lynne Melhuish
at 908-464-6788.

EVENING PRAYER

For many they are special liturgies in our year long schedule, *Lenten Midweek Eucharist and Evening Prayer*. Quiet, reflective and meaningful are words folks use to describe these special worship opportunities, enhanced by the wonderful music of Theri Rossol, Jane McCready and John Everson.

Youth Forum

Youth Forum continues its educational/fellowship

ministry today as they gather downstairs in the Youth lounge. All high school youth are invited to share in this special ministry.

Today - The Way of Pilgrimage



Faith Lutheran now on Facebook

Get connected and stay connected with the Family at Faith. You can get updates and reminders of upcoming events and occasions, photos & videos, participate in discussions, find links to our ministry partners, blogs, and more!

RECYCLING

APRIL 30, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We need your help at the Fanwood/Scotch Plains Recycling Center. The hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. but you don't have to stay the 4 hours. Come for half hour or an hour and bring a friend because we NEED the help. Donuts and coffee will be served. Contact Ky Luu at 908-322-2540 or email kyvanluu@verizon.net or John Everson jm.everson@yahoo.com for questions and direction. Please sign up outside the Office

THE MINISTRY CENTER

New life surrounds us as we re-enter our Ministry Center today. Our new kitchen and heating system are completed, our parking lot is finished and now the major work on the worship end of our Ministry Center is almost finished. All of this has been made possible by the over \$2 million pledged during the capital campaign of 2005 and our renewed Capital Campaign these last few months. Thanks to all who made special, sacrificial gifts for the Ministry Center at year end and to all whose faithful stewardship is equipping ministry for the future. Follow progress of the work being done at the website: www.flc-mc.blogspot.com. AND....

IF you made a commitment and have been waiting to share your gift, NOW is the time as we soon will exhaust our cash and begin moving into our construction loan...with interest.

IF you have not yet made your commitment, please contact our Capital Campaign Chairs Theri and Fred Rossol (732 534 5350) to arrange for a visit.

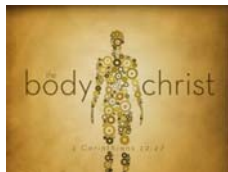
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

The Sunday School stewardship project this year is *Food for Today, Seeds for Tomorrow*. This program provides food and seeds for Zimbabwe. **To date: \$1500.85 has been collected.**

Lenten Center

Our Lenten Center stands at the foot of the cross to remind us of the brokenness and pain of our world in this season of penitence and renewal. In place of our flowers, there are plants that survive in barren and waterless areas. Broken pottery standing next to an intact bowl, reminds us of the brokenness of our world. The purple drape reminds us of this reverent season. Sand and brambles and roughhewn candleholders further remind us of the aridness and barrenness of this time. All of it stands at the foot of the cross, drawing us back to the "Center" to which God calls us. Back to prayer. To Scripture. To our devotional life. To responsive and responsible living. Back to the center from which we have strayed. Our Lenten Center hopefully evokes within us feelings and emotions that remind us of our hurt and needs, and most importantly of God's gift on Calvary. Take time to come up and see our Center more

closely. Explain to your children the symbolism in this “hands on” worship resource. Our thanks to the Sisters of Charity for their liturgical creativity which spawned this gift to our Family.



Being the Body of Christ

Wednesdays May 4 – June 1 at 10 a.m.
Advent Lutheran Church, 128 Stirling Rd., Warren

The people of Faith and people of Advent are entering a new stage in their shared partnership and mission in this season after Pentecost. Join Pastors Kriesat and Krombholz and friends from both Advent and Faith in study and conversation around Paul's letter the Corinthians and the topic of ***Being the Body of Christ***.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul writes poetically and passionately about what it means for the church to live as Christ's body in the world. This study looks at selected texts from Paul's letter and examines these questions:

- Do we see ourselves as the gifted Body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)
- What is the gift of the Body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)
- How does the gift of love shape the Body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)
- Are we giving what we were given? (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

Sign up for this study outside the Office.



ARC Home Spring Clean Up Day May 14, 9 a.m. to noon

*Please, sign-up and serve as part
of this servant ministry work crew.*

COME GROW!

Would you like to join fellow members for an opportunity to grow in your faith and commitment? If so we'd love to have you share in a special luncheon on Sunday, May 15, right after second liturgy. Please speak with our Stewardship Chairs Ruth Roemer (973 845 6317), Julie Pedersen (973 408 9287) or one of the Pastors.



**HOLY THURSDAY, April 21 - 12:15 and 7:30 p.m. - Eucharist
(7:30 p.m. - Rite of First Communion)
"Food for the Journey"**

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 22 -
10:00 a.m. - Children's CROSSWALK
12:00 noon - Community Ecumenical Service at Faith
7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae with Stripping of the Altar
"Crucifixion at the Crossroads"**

SATURDAY, April 23 - A Day of Silence and Meditation

**EASTER, April 24 -
7:00 a.m. - Lighting of the Paschal Candle in the Garden
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - Easter Procession and Festival Eucharist
Bells, Brass and Timpani
"Jesus Leads the Way"**

BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
P: We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**
P: Let us go forth in peace.
C: **In the name of the Lord.**
P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: **Hosanna in the highest.**
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