



GATHER

PRELUDE

The Royal Banners Forward Go

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: The Holy Spirit empowers us to confess our sins... to tell ourselves the truth in love. We seek repentance and forgiveness. We seek to get up from our falls, overcome our mistakes and face hurt in a way that brings more wisdom and wholeheartedness, allowing us to live Christ-like lives.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

MANY:

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin:

we are quick to tell partially true stories where we are right and good,

we often assume other people's motives are mean-spirited, and

we don't want to wade into the messiness of life.

We have not loved you wholeheartedly.

We have not loved our neighbors and friends and enemies with the courage you have created in us. For Jesus sake, strengthen us to rumble with our failings and rise strong in your love.

ONE: The Rising Strong endings to our stories are grounded in the love source of the universe, which we call Jesus. As we struggle with our brokenness and work to change how we engage with the world, God's forgiveness works in us. The love of Jesus ultimately transforms the way we live, love, and lead.
Your sins are forgiven, you are free.

MANY: AMEN

Verses 1, 3, and 4

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

ONE: Let us pray. Hosanna, King,

Blessed are you, our king, who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to praise you! Hosanna in the Highest!

MANY: AMEN

SCRIPTURE

from the SPARK Story Bible

Jesus said to his disciples, “Friends! I need to go to Jerusalem. I’ve got some important things to do and I want to celebrate Passover with you there. Will you come with me?”

“Sure!” said the disciples. “Passover is a great holiday! Such great food! And what a wonderful story Passover celebrates--the exodus of God’s people, the Israelites, from Egypt! It’s good to be with friends and family at Passover.”

So Jesus and his friends started to go to Jerusalem. When they got close to the city, Jesus said, “I’d like two of you to go borrow a donkey in the next village over. Please tell the owner I need it. He’ll understand.” When the two friends came back with a donkey, Jesus climbed on its back and rode down the hill into the city of Jerusalem. The disciples followed behind him.

Suddenly, they found themselves in a parade! People were singing and shouting, “Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Here comes God’s King! Hosanna! Praise God!”

People all over heard the shouting and singing and they joined the parade, too. Hundreds of people! Thousands of people!

They started taking off their coats and laying them on the ground for Jesus and the donkey to walk on. They pulled palm branches down from the tree and waved them as they sang. Then they threw their palms on the ground to make a path for Jesus.

The crowds gave Jesus a royal welcome as he rode into the city, just like a king. But Jesus was a very different king--he was a king of peace. Not everyone understood that. Jesus was not at all what they were expecting.

They thought the crowd was too loud and the parade was getting too big. “Who is that man?” someone asked. “What’s going on here?” asked another.

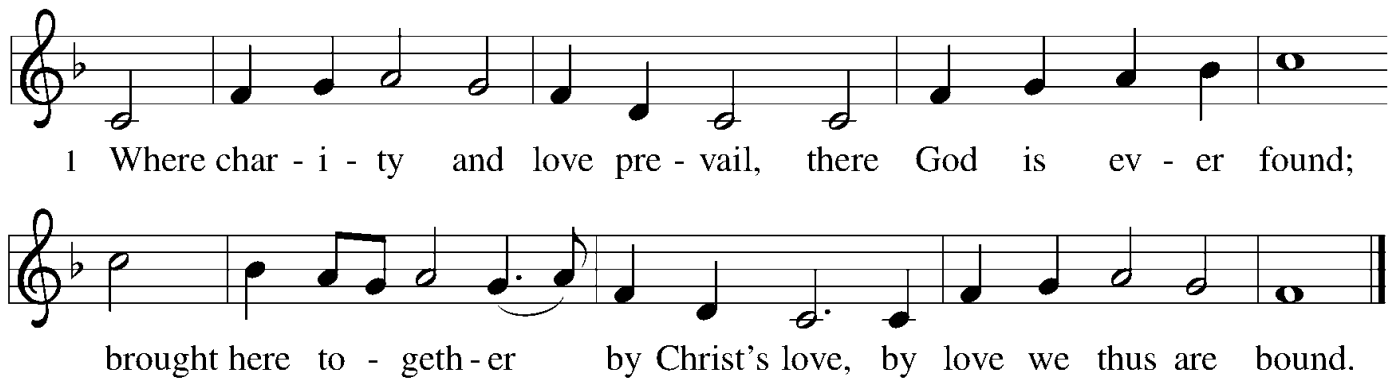
The crowd answered, “This is Jesus! God’s King! He has come to save us!”

Some of the religious leaders murmured, “Hush! Jesus, tell your friends to be quiet--it’s way too loud here!”

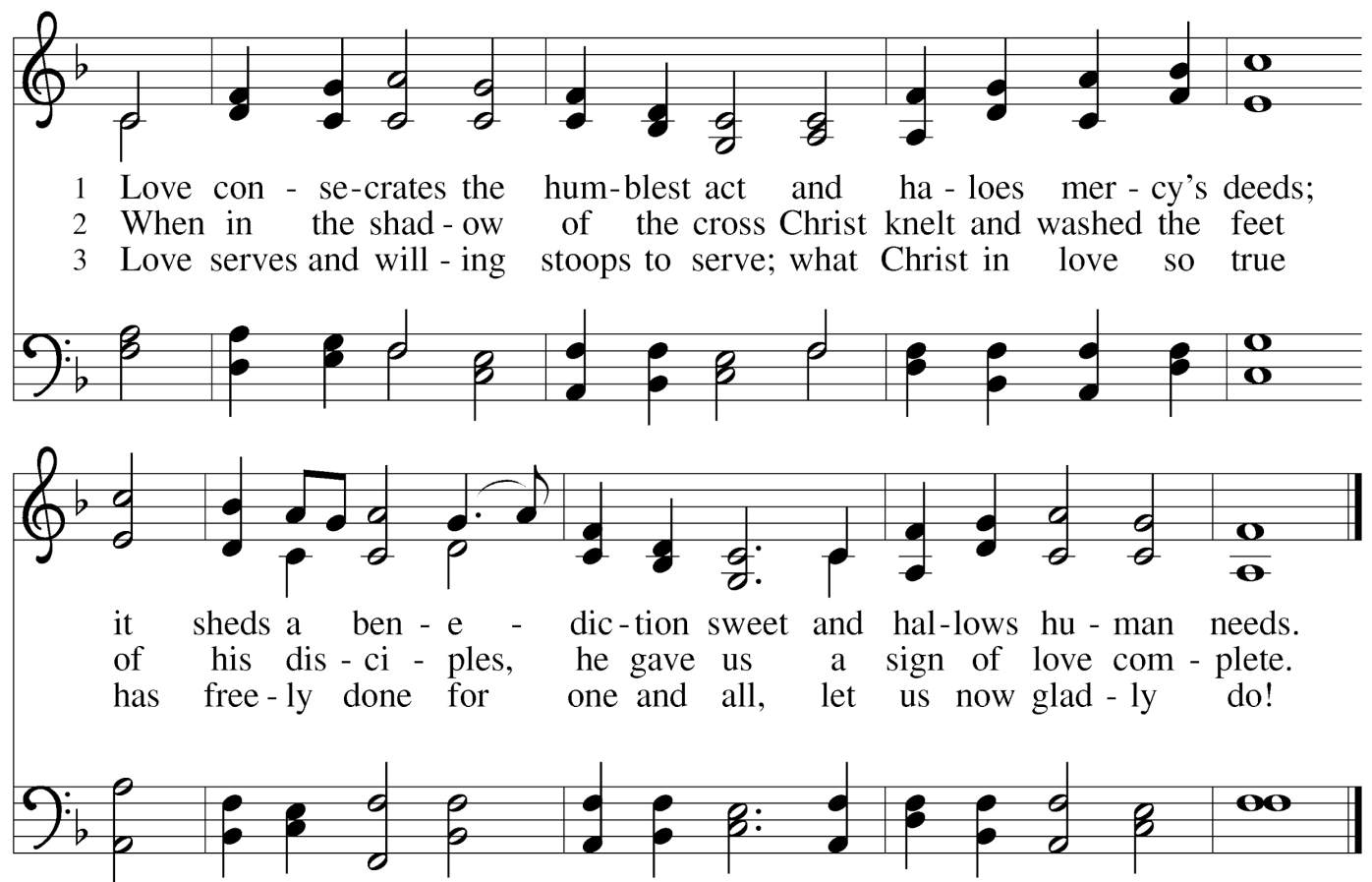
But Jesus said, “We can try to make these people be quiet, but that wouldn’t make a difference because today the whole earth is celebrating! Even if they keep quiet, the stones along the road will burst into cheers!”

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true
it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: We come before God with prayers on behalf of creation, the nations of the world, Christ's church, and all who are in need.

Silence

ONE: God of the Journey, as we move into Holy Week strengthen our faith and inspire us to actions that create justice and joy in your world. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of the Journey, you set out with courage and vulnerability, giving yourself as the ultimate sacrifice for the healing of the world. Yet, today there is discord between parties and nations, citizens and governments, which continues to tear your peace and justice apart. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of the Journey, make us vulnerable in our journeys, that we might see not only how we participate in divisions, but how we might contribute to resolution. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of the Journey, you cannot help but stop along the way to heal and restore, to lift up and renew, to comfort all who are in need. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing comfort ...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart

J. A. Freylinghausen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ELW p. 64

ONE: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING

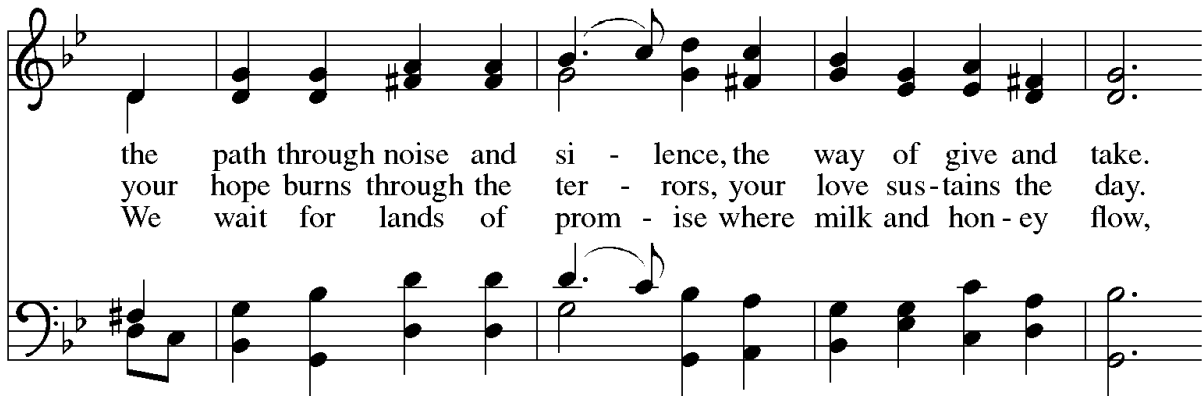
SENDING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 326



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

BENEDICTION

ONE: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prelude on CORONATION

Flor Peeters

Holy Week Worship Services

**BOTH live-streamed at peaceofplymouth.org
AND in-person.**

Visit <https://signup.com/group/1098134058065> to attend in-person.
(Limited Sanctuary capacity.)

Maundy Thursday
7:00pm

Good Friday
7:00pm

Easter Sunday
9:00am

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