

*Holy Comforter Episcopal Church*  
PALM SUNDAY: SUNDAY OF THE PASSION  
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Holy Eucharist Rite II



*Our Mission*  
*“Living Our Faith by Serving God and Others”*

The Reverend Dr. Allen Hill, Rector

# LITURGY OF THE PALMS

AT THE BELL TOWER

*We Will Glorify*

CLH 66

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings; we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb.  
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty; we will bow be - fore His throne.  
3. He is Lord of heav - en. Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who live.

We will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.  
We will wor - ship Him in righ - teous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.  
He is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse; all praise to Him we give.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION (*Standing*)

*Celebrant* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People** Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the 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 proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

*The blessed palm branches are now distributed to the people.*

## *I Will Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving*

I will en - ter His gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart; I will  
 en - ter His courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!" I  
 will re - joice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I  
 will re - joice for He has made me glad. will re - joice for He has made me glad.

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace.  
**People** In the name of Christ. Amen.

### PROCESSION OF PALMS

### *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

### Hymn 154

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of	Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al	Son,
3 The peo - ple of the	He - brews with palms be - fore thee	went;
4 To thee be - fore thy	pas - sion they sang their hymns of	praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their	prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we	bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PSALM 118: 19-29** (All Together)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD;  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, LORD, hosannah!  
LORD, send us now success.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us;  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

PROCESSIONAL

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

CLH 156

1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
5. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes "ho - san - na" cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
pomp ride on to die; O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and  
fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on His  
pomp ride on to die; bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - d'ring eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
sap - phire throne ex - pects His own a - noint - ed Son.  
mor - tal pain, then take, O God, Thy pow'r, and reign.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,

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.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

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.

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;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
People **Thanks be to God**

*Silence-What indeed is God saying?*

**PSALM 31:9-16** (Read Responsively)

9 **H**ave 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.**

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**12 I am forgotten like a dead man, 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 Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me."**



## THE EPISTLE

## Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader            Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence-What indeed is God saying?*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name.  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradanseu*, 1710

*Please be seated for the first part of the Passion.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 23:1-49**

*Deacon* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He

stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

**THE HOMILY** (*seated*)

**Father Allen Hill**

*Silence*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader* Enter our hearts this day and every day, O Christ.

**People** **And lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

*Leader* Lead each member of your church in humility as we walk together. Guide our Diocesan Standing Committee, our Assisting Bishops, our clergy and our lay leaders, that your glory may be revealed through them.

**People** **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

*Leader* Lead the authorities of every country in the way of justice for all of their citizens and peace between neighbors and nations. We pray especially for this country, state, and city, and for all our public officials.

**People** **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

*Leader* Lead each of us to reach out our hands and hearts in love to serve the poor, hungry, and oppressed; the unemployed and destitute; prisoners, captives, and refugees; those who suffer from discrimination, persecution, and degradation; and all those in need.  
**People** **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

*Leader* Lead us to show compassionate care to those struggling with anxiety, fear, and depression; those seeking to overcome addictions; and those grieving a significant loss.  
**People** **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

*Leader* Lead us in loving ministry to those who are afflicted with physical ailments and conditions; the aged and infirm; and the sick, especially Celeste, Walter, Mae, Cynthia, Herb, Rhonda, Bonnie, Lee, Russell, Marcie, Sterling, Marcie, Jan, Anita, Valerie, Suzy, Mason, Kayleigh, Elizabeth, Virginia, Patsy, Susan, Pat, Irina & family, Joy, Diane, Josefa, Avri, Vicki, Marguerite, Diane, and Sam.  
**People** **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

*Leader* Lead us to live lives that please you as we walk this earth so that with those who have died we may join you in our eternal home.  
**People** **Lead us on this walk of love, O Lord.**

*A brief silence is kept. The Celebrant then says the concluding Collect:*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, whose Son humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Receive the prayer we offer this day for all those in need in every place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The people kneel (as able)*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. †  
**Amen.**

## COMFORTING SENTENCE AND THE PEACE (*Standing*)

*Celebrant* Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ' blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY

*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*[Ephesians 5:2]*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

## Hymn 474

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 cross of Christ, my God; all the - vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

# LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## Eucharistic Prayer A *(Standing)*

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.  
A - men.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.



Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**SANCTUS** (All Sing)

**S-129**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_

*(The people may remain standing or kneel.)*

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to *sing*,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven,  
5 Hal-lo-wed be thy name! Thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on  
9 earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-  
13 give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass-a-against us,  
17 and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-li-ver us from  
21 e-vil. For thine is the king-dom, and the po-wer and the  
25 glo-ry, for-e-ver and e-ver!  
28 A-men!

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People** Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

## AGNUS DEI

S 161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*All baptized Christian believers are invited to receive Holy Communion. All others are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive this option, please cross your arms over your chest in front of the priest.*

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

7 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.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.  
 Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

# How Deep the Father's Love for Us

PSB 92

1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure That  
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way As  
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -  
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -  
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

9 ry. ished. 2 Be - som. 3 I

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*All stand*)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*(Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.)

## THE BLESSING†

### *Celebrant*

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**People      Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### *Praise Him! Praise Him!*



1. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem-er! Sing, O Earth, His  
2. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem-er! For our sins He  
3. Praise Him! praise Him! Je - sus, our bless-ed Re - deem-er! Heav'n-ly por - tals

won - der-ful love pro - claim! Hail Him! hail Him! high-est arch-an-gels in glo - ry;  
suf-fered, and bled and died; He our Rock, our hope of e - ter-nal sal - va-tion,  
loud with ho-san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign-eth for-ev-er and ev-er;

Strength and hon - or give to His ho - ly name! Like a shep-herd  
Hail Him! hail Him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied. Sound His prais-es!  
Crown Him! crown Him! Proph-et and Priest and King! Christ is com-ing!

Je - sus will guard His chil - dren, In His arms He car - ries them all day long:  
 Je - sus who bore our sor - rows; Love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep and strong:  
 o - ver the world vic - to - rious, Pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

*Refrain*

Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His ex - cel - lent great - ness;

Praise Him! praise Him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

**DISMISSAL**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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