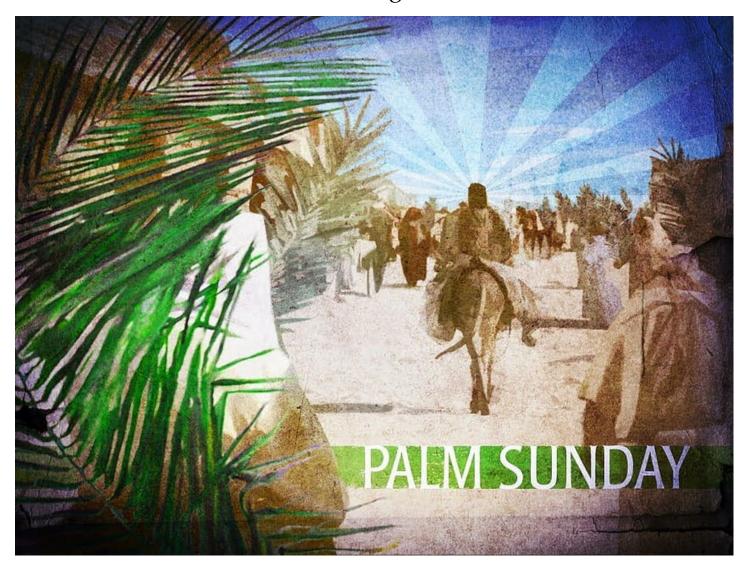
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service • April 13, 2025 Setting 1



Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WING IN THE GOOD NEWS

POD'S AMAZING GRACE

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm; Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

Pastor's Cell: (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben

Alexandre Guilmant

GATHERING

All who are able may join Pastor Tina outside on the portico for the psalm, litany and prayer before processing into the sanctuary. Those inside may stand when procession from outside to inside begins.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-26

LITANY

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Behold your king comes to you, O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey.

Ride on in the cause of truth

And for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever;

And the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil:

therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

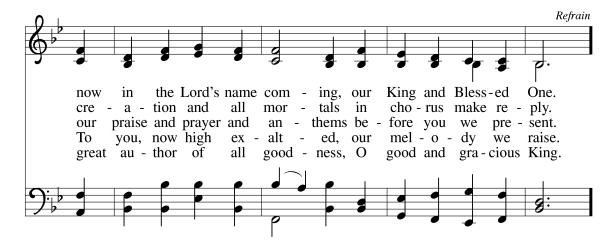
those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

ELW 344



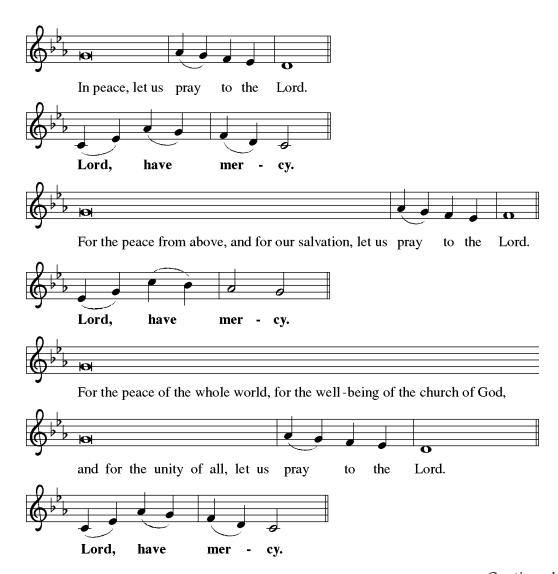


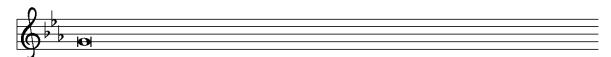
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GREETING

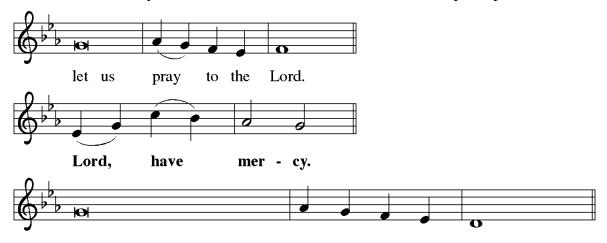
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: LUKE 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After he had said this, [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. Now as he was 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown
LOVE UNKNOWN

ELW 343

APOSTLE'S 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God in your mercy, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Here comes the Lord ridin' on a donkey with people waving branches and calling him "King." Here comes the Lord ridin' through Jerusalem.

If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!

Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.
Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna shout in victory!
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty.
Ain't no rock gonna shout for me.

Here comes the Lord as thousands throng to see him.

Children stand on tiptoe to see the King.

Here comes the Lord; excitement in the air.

If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!

Here comes the Lord; hosannas fill the air. The people bow and worship the promised King! Here comes the Lord. "Hosanna in the highest!" If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Blessed Is the One (sung twice)
BLESSED IS THE ONE

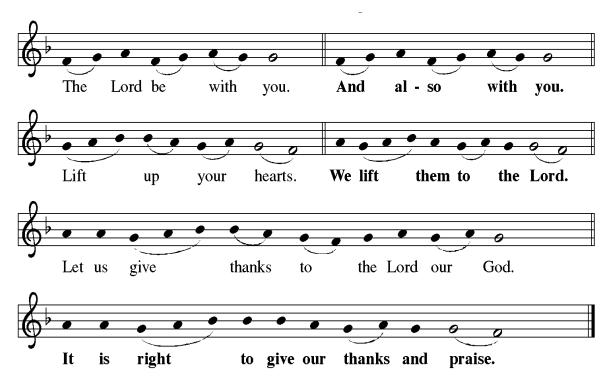
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.
Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

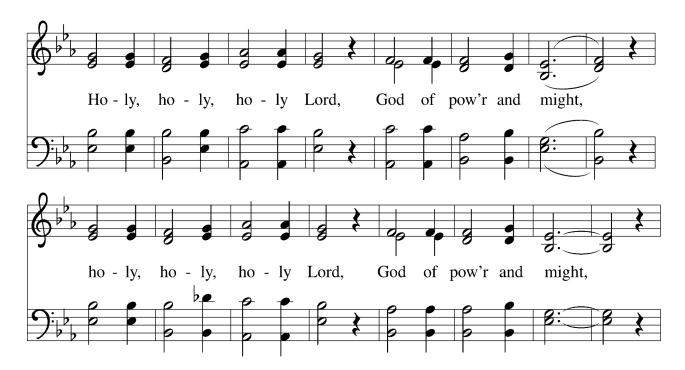


PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS





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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

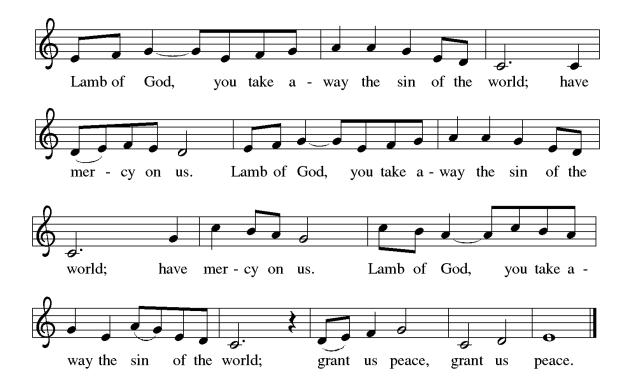
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.



The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a *clear* cup with wine or a *purple* cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary. Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION The Holy City
Charles Adam Robinson, baritone

Weatherly/Adams

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!
THE KING'S MAJESTY

ELW 346

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Toccata on *The King's Majesty*

Robert A. Hobby

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church recognizes the following for their first Holy Communion: Celina Carolina Ramos Alday, Daniel Lybeck LeForge, Gabriella Camilla Perez, and Caspar Theodore Prussia.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Karina Stevens

ACOLYTES – Luke and Samantha Harry

LECTOR - Kathleen Pietrasanta

USHERS/GREETERS – Dave Roselius and Thad Kieninger

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Kelly Rummel



Holy Week



Palm Sunday/Celebration of First Communion April 13, 2025

10:00 Worship with Palm Processional and First Communion After worship, cake reception for First Communion youth in the library

Wednesday Evening Lenten Service April 16, 2025:

We worship through taste 6:30 Worship in the choir loft

Maundy Thursday April 17, 2025

We move with Jesus 7:00 Worship begins in the library

Good Friday April 18, 2025

12:00 Stations of the Cross, St. Andrew's, Hilton 7:00 Seven Last Words of Jesus

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

6:15 Sunrise Worship in the columbarium8:45 Potluck reception9:00 Easter Egg hunt10:00 Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>RECEPTIONS</u> There will be a First Communion cake only reception after worship on April 13th in the church library. There will be a potluck Easter reception during the Sunday School hour before worship on April 20th in the social hall. Committee members, we will need help setting up on Saturday, April 12th, at 10 AM, and Friday April 18th, at 10 AM. All are welcome to help us out before, or with clean up afterward.

<u>POLISHING, CLEANING, AND GARDENING</u> On Saturday, April 12, we are looking for some willing helpers for several chores that need to be done around the church building. We will be polishing brass and silver, dusting and doing some general cleaning, clearing out rocks from a few window wells, and working in the Columbarium. We need your help **especially** for the window wells and Columbarium. If you can lend a hand for a little while on Saturday, we will be meeting at 9am. Many hands make light work!

TLC WELCOME STATEMENT SURVEY/CONDUCTED BY THE RIC CORE TEAM

Our congregation voted in December 2024 to approve an amended version of our Statement of Welcome as part of our most recent constitutional review and update. It is set to be voted on for formal ratification, along with other approved constitutional amendments, at the next congregational meeting in June 2025. This Statement of Welcome includes specific language demonstrating our congregation's commitment to the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of all people. The RIC Core Team would like to know your thoughts and feelings about this mission of welcome and inclusion in our church. Your responses will help us to better understand everyone's perspectives and help to honor them as we continue our Welcoming Journey together. For more details about Trinity's mission, visit the What We Believe page of our website (https://trinitylutheran-nn.com/what-we-believe)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

TELC Scholarship applications are available on the youth bulletin board or through the Constant Contact link. Please reach out to the Administrative Assistant or Kathy Stevens if you need help accessing a form. All forms are due by **May 1, 2025**.

GARDEN WORK DAY

It is time to prep our community garden for the spring planting. We will meet at the church on Saturday, April 19 at 9 AM in the playground area to weed, move dirt, and till up the soil to ready it for planting the following week. If you can join us to help that morning, bring some work gloves, rakes, and tillers to get the job done. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

WE DID IT!!!!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the fundraising campaign for our new Yamaha C7X sanctuary piano. As of this week, we have officially raised all \$34,000 that we needed! Again, thank you for your generous, overwhelming support of this much-needed project that will greatly enhance our musical life at Trinity! A reminder that we were approved for a generous grant of \$25,000 from the E. K. Sloane Piano Fund by the Hampton Roads Community Foundation. Once we receive those funds, we will work with our piano dealer to schedule delivery of our new Yamaha. We hope to have our new piano ready for use in worship within the next month or two. Look for information on a more exact timeline very soon!

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS UPDATE

Part of a journey is reflection. Lenten services continue **IN PERSON** in the sanctuary where we are worshipping through our senses. This will be a five week series that allows us to explore the themes of Lent through the things we can see, touch, smell, taste, and feel. This is meant to be a family friendly, interactive service. COME AS YOU ARE! If you need to bring a lunch box with you, bring it. If you need to come in sweatpants, wear them. There will be weeks that I will be in my GOTR gear! Lent is meant to be a time of communal journeying and I pray that we will embrace the opportunity to do this together. Faith is not meant to be done alone, but together. Please join us at 6:30 on April 2, 9. & 16.

EASTER LILY

If you would like to place an order for an Easter Lily please contact the church office at (757) 245-7861. The Cost is \$15 each. There are only a handful left and orders must be received by Tuesday 4/15. Thank you!

CANDY DONATIONS

The youth group is collecting candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please make sure that all candy is individually wrapped and can fit in a small plastic egg. Please stay away from hard candies that could be a choking hazard like jaw breakers or larger candy bars and lollipops that we cannot stuff inside a small egg despite our best attempt. Please have all candy donations into the youth room by Sunday, April 13. Thank you in advance for supporting our kids!

EASTER EGG HUNT

All youth ages birth – Elementary School aged are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20. Please bring a basket to collect eggs with you, and meet us in the gym at 9 AM on Easter Sunday ready to hunt eggs. This event is rain or shine as we can move the hunt inside if needed.

REMINDER

Just a reminder that, if you have children with you in the service, there are binders in the narthex with drawing paper and crayons, coloring pages, games, and various puzzles for them to use during the service if needed!

RED FOOD BOX THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to members of the school community, who have joined our Trinity family in helping to keep the Red Food Box filled with delicious and nutritious portable foods!

"LEAVE A BOX, TAKE A BROWNIE"

Ellie is supporting the Thrive food market with boxes of cake and brownie mix, one of their most requested items. Beginning Sunday, April 13th, she will be bringing in home-baked brownies, and you can get one for yourself in exchange for each box of cake mix you bring in to donate! You can also bring in money to buy a box of cake mix and take a brownie, and she'll do the buying for you! Ellie will continue collecting boxes of cake and brownie mix or money until the end of April. There will be a collection box and money jar left in the church library for you to leave your donations and pick up a brownie at your convenience. Let's help bring a sweet spring to everyone!

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Shut- ins at Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Stephanie Beauvais, requested by Jarvis Edwards; Al and Andrea Husband; Larry and Linda Jones, requested by Judy Hunt; Anne Obara, requested by Cliff Obara; Mary Lucia Spake, Bill Solomon; Sarah Miller, requested by John & Sandy Lunsford; Bill Solomon, requested by the server crew; Susan & Scott **Nelson**, requested by Laura Davis; **Family of Don Hipple**, requested by Todd Recupero; Wayne Skinner & Pam Carmean, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, requested by the Dail Family; Ron Vodenichar, Sandy's brother, and Eddie Bateman, our nephew, requested by the Sniady Family; Astrid Quist, requested by Pastor Tina; Florence & Richard, cousins of Dottie Self, requested by Dottie Self; Family and Friends of Rudy Coffee, requested by Carter Recupero; Virginia Hamby, requested by Pastor Tina and Katherine Harry; Mary Best, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; Sherry Johnston, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; The family of Carole Knopp, by Wendy Mynoymany; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, requested by Tricia Wessler; Amanda Griegos and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; Karen Admano and her husband Matt requested by Patricia Fielding; the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz.

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB.



- 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!

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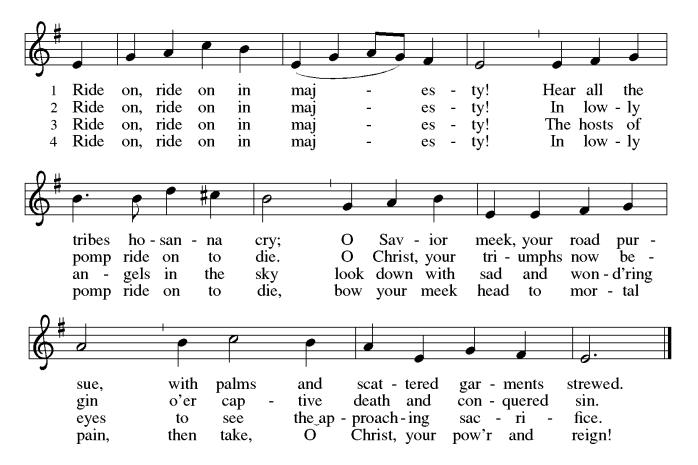


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