

UPCOMING WORSHIP

April 6

Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship

Rev. Matt Weiler

Seeking: Will you wash my feet?

April 7

Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Seeking: Why have you forsaken me?

April 9

Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Seeking: Who are you looking for?

John 20:1-18

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, Steve Johnson,
Dawn Wheaton, Max Miller, Mandakini Brophy,
Jason Brophy

Communion Serers: Lilly and Grace Harthorn,
Steve and Jessica Harthorn, Dawn & Derek
Wheaton, Mandakini & Jason Brophy, Carolyn
Librizzi, Steve Johnson

Director of Music **Organist** **Soloist**
Jacqueline Stilger Bernie Foulk Jack Hopkins

First Bells Director: Carol Grant

Satellite Worship Coordinator: Pastor Thom Victor

AV Team: Lucas McGinnis, Bryan Heany, Drew
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Liturgy adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A.
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INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

In our worship, we strive to witness to the whole-
ness of God, embracing the diversity of images of
God that are found within Scriptures. We will seek
to include male, female, and gender-neutral lan-
guage and imagery for God, and utilize language
that helps to avoid binary terms in pronouns and
images of people. In our hymns and liturgy, we in-
vite you to use pronouns that best express your prac-
tice and affirm your faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday Brunch. The whole church is invited
to a light brunch in Wesley Hall immediately follow-
ing this morning’s worship. Many thanks to Donna
Dunyak for organizing this with a little help from
the Children and Families Ministries Team. There
will be baskets by the doors of Wesley Hall to take a
goodwill offering for the brunch. All are welcome!

Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith, a se-
ries of scripture and art reflections each Sunday dur-
ing Lent. Dig deeper into the themes with Pastor Ju-
lie following worship. Booklets available at the Wel-
come Desk. Meets in the chapel. No need to have
attended previously as each week is a new session.
We’ll begin at 11:45 after attending the brunch!

Small Groups. Our next small group gatherings will
be this evening. Activities offered this evening will
include: Multigenerational Games/Cards (including
MahJong this week), Lenten Book Study, working on
your own unfinished crafts, and Yoga with Pastor
Julie. We will start off with a time of community
gathering and our informal potluck dinner so bring
something to share if you’d like (no pressure) and
plan to join in the fun! Hope to see you there!

Children’s Sunday School. There will be no
Children’s Sunday school after church on Sun-
day, April 2, or April 9 due to Palm Sunday
and Easter Sunday celebrations. On these Sun-
days there will be Nursery for infants through
4 year old children and Godly Play during
worship. Children’s Sunday School resumes on
Sunday, April 16.

Holy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. (childcare
available in room 204) In these final hours of
accompanying Jesus to his grave, can we seek a
posture of trust just as the first disciples did as
Jesus washed their feet? Can we allow our-
selves to be embraced and loved, by our neigh-
bor and by God? Will we care for one another
as Jesus commands? In the turbulent events
that are to follow, will we remember to show
our love? Let us commune with the Holy One
through breaking bread, drinking the cup,
singing hymns, and praying together.

Good Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. (childcare
available in room 204) On this night we walk
the way of sorrow with Jesus as we pray, lis-
ten, sing the reflective hymns of Good Friday.
Of all the questions in our Lenten worship se-
ries, “Why have you forsaken me?” remains
the most unanswerable. Jesus’ final lament
gives voice to all those who have been forsak-
en—those who suffer injustice, those who are
abandoned, those who are unjustly convicted.
Instead of trying to answer this question with
logic or theology, we are invited to live it, to sit
with it. In this time of deep reflection as the
cello draws us in musically, we are attentive to
staying awake and listening to the need within
and around us.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. (childcare
available in room 204) After nights of deep
darkness, we come in the bright light of Easter
morning and celebrate that Christ is risen in-
deed! Resurrection is possible. It is a glorious
morning filled with tulips, lilies, brass and tim-
pani, voices raised in joy, all proclaiming
“Alleluia!” On this glorious morning let us lis-
ten for a stone rolled away and the sounds of
new life. Let us hear death moved aside for the
sounds of life, wholeness, and resurrection.
Jesus is alive and together we will sing the
“Hallelujah Chorus” once again.

April 2, 2023

10:00 a.m.



seeking:
*Where are
you headed?*



We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all.

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites all persons
to join us on our journey of faith. Jesus Christ calls us to be an inclusive church that
exemplifies the kingdom of God. We strive to move toward reconciling
relationships with all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason,
including sexual orientation or gender identity.

We welcome all with *open hearts, open minds, open doors.*

Clergy & Directors

Rev. Julie Kline

Lead Pastor

Rev. Matt Weiler

Pastor of Community Formation

Jacqueline Stilger

Director of Music

Julia Librizzi

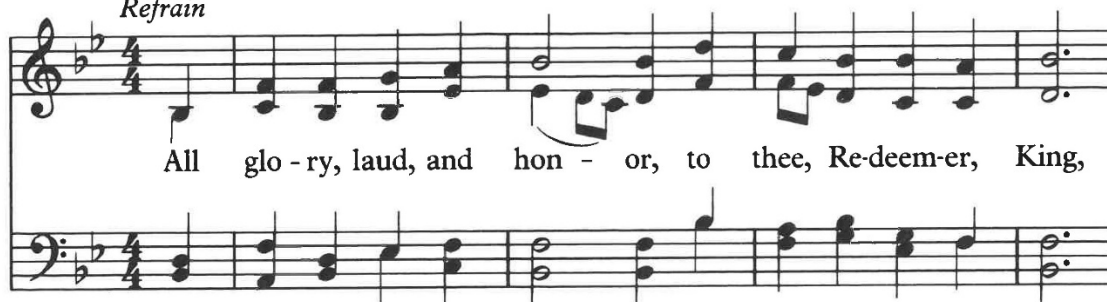
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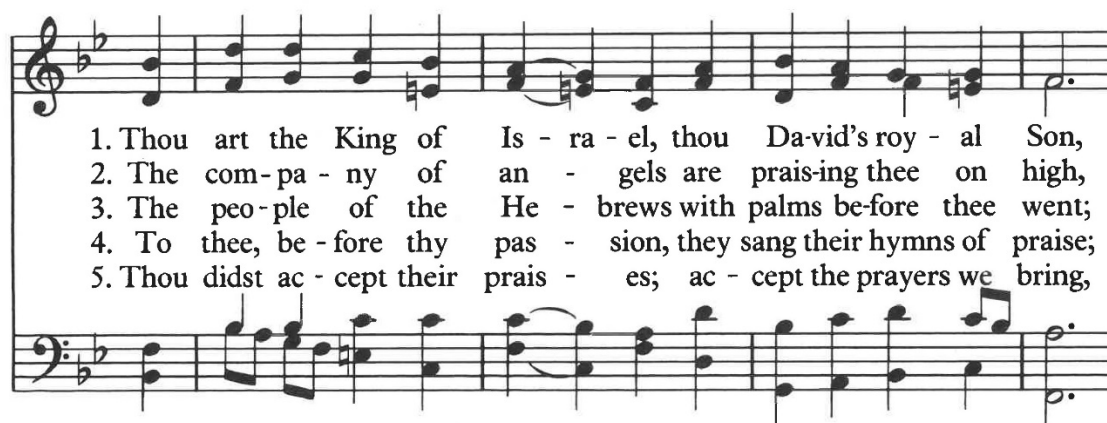
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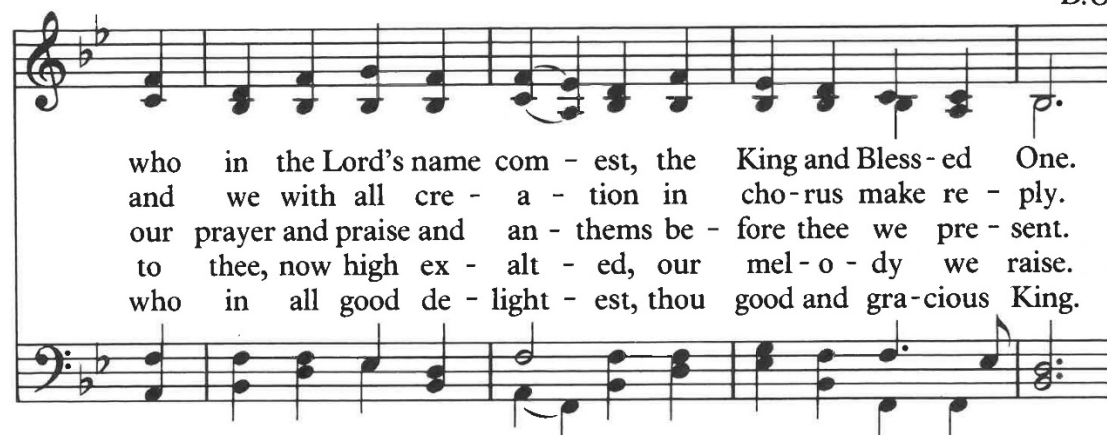
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Fine


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,
 2. The com-pa - ny of an - gels are prais-ing thee on high,
 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,

D.C.


who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our prayer and praise and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th cent.; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851
 (Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Lk. 19:36-38; Jn. 12:12-13)
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

*A congregation may use this text beginning with the invitation to the Lord's table.
Preceding parts of the service are guided by a bulletin or by announcement.*

*The people gather in the Lord's name.
They offer prayer and praise.
The Scriptures are read and preached.
Responses of praise, faith, and prayer are offered.
The service continues with the invitation to the Lord's table.*

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.
All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung as the offering is received.

The bread and wine are brought by representatives of the people to the Lord's table with the other gifts, or uncovered if already in place.

A hymn, doxology, or other response may be sung as the gifts are presented.

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One of the musical settings on pages 17-25 may be used if desired.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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.*

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.*
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.*

14 WORD AND TABLE: SERVICE II

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.*

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

The pastor breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or with appropriate words.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:

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(Sanctus)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

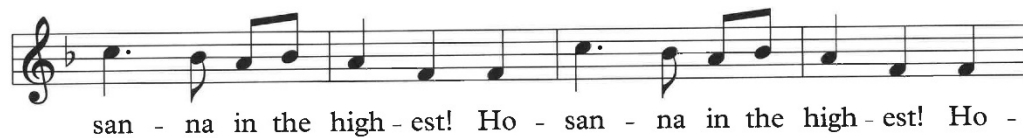
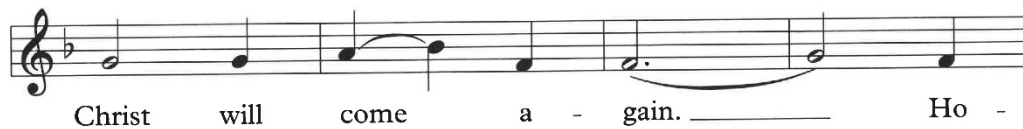
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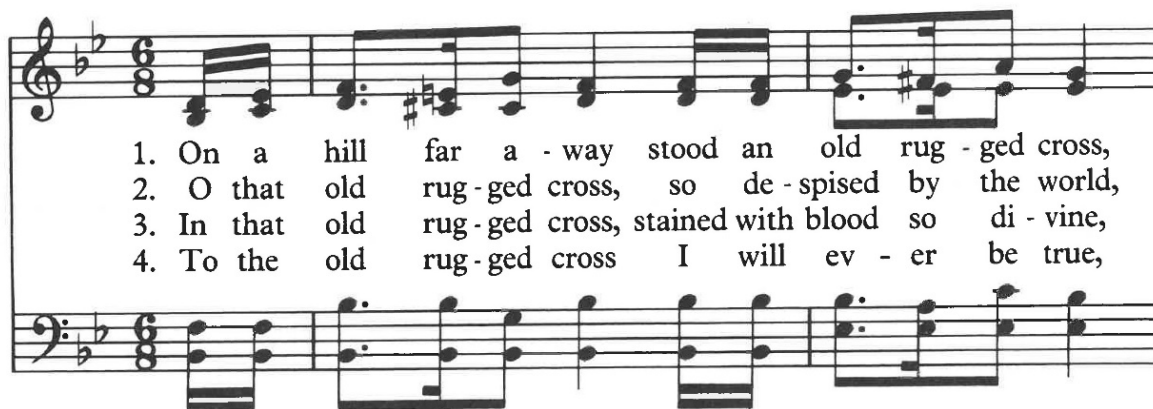
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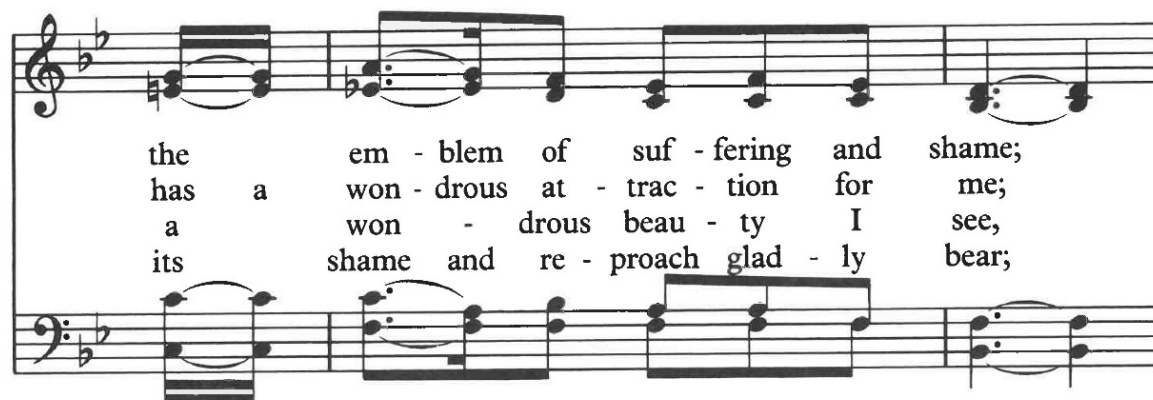
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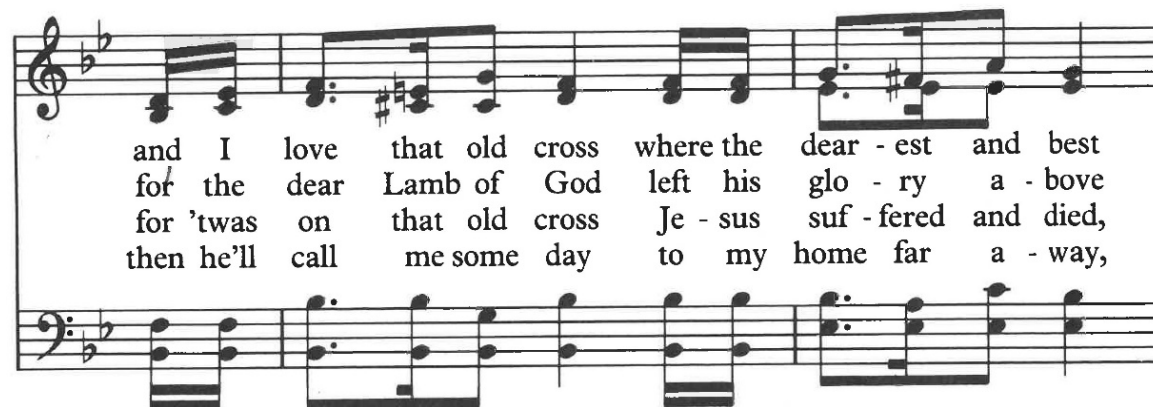
The Old Rugged Cross



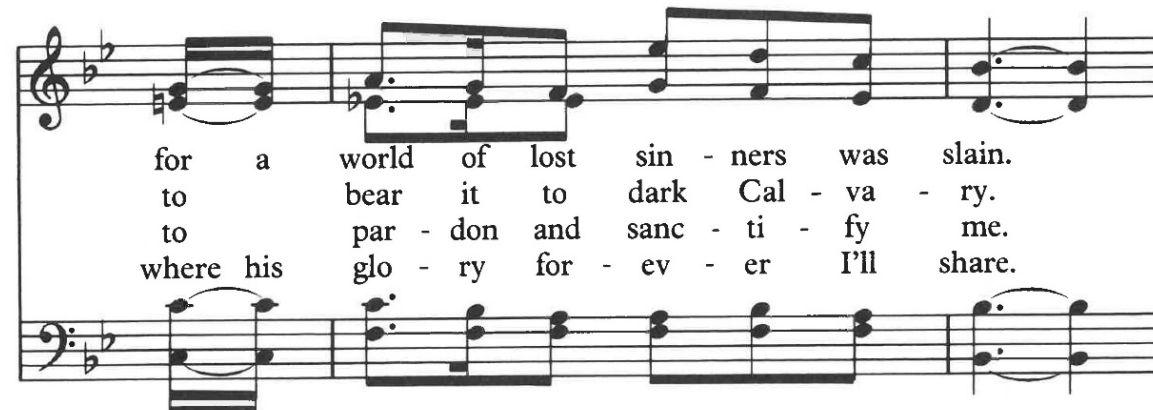
1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world,
 3. In that old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - fering and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see,
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

and ex - change it some day for a crown.

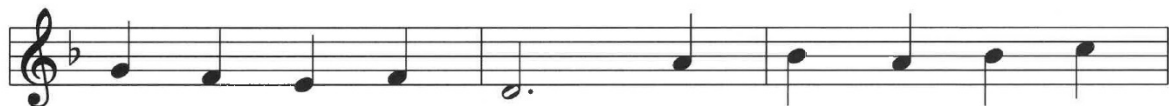
2111 We Sang Our Glad Hosannas



1. We sang our glad ho - san - nas and waved our branch-es
 (2. We) heard an an - gry Je - sus in Tem - ple courts de -
 (3. We) served him at the ta - ble with wine, un - leav-ened
 (4. We) saw a suf-fering Je - sus a - lone, with - out a



high, but some were si - lent, frown - ing, as
 clare, "Be gone, you mon - ey chang - ers! This
 bread. "The one who will be - tray me now
 friend, and heard the voic - es shout - ing a -



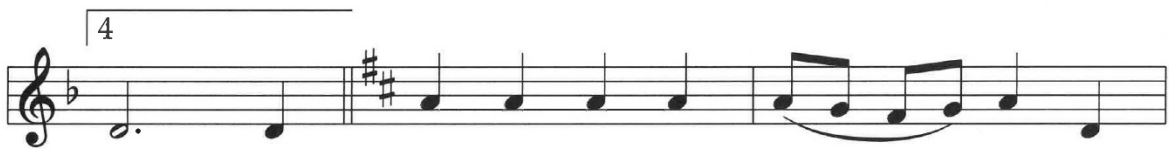
Je - sus rode on by. They sought a roy - al
 is a house of prayer." Though man - y came for
 eats with me," he said. His friends would not be -
 buse un - til the end. We wept as we stood



Sav - ior, but did not un - der - stand a king could rule by
 heal - ing and stayed to hear his word, still oth - ers, hos - tile,
 lieve him, but one by one that night, as sol - diers came to
 watch - ing Love's light grow dim and die, and cried, "Why did this



lov - ing in - stead of by com - mand. 2. We
 plot - ted and thus his death as - sured. 3. We
 take him, they scur - ried out of sight. 4. We
 hap - pen? God, tell us, tell us



why!" *5. We bu - ried him, not know - ing that

*St. 5 for Easter Sunday. Sts. 1-4 for Palm/Passion Sunday or Holy Week

WORDS: Mary Nelson Keithahn (Matt. 21:1-17; 27:27-31, 55-56; Mark 11:15-19; 14:17-21, 43-50;
 John 19:38-42; 20:1-18)

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