

HOLY WEEK

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This booklet serves as the bulletin for all of the Holy Week services from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, and it also includes devotions for the intervening days of Holy Week.



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Worship	8:30am	Online
Palm Sunday Worship	11:00am	Online
Maundy Thursday Worship	7:00pm	Online
Good Friday Worship	7:00pm	Online
Festival Easter Worship	8:30am	Online
Festival Easter Worship	11:00am	Online

We hope this booklet enables you to experience the Passion story (Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection) in a new way. In these pages, you will be able to read the story as told by Luke, interspersed with liturgy, songs, teaching, and moments of meditation.

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PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 28, 2021

8:30am & 11am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today the church celebrates the beginning of the climax of Jesus' story: his "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem, which is also known as Palm Sunday. This day points us toward the coming "Triduum," or Three Days, from the evening of Maundy Thursday, through the evening of Easter Sunday.

"Celebrate" may seem a bit odd for these days of Jesus' Passion. Suffering isn't something that we necessarily look forward to, but we celebrate because we recognize the sacrifice that Jesus made for each and every one of us, we recognize the pain that he endured and honor him for it, we recognize that only through this excruciating week in the life of our Lord are we saved.

So we remember....and we hope....because we know that Sunday's comin'. Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, the day that Christ rose from the dead, is the day that gives this day, Palm Sunday, and this week, Holy Week, their meaning.

Without Easter, this week would just be morbid, but in the hope of the resurrection, we see these passion events for the awesome gift that they are: Life from Jesus...for you.

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud and Honor
John Carter

Sylvia Cauter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We do a land acknowledgment as a step toward healing for promises broken over the years.

P: Here on the shores of the Salish Sea, on the traditional lands of the Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam people, God gathers us in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:29-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "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. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING PRAYER

P: 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 us with the vision of humility and glory present in Jesus' triumphant parade. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we live our lives in you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen

Frans Franzen/Swedish Folk Tune

1. Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2. God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3. Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4. His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry;
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

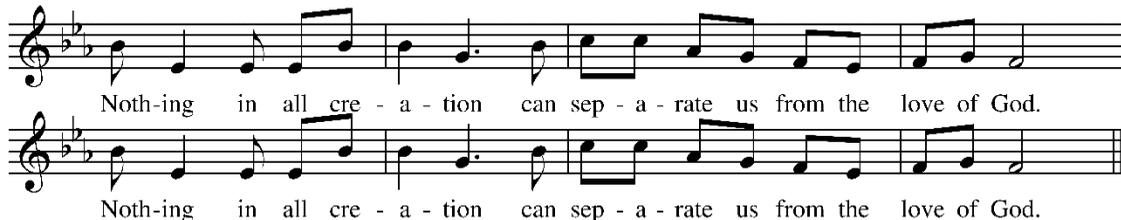
C: "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... C: Amen

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.
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*BIBLE READING

Luke 19:45-48

⁴⁵Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; ⁴⁶and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers." ⁴⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Paul Davis

SERMON

Pastor Alison Shane

CONFESSION OF FAITH – PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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

C: 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 sovereign, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

P: God of compassion, C: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: In Jesus' name. C: **Amen**

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: Jesus disrupted everything with his life lived in lifting up the downtrodden. We give, not because God needs our gifts as a sacrifice, but because God has entrusted us with the well-being of those around us. We give generously, unselfishly, so that our neighbor, who is beloved of God, may live. To share grace and goods with others, go to your faith home's online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

What Wondrous Love Is This

Doug Love

Music: W. Walker

GOD FEEDS THE COMMUNITY IN THE MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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

C: 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 DISTRIBUTION

We are gathered virtually today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the "Lamb of God," please gather your bread and wine, and then we will commune together.



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.

THE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten fast: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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Henry Milman/Graham George



1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die.
3. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of an - gels in the sky
4. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die,



O Sav - ior meek, your road pur - sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
O Christ, your tri - umphs now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
bow your meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

BIBLE READING

Luke 22:1-6

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

This story will be continued on Maundy Thursday.

There is no benediction on Palm Sunday; this celebration begins the weeklong observance including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We'll hear the benediction announced on Easter as the great celebration concludes.

DEVOTIONS FOR MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

MARCH 29, 2021

TEXTS:

Isaiah 53:3-8

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

Psalms 36:5-11

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. ⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. ⁸They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. ¹⁰O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart! ¹¹Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

Luke 19:41-48

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God." ⁴⁵Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; ⁴⁶and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers." ⁴⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

PRAYER:

O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What do these passages speak to you today?

What is God doing?

How do these passages illuminate Jesus' story of Holy Week?

DEVOTIONS FOR TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

MARCH 30, 2021

TEXTS:

Psalm 71:1-14

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. ²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. ³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. ⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. ⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. ⁶Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. ⁷I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. ⁸My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long. ⁹Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent. ¹⁰For my enemies speak concerning me, and those who watch for my life consult together. ¹¹They say, "Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken, for there is no one to deliver." ¹²O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me! ¹³Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed; let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace. ¹⁴But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Luke 20

One day, as he was teaching the people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the scribes came with the elders ²and said to him, "Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?" ³He answered them, "I will also ask you a question, and you tell me: ⁴Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" ⁵They discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' ⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' all the people will stone us; for they are convinced that John was a prophet." ⁷So they answered that they did not know where it came from. ⁸Then Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

⁹He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. ¹⁰When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent still a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, 'This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Heaven forbid!" ¹⁷But he looked at them and said, "What then does this text mean: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ¹⁹When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people.

²⁰So they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor.

²¹So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and you show deference to no one, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth.

²²Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ²³But he perceived their craftiness and said to them, ²⁴"Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?" They said, "The emperor's." ²⁵He said to them, "Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²⁶And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said; and being amazed by his answer, they became silent.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the

woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him another question. ⁴¹Then he said to them, “How can they say that the Messiah is David’s son? ⁴²For David himself says in the book of Psalms, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ⁴³until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ ⁴⁴David thus calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?” ⁴⁵In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples, ⁴⁶“Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁷They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the hour of trial. Amen

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What do these passages speak to you today?

What is God doing?

How do these passages illuminate Jesus’ story of Holy Week?

DEVOTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

MARCH 31, 2021

TEXTS:

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. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Luke 21

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; ²he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; ⁴for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."
⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and

governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

²⁰“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; ²²for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfillment of all that is written. ²³Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; ²⁴they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” ³⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

PRAYER:

Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What do these passages speak to you today?

What is God doing?

How do these passages illuminate Jesus’ story of Holy Week?

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 1, 2021

7pm

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Maundy Thursday begins the Triduum (see #1 below). Today we hear Jesus' parting words to his disciples. They are words of command, but they are also words of blessing. "Love one another" and "Do this in remembrance of me" are Jesus' deepest desires for his people on earth. Here are some answers to some frequently asked questions:

1. Final 3 days of Lent?
 - ✘ The final 3 days of Lent are referred to as the 'Triduum,' which is Latin, meaning 'three.' But Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are seen as a continuous celebration commemorating the central acts of Christianity. Each day needs the others in order to make sense.
2. What does "Maundy" mean?
 - ✘ 'Maundy' is an English form of the Latin word for 'commandment.'
 - ✘ The overarching theme of the day is Jesus' new commandment to his disciples, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34
 - ✘ Jesus' love is demonstrated both in his example of servanthood and by his gift of himself in Holy Communion.
3. Why do we strip the altar and chancel area?
 - ✘ The altar represents Christ and his being stripped of his power and glory.
4. Washing feet/hands?
 - ✘ Some Maundy Thursday celebrations include a time of washing of feet just as Jesus did for the disciples. Today we will have our hands, masks, and lives blessed for a life of serving our neighbor.
 - ✘ Jesus models for us what a life of service looks like – and in communion we become what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world.
5. Why no benediction?
 - ✘ There is no benediction at the end of Maundy Thursday or at the end of Good Friday to show their continuity and to show that the story isn't over yet. On Easter we will finally be given the benediction/blessing when the story has its proper ending...or we could say, its new beginning.

PRELUDE

Ah, What Shall I Poor Sinner Do
Johann Pachelbel

Miriam Haddon

INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against sin, death and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism; God’s forgiveness and the power of the Holy Spirit to change our lives continue with us because of God’s love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the Church community, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. Today let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and one another.

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

P: God of love and mercy,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✘ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

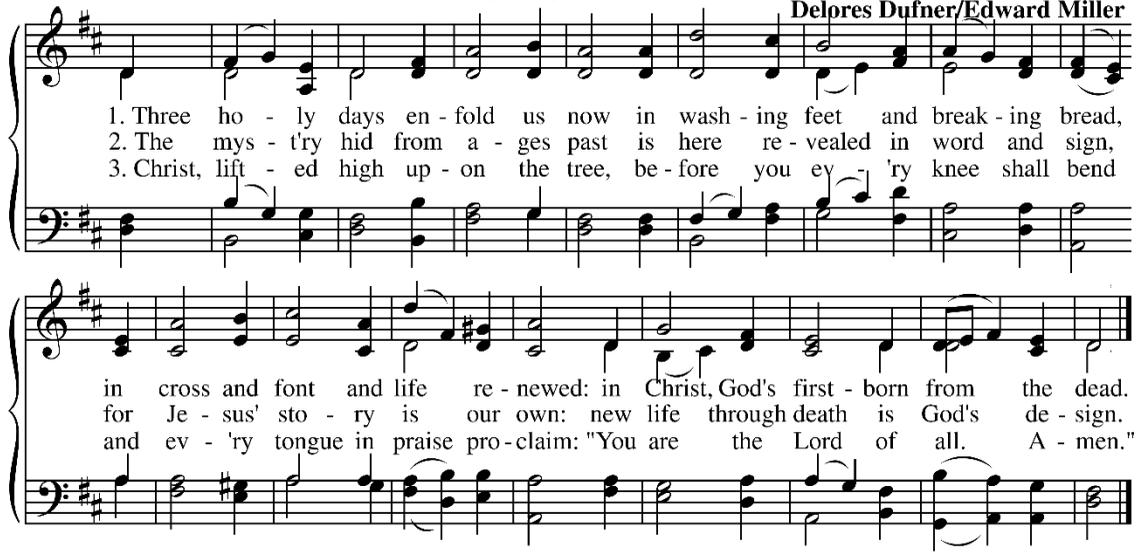
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OPENING HYMN

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

#930

Delores Dufner/Edward Miller



1. Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing feet and break - ing bread,
 2. The mys - try hid from a - ges past is here re - vealed in word and sign,
 3. Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you ev - 'ry knee shall bend
 in cross and font and life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
 for Je - sus' sto - ry is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
 and ev - 'ry tongue in praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet Jesus showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, refresh our bodies and empower us to serve others, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BIBLE READING

John 13:1-11

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

BLESSING FOR SERVICE

P: In the time of Jesus, it was common practice for a host to have the feet of their guests washed upon entering their home. During this time of COVID our feet have been restricted mostly to our own homes, and our recent practice, of washing each other's hands in remembrance of that night and promise to serve our neighbor, is unsafe. But as we continue to work to contain a vicious virus, we can serve each other by washing our own hands, wearing masks, keeping our feet at a safe distance, and keeping gatherings small but still serving those closest to us.

As we gather safely tonight, look at your clean hands – these are God's instruments for service in the world. If you have a mask nearby, look at it – these are symbols of the love that you share for the good of your neighbor.

May God bless + your hands, your masks, your feet, and your lives to love and serve God and all people.

C: Amen

BIBLE READING*John 13:12-17, 31-35*

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Paul Davis

SERMON

Pastor Paul Stumme-Diers

BIBLE READING*Luke 22:7-13*

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.” ⁹They asked him, “Where do you want us to make preparations for it?” ¹⁰“Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.” ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: Jesus’ new commandment to love one another is a command of freedom. Because of the saving love that Jesus has for you, love that is borne in the world as service, acceptance, and inclusion, you are freed from judgment and freed for loving those around you. When we live out love through giving, our combined gifts go into the world that others might experience being loved by people sharing the gospel in word, accompaniment, and feeding. To give your offering, please open a browser tab and head over to your faith home’s online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

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OFFERING HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

#966

Herman G. Stuempfle Jr./Marty Haugen

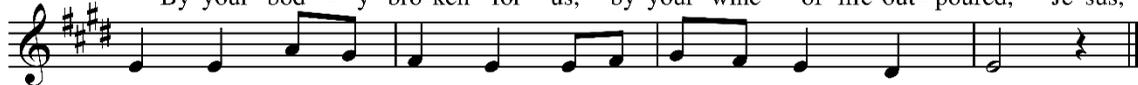
1. Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i - le - an shore.
2. Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et room one night.
3. Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we gath - er here.
4. By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share



Je - sus, Bread of life from heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your wine of life out - poured, Je - sus,



feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

BIBLE READING*Luke 22:14-18*

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION*Luke 22:19-20*

¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 DISTRIBUTION

We are gathered virtually today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the "Lamb of God," please gather your bread and wine, and then we will commune together.



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.

THE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BIBLE READING

Luke 22:21-27

²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. ²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

BIBLE READING*Luke 22:28-38*

²⁸“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” ³³And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” ³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.” ³⁵He said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “No, not a thing.” ³⁶He said to them, “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.” ³⁸They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He replied, “It is enough.”

On Maundy Thursday, there is no benediction, dismissal, or postlude since we celebrate these three days as one celebration.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 2, 2021, 7pm

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Good Friday is considered the holiest day of the church year; it is also the darkest. This is the day our sin takes its toll, but instead of coming to bear on us, the Son of God suffers and dies. There are many differing scriptural explanations for what happens and why on this dark night, and we will never fully understand. But the common element is that God acts for our good. Today we listen to the story, following the action from the garden to the trial to Golgotha to the tomb.

WE GATHER IN SILENCE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Steadfast God,

Your son followed the path that was set before him, knowing that it would lead to a death sentence. Hold a mirror up to our divided world so that we might truly see how our resistance to love separates us from one another. Receive our prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

Go To Dark Gethsemane

#347

James Montgomery/Richard Redhead

1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r,
2. Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3. Cal-v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

CANDLE 1 EXTINGUISHED

HYMN

Abide With Me

#629

Henry F. Lyte/William H. Monk

1. A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide. The dark - ness deep - ens;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow dim, its
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour; what but thy grace can
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes, shjne through the gloom, and

Lord, with me a - bide. When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 point me to the skies; heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

CANDLE 2 EXTINGUISHED

HYMN

The Lamb

#629

Gerald Patrick Coleman



1. The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2. The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3. The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.
 4. He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 So still, his will on our be - half the law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right - eous - ness.



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

READING

Luke 22:54b-62

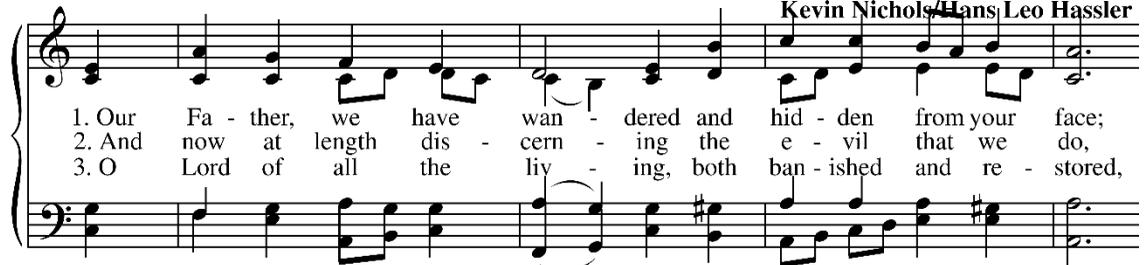
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HYMN

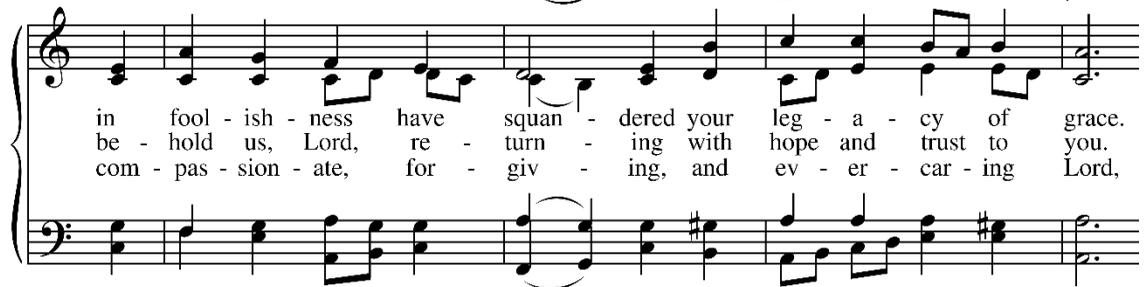
Our Father, We Have Wandered

#606

Kevin Nichols/Hans Leo Hassler



1. Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2. And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3. O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don and in peace.

READING

Luke 22:63—23:12

CANDLE 4 EXTINGUISHED

HYMN

Lamb of God

#336

Twila Paris

1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
 2. Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and scorned him as he died.
 3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side

to walk up - on this guilt - y sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 The hum - ble king we named a fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God.

Oh, wash me in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God

CANDLE 5 EXTINGUISHED

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

#349

Johann Heermann/Johann Cruger

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fen - ded,
 2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - ten - ded? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas I, Lord
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered. For our a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of -
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

CANDLE 6 EXTINGUISHED

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there? Were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? Were you
 5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 there when they nailed him to the tree?
 there when they pierced him in the side?
 there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble,

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree.
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine.
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

READING

Luke 23:44-56

ALL LIGHT EXTINGUISHED

SILENCE

DEVOTIONS FOR SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK/EASTER VIGIL APRIL 3, 2021

Yesterday we heard this reading; today we meditate on it:

Luke 22

³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him. ⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Luke 23

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They 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." ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When 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. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even 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. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and 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. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him." ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²²A 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." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He 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.

²⁶As 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. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For 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.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

³³When 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. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

³⁵And 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!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP

APRIL 4, 2021

8:30am & 11am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The Resurrection of our Lord, also known as Easter Sunday, is the day that God uses to reveal God's-self most clearly. The suffering of the previous week can only find meaning in God's saving action through raising Jesus the Christ from the dead.

We celebrate today not only because Jesus was given more days on earth, but also because he was raised, never to die again. He beat death, which is the consequence of sin as God had told Adam and Eve in chapter 3 of Genesis – the first book of the Bible. So the Ultimate foe, death, which had been so powerful throughout the history of God's people, was finally conquered by God. And this victory restored the world to its rightful place with God as John stated in the 3rd chapter of his gospel, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life."

We are connected to Jesus' death and resurrection through our baptisms. We have died to sin in those waters and have been raised to live with Christ in his kingdom now and in the world to come. In Christ, God has changed all the rules. We live because Jesus lives, and we rejoice in that good news.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Come Away to the Skies
David Cherwien

Miriam Haddon

SPECIAL MUSIC

Weepin' Mary
H. T. Thacker

Tanya Roe

PREPARATION

P: As we gather in the cemetery, we are reminded of the walk the women made to the tomb in the garden that first Easter morning. The surroundings remind us that someone has died, that death brings a somber and solemn tone to all living things. Yet, we are Easter people; we know that death is not the final word. Just as the women arrived at the tomb to find the stone rolled away, so we are greeted this morning by the morning light, the light of Christ shining in the darkness. And this particular day we are reminded that, just as God raised Christ from the dead, for Jesus' sake God will also raise us to live with Jesus in his eternal kingdom.

GOSPEL*Luke 24:1-9*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

REMEMBRANCE

P: God gathers us this morning as we remember that most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Through light and the Word, through bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

RESURRECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow
Wesley/Hedson

Bethany Brass

GREETING

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Latin Carol/Charles Wesley/J. Walsh

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en-dured, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro-cured; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - - - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer - to re - deem our loss. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners - to re - deem and save. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Eternal God, giver of life and light, this holy morning shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. By the power of the resurrection given to us in baptism, free us from our fears and restore us in your image. Stir up in your church your Holy Spirit that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in authenticity and truth and go out shining your light in the world in service and stewardship of all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -
 le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.
 (Repeat alleluia)

GOSPEL

Luke 24:10-12

¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Paul Davis

SERMON

Pastor Kent Shane

PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

P: God of compassion, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: In Jesus’ name. **C: Amen**

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

P: Christ is risen! The women told the disciples, the disciples didn’t believe them. We give because God has entrusted us with the good news of Jesus, and God calls us to share that good news, regardless of the reception we get. We give generously, unselfishly, so that our neighbor, who is beloved of God, may hear the gospel through the ministries of our individual congregations, through the ministries of the ELCA, and

through the ministries of our community partners here in Kitsap County and around the world. To share the good news of Jesus through your Easter offering, please open a browser tab and head over to your faith home's online giving portal or write a check and send it to your faith home via the USPS.

Poulsbo First Lutheran: [PFLC online offering](#)

Bethany Lutheran, Bainbridge Island: [Bethany online offering](#)

OFFERING

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth
G. F. Handel

Lorena Maxwell

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

P: Three days ago we celebrated the last meal that our Lord shared with his disciples. At that meal he washed their feet and gave them the commandment to love each other as he had loved them. This morning we share again in the meal that binds us together as Jesus' own people, and we share in the call to love one another and the world.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 DISTRIBUTION

We are gathered virtually today as the Body of Christ. As we sing the “Lamb of God,” please gather your bread and wine, and then we will commune together.



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.

THE VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNES TOGETHER

P: The body of Christ, given for you. (*eat the bread*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (*drink the wine*)

When the congregation has been united in the meal, the pastor will say the table blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

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Edmund Budry/George Frideric Handel

1. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

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People gathered and sent in the love of Christ.

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How can we best demonstrate the love of Christ?

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Jesus is Lord – Worship – Compassion – Service



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