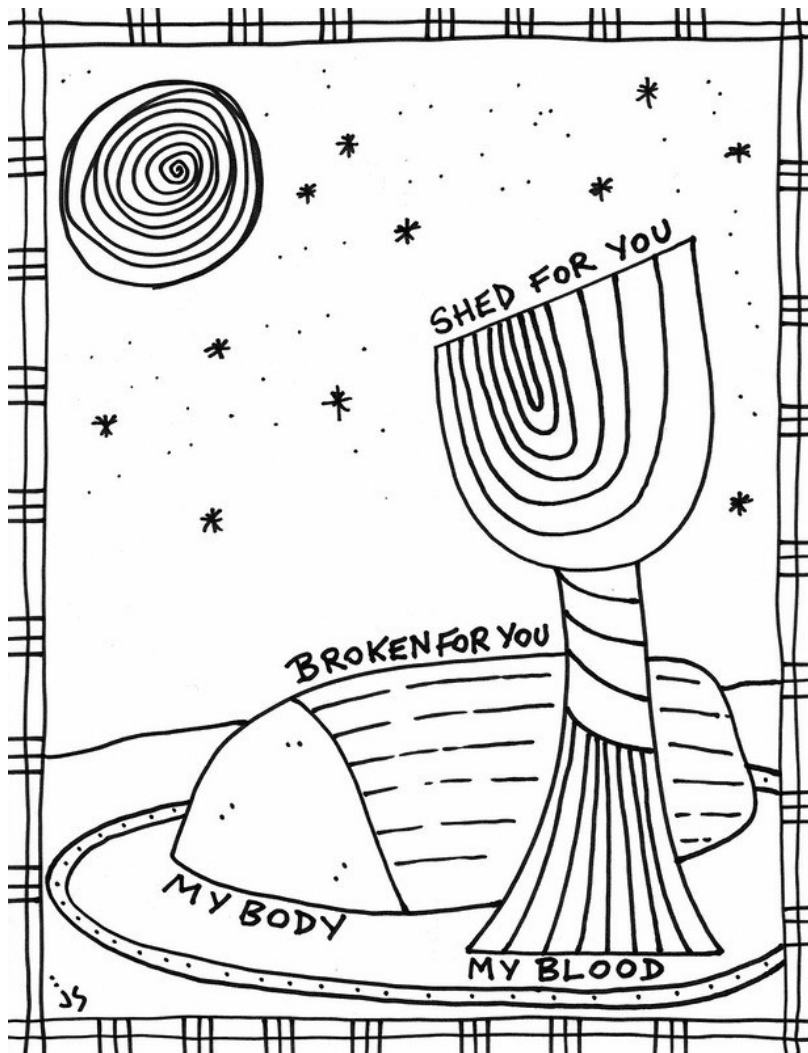




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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

PRELUDE

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Below

WELCOME

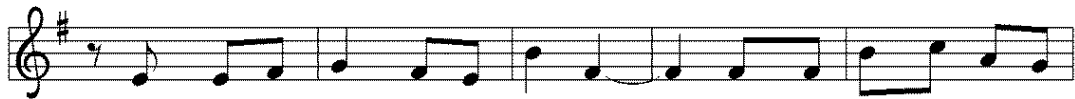
*If you are worshipping with us via livestream, consider **preparing your space for Communion**: light a candle (if appropriate and safe), and have a plate with bread/cracker/tortilla and a cup for wine or grape juice (or an empty cup as a sign Jesus is sufficient in one or both elements).*

READING: Luke 19: 41-44

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, [Jesus] 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."

GATHERING HYMN #566

When Twilight Comes



1 When twi-light comes and the sun sets, moth - er hen pre-pares for
2 One day the Rab - bi, Lord Je - sus, called the twelve to share his
3 So gath-er round once a - gain, friends, touched by fad - ing glow of



night's rest. As her brood shel-ters un - der her wings, she
last meal. As the hen tends her young, so for them he
sun's gold, and re - count all our frail hu - man hopes: the



gives the love of God to her nest. Oh! what joy to
spent him - self to seek and to heal. Oh! what joy to
dreams of young and sto - ries of old. Oh! what joy to



feel her warm heart - beat and be near her all night long;
be with Christ Je - sus, hear his voice, oh! sheer de - light,
pray close to - geth - er, kneel - ing as one fam - i - ly,



so the young can find re - pose, then re - new to - mor - row's song.
and re - ceive his ser - vant care; all be - fore the com - ing night.
by a moth - er's love em - braced in the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

READING: Luke 22: 1-6

¹Now 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 [Jesus] to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray [Jesus] to them when no crowd was present.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in loving one another and entrusting ourselves to God. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE UPPER ROOM

READING: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

¹Now 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."

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."

^{31b}"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."

HYMN

A New Commandment (sung 2x)



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

PASSOVER, THE LAST SUPPER

READING: Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

READING: Luke 22: 7-23

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?" ¹⁰Listen, 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. 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." 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. 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.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 11: 23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.
Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION

***Holy Communion** is the family meal of God's people, to which we come at Jesus' invitation. The body and blood of Christ, in the bread and wine, are his real presence with us and offer the gift of forgiveness because of his death and resurrection. Drawn together and strengthened by this meal, we are given a taste of the fullness of God's coming kingdom, and are equipped to be the hands and feet of God's love in the world. All baptized Christians are always welcome at the Lord's table.*

*The pastor invites those worshipping via **livestream** to commune:*

The body of Christ, given for you.
Amen (receive the bread)

The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen (receive the cup)

In-person distribution: When indicated by the ushers, come up the right-hand ramp to approach the altar rail. When finished you may leave individually without being dismissed. **WINE** is lighter-colored and **GRAPE JUICE** is dark; they are received via individual cups in the trays. **USED GLASSES** are placed in the basket located near the ramp. **GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE**, please indicate to the server that you require this.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Wondrous Cross of Love

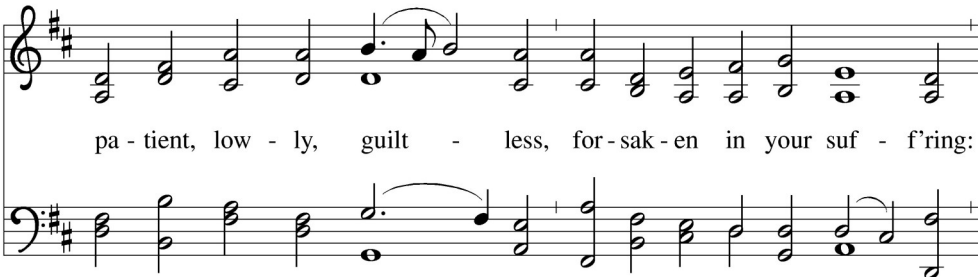
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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul. What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme I will sing. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small, love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

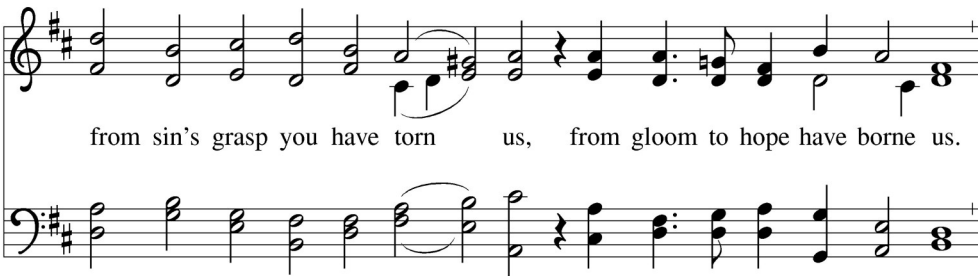
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Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

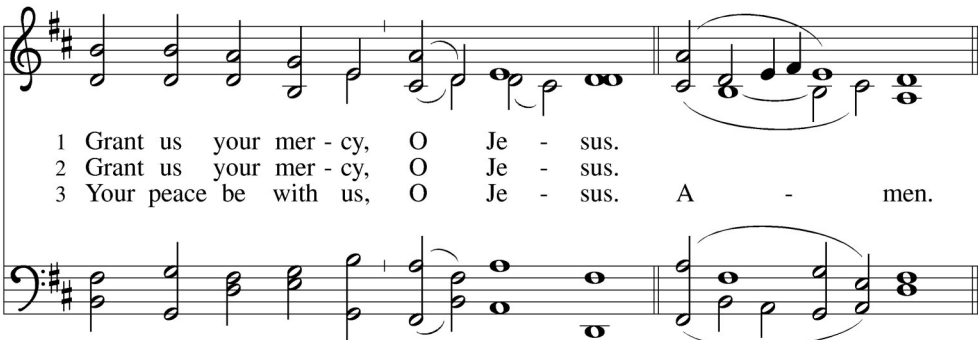

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,



pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:



from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.



1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
 2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.
 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands as the minister continues.
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

READING: Luke 22: 31-34

³¹Simon, 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 [Peter] 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."

CONFESSION

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.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our denial of Christ, our sin against God and our neighbor.

The assembly stands. Time for reflection.

Most merciful God,
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.

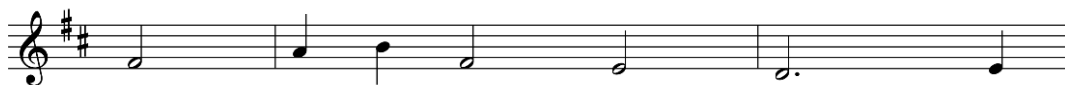
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The assembly is seated. People may come forward to the altar rail and kneel for the laying on of hands—come as you feel moved, the ushers will not dismiss you.

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

The person may respond **Amen.**

HYMN #343 *My Song Is Love Unknown*



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|----------------|-------|------|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1. My | song | is | love | un - | known, | My |
| 2. He | came | from | his | blest | throne, | Sal - |
| 3. Some - | times | they | strew | his | way | And |
| 4. <u>Why,</u> | what | has | my | Lord | done? | What |
| 5. <u>They</u> | rise | and | needs | will | have | My |
| 6. In | life, | no | house, | no | home | My |
| 7. Here | might | I | stay | and | sing, | No |



Sav -	ior's	love	for	me,	Love	to	the	love -	less
va -	tion	to	be -	stow,	But	all	made	strange,	and
his	sweet	prais -	es	sing,	Re -	sound -	ing	all	the
<u>makes</u>	<u>this</u>	<u>rage</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>spite?</u>	He	made	the	lame	to
dear	Lord	made	a -	way;	A	mur -	der -	er	they
Lord	on	earth	might	have;	In	death,	no	friend -	ly
sto -	ry	so	di -	vine;	Nev -	er	was	love,	dear



shown That they might love - ly be. O
 none The longed - for Christ would know. But
 day Ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 save: The prince of life they slay. Yet
 tomb But what a stran - ger gave. What
 King, Nev - er was grief like thine. This



who am I That for my sake My
 O my friend, My friend in - deed, Who
 "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all they breathe, And
 in - jur - ies! Yet they at these Them -
 cheer - ful he To suf - f'ring goes, That
 may I say? Heav'n was his home; But
 is my friend, In whose sweet praise I



Lord shall take Frail flesh, and die?
 at my need His life did spend.
 for his death They thirst and cry.
 selves dis - please, And 'gainst him rise.
 he his foes, From thence might free.
 mine the tomb Where - in he lay.
 all my days Could glad - ly spend.

THE GARDEN

READING: Luke 22: 39-46

³⁹[Jesus] 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, ⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done. 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."

PRAYER OF LAMENT

Gracious God, by day and night we pour out our prayer to you.

We are crying out for justice, yearning for what is right, longing for your peace.
Come quickly to help us, O God; save those who call upon your name.

Experiencing times of uncertainty; in the pain of anxious lives; in compassion for all who are suffering; in sorrow for all that has been lost,

We are deeply grieved.

Knowing that we have neglected to care for others and have prioritized satisfying our wants over meeting the needs of our neighbors,

We are deeply grieved.

Seeing our culture torn by division, suspicion, and distrust,

We are deeply grieved.

Witnessing wars across our world destroying lives, homes, and futures,

We are deeply grieved.

Hearing of hateful violence and senseless killing again and again in our communities,

We are deeply grieved.

Recognizing patterns of privilege and systems of discrimination,

We are deeply grieved.

Seeing your creation destroyed by carelessness and greed,

We are deeply grieved.

Time for personal reflection.

...with all these sorrows spoken and with those that we carry in our hearts,

We are deeply grieved.

We entrust all our griefs and fears into your tender keeping, O God. As Jesus shared our human sorrow and suffering, give us a share of his trust, to say with him, "your will be done."

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

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

THE ARREST

READING: Luke 22: 47-53

⁴⁷While [Jesus] 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!"

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service concludes with the stripping of the worship space. The symbolic elements, vestments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space, echoing Jesus' humiliation by his captors after his arrest on Thursday night. Psalm 22 is chanted.

PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
³Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
⁴In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
⁵To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
⁶But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;
⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"
⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
¹¹Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near

and there is no one to help.

¹²Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;

¹⁷I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

³⁰Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the LORD,

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

The service ends in silence.

Worship Leaders

Readers:	Denise Maragos Jim Toole
Communion Assistants:	Sara Long Steve Bull
Ushers:	Irene Adams
Lights/Sound:	Tony Reinhold
Livestream Tech:	Zach Wehner
Pastors:	Rev. Timothy Knauff, Jr. Rev. Erica Gibson-Even
Director of Music Ministries:	Brian Bartusch Sanctuary Choir Luke Venstrom, cantor
Altar Team:	Marilyn McGawn Marla Niksch Faith Noe Christiana McLean

HOLY WEEK

Good Friday (April 18) - 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight prayer service around the cross.

All-ages Easter Vigil on Saturday (April 19) - 4:00 p.m.

We keep the ancient tradition, in a family-friendly way. Gather around the fire to hear the stories of God's saving love through the ages, remember the gift of Baptism, and hear the Easter story as we gather around Christ's table.

Easter Sunday - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. (pre-service music begins at 7:50 a.m. and 10:20 a.m.). Easter Egg Hunt begins at 12:00 p.m.

Festival worship services to celebrate the Resurrection! Come celebrate the risen Christ.

Easter Egg Hunt

12:00—Pre-K & K (near the Memorial Garden)

12:10—1st-4th grade (out in the field)

12:15—5th-8th grade (in the woods)

Maundy Thursday is part of the Christian celebration of Easter and **marks the night of the Last Supper as told in the Bible**. At the Last Supper, Jesus commanded that people should love one another, he then washed the feet of his disciples as an act of kindness.



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