

# Holy Week Grace Notes

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## Gathering Liturgy for Passion of Our Lord Sunday

### ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 256)

**P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

**W**hen they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

### BLESSING OF PALMS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

### PROCESSION

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** **in the name of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (ELW #344)

Refrain: *All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

1: *You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.* Refrain

3: *The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.* Refrain

4: *To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.* Refrain

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Holy God,

**C** **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.**  
**Amen.**

**P** Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C** **Amen.**

### GREETING

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

**C** **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the

cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his

resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

## Readings for Passion of Our Lord Sunday

### Isaiah 50:4–9a

**T**he 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 awakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

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

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

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

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

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

### Psalm 31:9–16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

**I have said, “You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”**

### Philippians 2:5–11

**T**et the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,

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

And being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel: Matthew 26:14–27:66

**O**ne of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?”

They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

Jesus said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, Jesus took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?”

Jesus answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son-of-Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son-of-Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s dominion.”

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Again Jesus went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Again Jesus came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son-of-Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with

swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, who will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent.

Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son-of-Man

seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."

After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!"

At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>27:1</sup>When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used the silver to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, 10 and they gave the silver for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "You say so."

But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

But Jesus gave Pilate no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

And they said, "Barabbas."

Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then Pilate asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Then all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So Pilate released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are

the Son of God, come down from the cross."

In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah."

At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus;

then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him

away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

## Welcome of New Members, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (ELW #338) vv. 1 & 3

*1 Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.*

*3: I take, O cross, your shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all, the cross.*

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**P** Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Carol, Carl, and Donald have come to our congregation [from name of congregation in location].

### APOSTLES' CREED

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

**P** In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are

called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

R7 I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**P** People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**C** **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### WELCOME

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**C** **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

VERSE: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (ELW #752)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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### PRAYERS

**P** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their

religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep (*especially...*). Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**☞** Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful, especially:

- The family and friends of Pat Blise (Amelia Carlson's great-grandmother)
- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Jean Boothe
- Hank Buehrens
- Andrew Calvert
- Barb Caputo
- Neil Clyne
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn's boyfriend)
- Pastor Rafael Escobedo
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Karen Kempinen
- Dick Kauffman
- Becky McCarthy (Jarlene's sister)
- Gail Miller
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and

Lytosha

- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
- Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Kristi Weiss.

Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**☞** Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**☞** We give you thanks for our new members, Donald, Carl, and Carol, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your

Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**☞** Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God,

**☞ receive our prayer.**

**☞** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**☞ Amen.**

PEACE

**☞** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**☞ And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (ELW #686)

*1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**☞** Let us pray.

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**☞ Amen.**

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

**☞** 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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

SONG: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (ELW #345)

1: *Jesus, I will ponder now  
on your holy passion;*

*let your Spirit now endow  
me for meditation.*

*Grant that I in love and faith  
may the image cherish  
of your suffering, pain, and death,  
that I may not perish.*

2: *Make me see your great distress,  
anguish, and affliction,  
bonds and blows and wretchedness  
and your crucifixion;*

*make me see how scourge and rod,  
spear and nails, did wound you,  
how you died for those, O God,  
who with thorns had crowned you.*

3: *Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
make me see your passion,  
but its cause to me make known  
and its termination.*

*For I also and my sin  
wrought your deep affliction;  
this the shameful cause has been  
of your crucifixion.*

4: *Let me view your pain and loss  
with repentant grieving,  
nor prepare again your cross  
by unholy living.*

*May I give you love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
that I may in heaven above  
sing your praise forever.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray.

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**C Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

**P** Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✚ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

**C Amen.**

SENDING SONG: "Lift High the Cross" (ELW #660) vv. 1 & 4

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

1: *Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.* Refrain

4: *So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory!* Refrain

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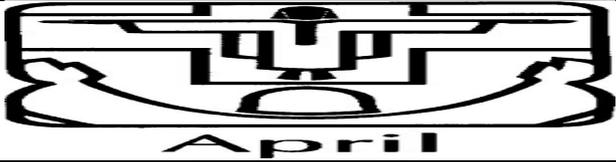
**P** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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## *Palm Sponsors*

Thank you to Nancy Brichacek and Patsy Callahan for sponsoring the palms for worship this Sunday in memory of loved ones.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>2</b> <i>Passion of Our Lord</i> 9:30 am Worship service; welcome of new members 10:45 am Potluck brunch 7:00 pm NA	<b>3</b> 8:00 am Prayer group 8:00 am Food pantry volunteers	<b>4</b> <i>Spring Election</i> 9:00 am Food pantry volunteers 4:00 pm GWC Food pantry	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 9:00 am Footwashing 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses diaper ministry 6:30 pm Worship service	<b>7</b> <i>Good Friday</i> 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 12:00 noon Joint worship service at Lord of Life 6:30pm Worship service	<b>8</b> 10:00am-2:00pm Urban League Easter Bunny Hop
<b>9</b> <i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i> 9:30 am Festival service with Holy Baptism 7:00 pm NA	<b>10</b> 8:00 am Prayer group 8:00 am Food pantry volunteers	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Food pantry volunteers 4:00 pm GWC Food pantry	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 10:00 am VBS planning meeting 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses diaper ministry	<b>14</b> 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	<b>15</b> 11:00am-1:00pm Leif Peterson retirement party
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<b>23</b> 9:30 am Worship service 11:30 am Church council meeting 7:00 pm NA	<b>24</b> 8:00 am Prayer group 8:00 am Food pantry volunteers	<b>25</b> <i>St. Mark</i> 9:00 am Food pantry volunteers 4:00 pm GWC Food pantry	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses diaper ministry	<b>28</b> <i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i> 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	<b>29</b>
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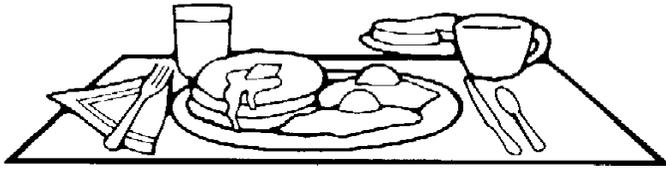
## April Birthdays



April 2: Marjorie Larson  
 April 4: Garriet Dreger  
 April 4: Karen Kempinen  
 April 10: Jaylin Colister  
 April 13: Randy Pierce

April 14: Norma Larson  
 April 15: Patsy Callahan  
 April 15: Bonnie Hackett-Vargas  
 April 15: Scott Houston  
 April 18: Dorothy Watts

# Join Us for Palm Sunday Brunch This Sunday



Grace will have a Palm Sunday potluck brunch after this Sunday's worship service. Thank you to Dawn Houston for leading the efforts to make a wonderful breakfast, and to everyone who signed up to contribute food for the meal.

## Grace News Briefs

Pastor Barker will be in the office Sunday, Monday, Thursday, and Friday this week, and he will be home taking care

of Zeiah on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Prayer Group meets at the church every Monday morning at 8:00 a.m.

The church office will be closed Good Friday afternoon.

## *VBS Planning Meeting Set April 13*

There will be a planning name for Vacation Bible School at Grace at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 13. Among ideas we would like to discuss are

perhaps giving it a different name. Questions? See David Underwood.

## Celebrate Zeiah's Baptism

Grace Lutheran Church will celebrate the rite of Baptism during worship for Isaiah "Zeiah" Wesley Barker on Sunday, April 16. Immediately following worship will be a potluck lunch. Please contact Greg



Foster with any questions.

Rae and Rev. Barker continued to use, and be amazed by, all the gifts from the baby shower, so please don't feel any need to get presents. However, if you do want to get items for Zeiah, there is an updated registry that can be found here: <https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-rae-bruns>

## *Pastor's Family Leave Begins April 17*

Pastor Barker will be on family leave from April 17 to July 16. During that time, Rev. Stephen Gifford will be Grace's Interim Pastor.

Pastor Barker would still like to be aware of end of life situations, and may be available to preside over funerals. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Barker through Pastor Stephen (262-308-8269). For everything else, Pastor Stephen and church council have the

resources to make appropriate decisions.

The following people can field questions and make decisions concerning their chair responsibilities:

- Vivienne Clyne for Grace Welcome Center and Infant Moses
- Dennis Eirich for stewardship concerns
- Greg Foster for outreach and evangelism concerns

- Sydney Houston for any worship, music, and altar guild questions
- Randy Pierce for building and grounds
- Leah Schaut for peace and justice concerns
- David Underwood for youth, family, and faith formation

If you're not sure whom to contact, call the church office. Paul is in the office from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

# You Are Invited to Leif Peterson Retirement Party

Grace Welcome Center founding Executive Director Leif Peterson is retiring as director of Grace Welcome Center. His last day and retirement party will be Saturday, April 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will



include luncheon and speeches from many dignitaries.

Please plan on joining us for this important day in the life of our

congregation. It is bittersweet as we will both be saying good bye to Leif but also celebrating the miracle that he oversaw at Grace Welcome Center the last six years.

## Grace Receipts March 26, 2023

General offering .....	\$ 873.00
Maundy Thursday .....	\$ 20.00
Good Friday .....	\$ 20.00
Easter .....	\$ 30.00
Parking lot .....	\$ 10.00
From non-members:	
for General offering.....	\$ 60.00
for pastor's benefits package.....	\$ 50.00
Chili fund raiser.....	\$ 1,276.00
<u>Minus banking fees .....</u>	<u>\$ (5.00)</u>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,334.00</b>
Grace weekly budget in 2023:	\$ 2,671.70

# planting party!

POT UP MARIGOLDS AND ZINNIAS TO GIVE TO OUR FOOD PANTRY GUESTS

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 3-5PM**  
**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**2006 60TH ST KENOSHA**

SOIL, POTS AND SEEDS PROVIDED  
 SNACKS, TOO!

## Urban League of Racine & Kenosha

### Kenosha District Annual Easter Bunny Hop

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Join Your Neighbors in Celebrating Easter

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
 2006 60th Street

**April 8th**  
 10 am - 2 pm

For more information,  
 Send a text message to Molly  
 262-909-4873

Sustainability Summit Agenda		CLASSIC GARDENS
8:30am-9:00am	<b>Registration + Booths</b> Check-in, check-out booths, enter the raffle!	Main Lobby
9:00am-9:20am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Summit, Planners and President Swallow	Jockeys
9:25am-10:00am	<b>Keith Kohlmann</b> - History of Coal in Southeast Wisconsin	Jockeys
10:05am-10:40am	<b>Louie Glotfelty</b> - The Sustainable Re-Development of Milwaukee's Menomonee Valley <b>Lisa Cottrell</b> - The Impact of The Climate Crisis on Health	128B 128C
10:40am-10:55am	<b>MORNING BREAK</b>	
10:55am-11:30pm	<b>Ross Astoria</b> - Local Implementation of Climate Legislation <b>Jonathan Barker</b> - Church on the Climate Barrocade: A Call For Christian Direct Action for Climate Justice <b>Barry Rabe</b> - State Climate Politics and Policy	128A 128B 128C
11:30am-12:30pm	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
12:30pm-1:05pm	<b>Kristine Heuser</b> - Root-Pike WIN Local Stormwater and Water Quality Projects	Jockeys
1:10pm-1:45pm	<b>Dr. Angela Dassow</b> - Edible Insects: Food Trend or Dead End <b>Dana Garrigan</b> - Rising to the Challenge: Confronting the Climate Crisis and Finding Hope <b>Jojin Van Winkle</b> - Tackling Environmental Concerns thru the Camera Lens/ Photographers and Filmmakers Addressing Sustainability	128A 128B 128C
1:45pm-2:00pm	<b>AFTERNOON BREAK</b>	
2:00pm-2:30pm	<b>Speaker Panel</b> Q +A with Presenters	Jockeys
2:35pm-2:50pm	<b>Closing Remarks + Raffle</b> Summit Planners + Raffle winner announcements	Jockeys

# Maundy Thursday Liturgy

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 sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG "Go to Dark Gethsemane" vv. 1 & 2 ELW #347

1: *Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.*

2: *Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!*

*Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.*

GREETING

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

**G** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## Readings for Maundy Thursday

**Exodus 12:1–4, 11–14**

**T**he LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. If 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. ...

This 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. For 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 deities of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The 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.

This 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 116:1–2, 12–19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called. ...**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you  
have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

For 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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In 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.”

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p.260)

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. (*John 13:34*)

### Gospel: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus 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.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

“Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.” ...

<sup>31b</sup>“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God

has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

“Little 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.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



## Foot Washing, Prayers, Holy Communion, & Psalm 88

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (ELW #708)

Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

1 *Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.*

Refrain

2: *Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far  
away.* Refrain

3: *These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and  
you.* Refrain

4: *Kneel at the feet of our friends,*

*silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.*

Refrain

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### FOOT WASHING

**P** On this night we have heard our Lord’s commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God’s love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

SONG: “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” (ELW #659)

1: *Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.*

2: *We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we are travelers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.*

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SONG: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (ELW #345)

1: *Jesus, I will ponder now  
on your holy passion;  
let your Spirit now endow*

*me for meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
may the image cherish  
of your suffering, pain, and death,  
that I may not perish.*

2: *Make me see your great distress,  
anguish, and affliction,  
bonds and blows and wretchedness  
and your crucifixion;  
make me see how scourge and rod,  
spear and nails, did wound you,  
how you died for those, O God,  
who with thorns had crowned you.*

3: *Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
make me see your passion,  
but its cause to me make known  
and its termination.  
For I also and my sin  
wrought your deep affliction;  
this the shameful cause has been  
of your crucifixion.*

4: *Let me view your pain and loss  
with repentant grieving,  
nor prepare again your cross  
by unholy living.  
May I give you love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
that I may in heaven above  
sing your praise forever.*

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### INTRODUCTION TO PRAYERS

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (ELW #752)

*Lord, listen to your children  
praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children  
praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us  
grace.*

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#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You make a new covenant with your people. Gather your church around word and table in love and promise as these three holy days enfold us. Open us to behold the mystery of our salvation. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** You give us our daily bread, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Bless those who labor and tend to their crops and those who prepare our meals. Strengthen us to advocate for food justice and a fair distribution of resources. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** You, our Savior and Teacher, stoop down to us in servant love. Inspire national and local leaders (*especially...*) with a renewed sense of public service. Increase in them a humility to serve with equity and fairness. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** You incline your ear to us in every need. Befriend all who are lonely. Comfort those who grieve. Soothe any who are anxious. Console all who are distressed. Graciously tend to the hurts of your children who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, *especially ...*

Merciful God

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** You inspire your people to praise in word, song, and art. We give thanks for artists (*especially Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach*) whose gifts enrich the church's worship. Kindle in us appreciation for all who beautify our worship

space throughout the changing seasons. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**P** Precious in your sight is the death of your faithful ones. We remember and give thanks for the those who have died (*especially Pat Blise...*). With them, we trust your promise to love your own until the end. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

#### PEACE (ELW p. 261)

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

#### DEAL

OFFERING SONG: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (ELW #686)

*We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

#### DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

**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** 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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**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

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 208)

*Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all  
the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save:  
have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of  
all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and  
grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of  
all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made:  
give us your peace, we pray.*

THANKSGIVING SONG "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" (ACS #966)

1 *Loaves were broken, words were  
spoken  
by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,  
was their food forevermore.*

Refrain: *By your body broken for  
us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

2: *Loaves were broken, words were  
spoken  
in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave  
them,  
Christ, you came as Light from  
Light. Refrain*

3: *Loaves are broken, words are  
spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages:  
"I am with you; do not fear!"  
Refrain*

4: *By the loaves you break and give  
us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions  
hunger,  
words that tell your love and care.  
Refrain*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

**P** God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth + bless you all, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Sending Song:** Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW #359) vv. 1 & 5

1: *Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's  
love,  
by love we thus are bound;*

5: *Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR. PSALM 88

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, God of my salvation,  
when, at night, I cry out in your  
presence,  
<sup>2</sup>let my prayer come before you;  
incline your ear to my cry.  
<sup>3</sup>For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.  
<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go  
down to the Pit;  
I am like those who have no help,  
<sup>5</sup>like those forsaken among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,  
like those whom you remember no  
more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.  
<sup>6</sup>You have put me in the depths of  
the Pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.  
<sup>7</sup>Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your  
waves.  
<sup>8</sup>You have caused my companions to  
shun me;  
you have made me a thing of horror  
to them.  
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;  
<sup>9</sup>my eye grows dim through sorrow.  
Every day I call on you, O LORD;  
I spread out my hands to you.  
<sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Do the shades rise up to praise you?  
<sup>11</sup>Is your steadfast love declared in  
the grave,  
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?

<sup>12</sup>Are your wonders known in the darkness,  
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?

<sup>13</sup>But I, O LORD, cry out to you;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

<sup>14</sup>O LORD, why do you cast me off?

Why do you hide your face from me?

<sup>15</sup>Wretched and close to death from my youth up,  
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.

<sup>16</sup>Your wrath has swept over me;  
your dread assaults destroy me.

<sup>17</sup>They surround me like a flood all day long;

from all sides they close in on me.

<sup>18</sup>You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;  
my companions are in darkness.  
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## GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy, Scripture and Hymns

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

**Song.** “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (ELW #352)

*1: O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.*

*4: Lord, be my consolation;  
shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion  
when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving,  
from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing  
die safely in thy love.*

### Isaiah 52:13—53:12

**S**ee, my servant shall prosper;  
shall be exalted and lifted up,

and shall be very high.  
Just as there were many who were astonished at him

—so marred was his appearance,  
beyond human semblance,

and his form beyond that of mortals—

so shall my servant startle many nations;

rulers shall shut their mouths  
because of him;

for that which had not been told them they shall see,

and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

<sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

For the servant grew up before the LORD like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground,

having no form or majesty that we should behold,

and nothing in appearance that we should desire.

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.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But 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.

All 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.

He was oppressed, and was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a ewe that is silent  
before the shearers,

so he did not open his mouth.

By 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.

They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant,  
shall make many righteous,

and shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

### Psalm 22

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;**

**by night, but I find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
**4Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.**  
 5They cried out to you and were delivered;  
 they trusted in you and were not put to shame.  
**6But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.**  
 7All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.  
**8“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”**  
 9Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.  
**10I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.**  
 11Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.  
**12Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**  
 13They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.  
**14I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.**  
 15My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.  
**16Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.**  
 17I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.  
**18They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.**  
 19But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.  
**20Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

21Save me from the lion’s mouth!  
 From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.  
**22I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**  
 23You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.  
 Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.  
**24For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**  
 25From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.  
**26The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**  
 27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.  
**28For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**  
 29Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.  
**30Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**  
 31They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

**Hebrews 10:16-25**

*After the Holy Spirit says,*  
 **16**“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”  
 he also adds,  
 “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”  
 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering

for sin.  
 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.  
 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Gospel Acclamation** (ELW p. 263)

**P** Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame,  
**Q and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Gospel: John 18:1–19:42**

**J**esus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.  
 Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.  
 Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?”  
 They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.”  
 Jesus replied, “I am he.”  
 Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground.  
 Again he asked them, “Whom are you looking for?”

And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.”

Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus.

Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in.

The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?”

He said, “I am not.”

Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.”

When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?”

Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong.

But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?”

Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?”

He denied it and said, “I am not.”

One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover.

So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?”

They answered, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”

Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.”

The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”

Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who

belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.

<sup>19:1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face.

Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.”

The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.<sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?”

But Jesus gave him no answer.

Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?”

Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”

When Pilate heard these

words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!"

They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?"

The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,

and for my clothing they cast lots."

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."

Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish

day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day.** "Ah, Holy Jesus" (ELW #349)

1: *Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou  
offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate  
pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own  
rejected,  
O most afflicted.*  
5: *Therefore, kind Jesus, since I  
cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray  
thee;  
think on thy pity and thy love  
unswerving,  
not my deserving.*

**Bidding Prayer** (ELW p. 263)

**P** Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.

By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for Paul Erickson and Elizabeth Eaton, our bishops; for Jonathan Barker, pastor; for name/s and all servants of the church; and for all the people of God. Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for those preparing for baptism. Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy

church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ. Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God. Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for those who do not believe in God. Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for God's creation. Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give

wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for those in need. Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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.**

*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* (ELW #345)

*1: Jesus, I will ponder now  
on your holy passion;  
let your Spirit now endow  
me for meditation.*

*Grant that I in love and faith  
may the image cherish  
of your suffering, pain, and death,  
that I may not perish.*

*2: Make me see your great distress,  
anguish, and affliction,  
bonds and blows and wretchedness  
and your crucifixion;  
make me see how scourge and rod,  
spear and nails, did wound you,  
how you died for those, O God,  
who with thorns had crowned you.*

*3: Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
make me see your passion,  
but its cause to me make known  
and its termination.*

*For I also and my sin  
wrought your deep affliction;  
this the shameful cause has been  
of your crucifixion.*

*4: Let me view your pain and loss  
with repentant grieving,  
nor prepare again your cross  
by unholy living.*

*May I give you love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
that I may in heaven above  
sing your praise forever.*

### **Procession of the Cross**

**P** Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**C Oh, come, let us worship him.** (*Repeated two more times*)

**P** O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**P** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**P** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**P** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**☩ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**☩** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**☩ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**☩** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**☩ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**☩** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**☩ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**☩** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**☩ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

## Holy Week at Grace Lutheran Church



**Palm Sunday • April 2**

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Potluck Brunch at 10:30

**Maundy Thursday • April 6**

Welcome Center foot washing at 9:00 a.m.

Worship at 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday • April 7**

Joint worship at Lord of Life at 12:00 noon

Worship at 6:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday • April 9**

Festival service at 9:30 a.m.

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**☩** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**☩ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**☩** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**☩ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**☩** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**☩ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**☩** O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**☩ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**☩** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**☩ By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**Song:** "Were You There" (ELW #353)

1: *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?...*

5: *Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?...*

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