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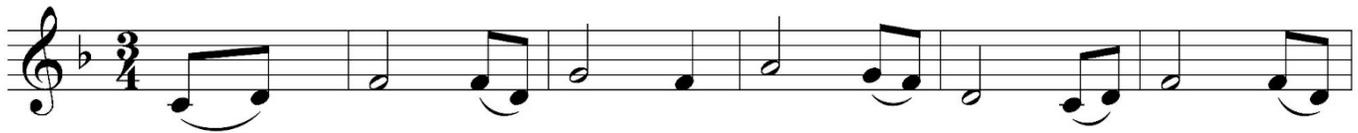
**Maundy Thursday
April 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris and Fr. Greg Larkin

GATHERING SONG - "Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now" (Dufner/PROSPECT)

As able, the assembly stands.



1. Three ho - ly__ days en - fold us__ now in__ wash - ing
2. The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is__ here re -
3. Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore him



feet and break - ing bread, in__ cross and font__ and
vealed in__ word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry__
ev - 'ry__ knee shall bend and ev - 'ry__ tongue in__



life re - newed: in__ Christ, God's first - born from the dead.____
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.____
praise pro - claim: "You are the__ Lord of all. A - men."____

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Music: PROSPECT (LM), W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The presiding minister invites the assembly into the confession, using these or similar words.

P Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

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.

All sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P 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.
C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated. People may come forward and kneel (or stand) for the laying on of hands. The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn.

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

The person may respond **Amen.**

Instrumental music may accompany the laying on of hands. Then the assembly stands.

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 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.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

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

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19 - "Our Blessing Cup" (Hurd; adapt.)

Refrain



Our bless-ing cup___ is a com - mun - ion with the blood of Christ;___
___ and the bread we break,___ it is a shar - ing in the
bod - y of the Lord._____

Verse Tone

To Refrain

Verses

- 1 I love the LORD, who has heard my | voice,
and listened to my | sup- pli- cation,
2 for the LORD has given ear to | me
whenev- | er I called.

REFRAIN

- 12 How shall I repay the | LORD
for all the good things | God has done for me?
13 I will lift the cup of sal- | vation
and call on the name | of the LORD.

REFRAIN

- 14 I will fulfill my vows to the | LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.
15 Precious in your sight, O | LORD,
is the death | of your servants.

REFRAIN

- 16 O LORD, truly I am your | servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.
17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

REFRAIN

- 18 I will fulfill my vows to the | LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,
19 in the courts of the | LORD's house,
in the midst of you, | O Je- rusalem.

REFRAIN

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Lent Gospel Acclamation" - ELW Setting 8



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

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

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.

P The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

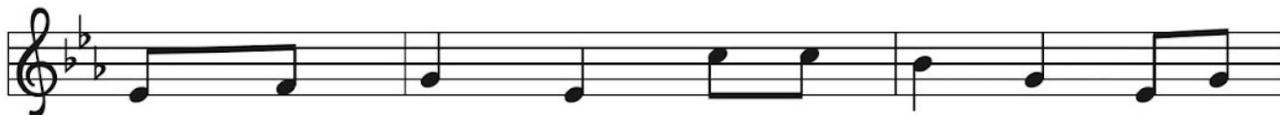
The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris

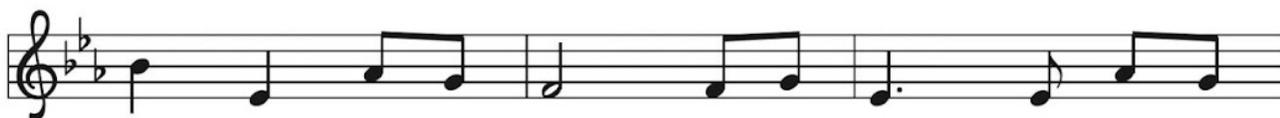


As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" - ACS 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



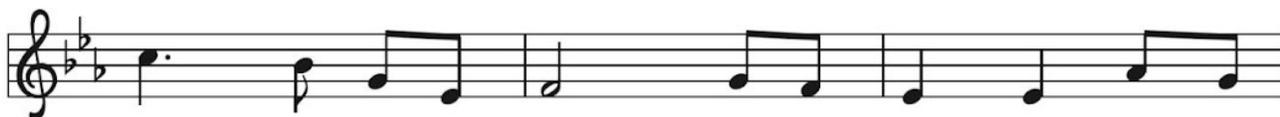
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens, especially the Abundant Table and our Ventura County farmworkers. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide those in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Bring peace to Ukraine and Russia and to all places where violence rages. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our Mount Cross and St. Columba's congregations and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night throughout the world. Reveal the unity of your Church, fill us at this shared table, and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness, difficult circumstances, or disabilities of any kind, especially those from our communities for whom we especially pray ...

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God who listens, we now offer you our own prayers, either silently or aloud (*pause*) ... Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

C **Amen.**



PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Tonight's Offering is for Christians Acting Together, a local charity that helps those in need in our community.

OFFERING SONG - "Prepare a Room for Me" (Stuempfle/BAYLOR)



1. "Pre - pare a room for me, your
2. "This room we have pre - pared; the
3. "Where e - ven two or three have
4. "Lord Christ, we seek the food your
5. "My prom - ise I will keep; your
6. "All thanks and praise to you, our



Sav - ior, Host and Priest, where I may gath - er
ta - ble now is set. We wait your prom - ised
come the Meal to share, un - seen, but liv - ing,
grace a - lone can give. We come with emp - ty,
hun - ger will be fed, for in this Meal I
Sav - ior, Lord, and Friend, that through this Loaf and



you, my friends, to cel - e - brate the feast."
pres - ence, Lord, where we once more are met."
lov - ing still, I sure - ly will be there!"
hun - g'ring hearts that we may eat and live."
of - fer you my - self, the liv - ing Bread!"
Cup you share your love that has no end!"

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OFFERING PRAYER

- A Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
- C **Amen.**



As able, the assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P 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.

P 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.**

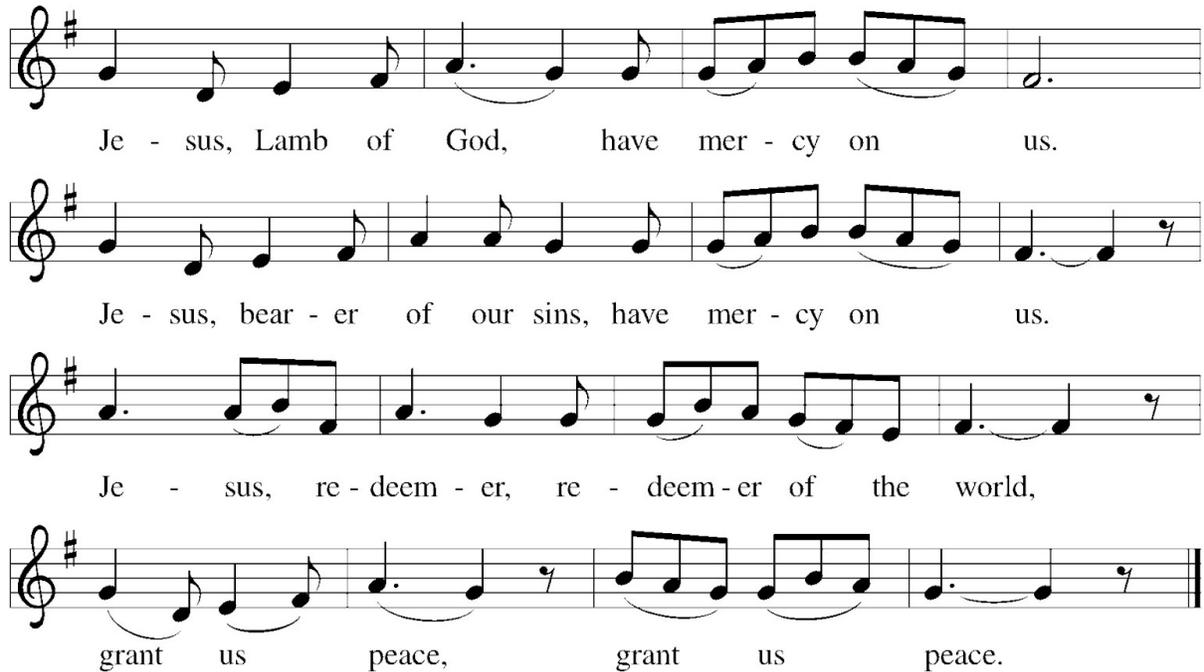
BREAKING OF THE BREAD/INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

The assembly may be seated.



LAMB OF GOD - "Jesus, Lamb of God" - ELW 199



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Holy Communion will be distributed in the center aisle. Ushers will dismiss people by rows, beginning from the back of the church. Please come forward to receive the bread, and then walk to the side to receive wine or grape juice. Grape juice is in the inner circle of the trays. Place your empty cup in the trays provided. Communion ministers will bring Holy Communion to those with mobility challenges.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for our Livestream viewers)

A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. As Martin Luther once wrote: "I can enjoy the sacrament ... every day if only I keep my eyes on the promise, that is, on the words and promise of Christ, which feeds and strengthens my faith."

As we distribute Holy Communion to the congregation here, we invite those on the livestream to offer the Prayer of Spiritual Communion displayed on your screen:

I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the bread and wine, and present in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart.

(We pause for silent prayer).

Fill us all with your love and grace, and strengthen us to serve the world in your name. Amen.¹

¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

COMMUNION SONGS - "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" - ELW 708

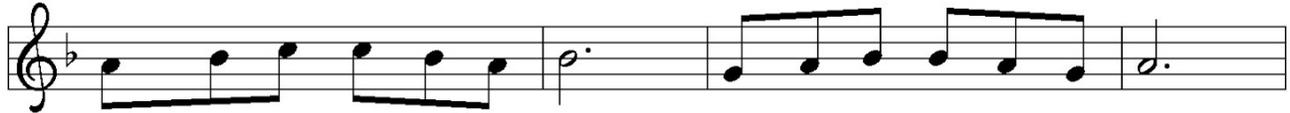
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” - ELW 659

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** 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.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Psalm 22 is said by the assembly. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped.

PSALM 22

- 1** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2** O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3** Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4** Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5** They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6** But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7** All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8** "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9** Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10** I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11** Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12** Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13** They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14** I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing.
- 18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
- 19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.
- 20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those
who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.



HYMN - "Stay with Me" - ELW 348 (sing 3 times)

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

pray. Watch and pray.

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Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN - Matthew 26:30-46

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

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



*All depart in silence.
If you wish to continue in prayer with Jesus,
you may take part in the Night Watch at St. Columba's Episcopal Church
(1251 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo), anytime from 9:00 p.m. tonight
to 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.
Their sanctuary is open for prayer and contemplation.*

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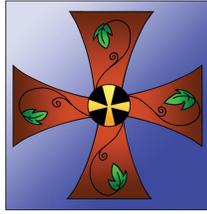
Worship Guidelines

Thanks be to God, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are declining in our community. Below is the updated COVID-19 guidance from our Mount Cross Re-Opening Committee.

Effective March 13, 2022:

- For indoor worship at Mount Cross: As a caring community, **we request** that you **wear a mask if you will be singing in worship**. If you will not be singing, masks are strongly encouraged.
- In **all other indoor settings** at Mount Cross, **masks are strongly encouraged**.
- There may be situations in the life of our community where we will require masks out of concern for vulnerable people.
- When committees, groups, or individuals meet indoors, please defer to the needs of those who are immunocompromised or are at greater risk of serious illness, or those who live with them.

Thank you for the goodwill, patience, cooperation, and love for your neighbor that you have displayed throughout the pandemic.
Grace and Peace, Pastor Julie



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is our annual pilgrimage to the heart of our faith.
In Jesus' death and resurrection, we experience
the triumph of goodness over evil and the victory of life over death.
Come and be renewed by the saving acts of God.

Maundy Thursday, April 14-Good Friday, April 15

9:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m. Night Watch at St. Columba's
Sign up for a half-hour slot to pray and reflect on Jesus' Agony in the Garden.
<https://bit.ly/NightWatch2022>

Good Friday, April 15

Noon Stations of the Cross outdoors at St. Columba's Episcopal Church.

*7:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") at Mount Cross.
Candles are gradually extinguished as we read the Passion, interspersed with
music to aid our contemplation of the suffering and death of Christ.
There will be an opportunity to reverence the cross.

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 16

7:00 p.m. at St. Columba's Episcopal Church.
Meet at the outdoor fire pit for the lighting of the new fire of Easter. We will
process into the church to hear the foundational stories of our faith,
proclaim the Easter Gospel, and celebrate Holy Communion on this night
when Jesus passed over from death into life.

Easter Sunday, April 17

*9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday worship at Mount Cross
followed by an Easter breakfast for all and
an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

*9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday worship at St. Columba's
followed by a festive Coffee Hour.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

If you need transportation to any of these services, please contact the church
office as soon as possible, 805-482-3847 or office@mountcross.com.

**denotes the services that will be livestreamed.*

(St. Columba's Episcopal Church is located
at 1251 Las Posas Road in Camarillo.)