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seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith



To the Parents of Our Young Children –

We are so glad you are here. We know how challenging it can be to get a family out the door to come to church. We hope you can relax and receive the gifts of God that are here for you today. Please don't worry about squirming children or crying babies.

All are welcome here. If you feel you must leave the service with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

We want them to know they are at home in this house of worship.

To All Worshippers –

The presence of those with special needs is a gift to us and the Church. Please welcome all children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. Please greet those with special needs and their families, helping them to know they are valued and accepted in our community.

Please introduce yourself to someone you do not know.

Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**

Holy Communion at Mount Cross (Reprinted from October 2022 Grapevine)

Dear Mount Cross Community,

One of the sacred privileges of my role as pastor and priest, and one of my very favorite parts of the job, is inviting people to the Lord's table to receive the living Christ present in the form of bread and wine. Sometimes the invitation can be short and sweet: "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Or, it can be more involved. The invitation to Holy Communion that most stirs my own soul is one based on the invitation used by a community of Christians on the small island of Iona, Scotland:

*This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord,
It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;
You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you and has promised to meet you here.*

Every time I hear or speak those words, I think, "That is what grace sounds like."

We know Holy Communion is not a reward given to those who have somehow earned it by perfect worship attendance, memorization of Luther's *Small Catechism*, a sinless life, or the ability to explain how bread and wine truly become the body and blood of Christ. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a pure gift, given by our gracious Lord, to nourish our faith, forgive our sins, strengthen us for love and service, and connect us with each other. It is a beautiful, holy, and life-giving mystery.

Both the Episcopal Church, in which I am ordained, and the ELCA, to which Mount Cross belongs, permit all baptized Christians to receive Holy Communion, even infants and young children, although in ELCA congregations, customs vary widely on the age at which children begin communing. (For more information, see the ELCA document called *The Use of the Means of Grace* <https://bit.ly/ELCAMeansOfGrace>). It is my practice to encourage parents to allow even their youngest children to receive Holy Communion so they always know themselves to be God's beloved children who are welcome at the Lord's table. As they mature, we will help them grow in their understanding of this special gift.

I like the way Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, says it on their website:

"Anyone coming to the Lord's Table with an open hand will be served Holy Communion."

We are hungry in body and soul. God feeds us. Sometimes it is as simple as that.

Please contact me if you have any questions about how to deepen your own preparation for and experience of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I look forward to seeing you at the Lord's Table!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Julie Morris

CHORAL PRELUDE - "Lenten Meditation" (Althouse)

Mount Cross Choir

*Jesus Christ my Savior, lived for me and died, source of my salvation, yet was crucified.
Peace that knows no measure: This by faith I see. Love that knows no ending; Jesus died for me.*

*Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days.
And Lord, by your grace, help us change our sinful ways.*

*Hear me now, Lord Jesus, I will never stray, I will never wander. Hear me as I pray.
Free me now from darkness. Cleanse me now from sin. Pardon my transgression.
Make me pure within.*

*Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days.
And Lord, by your grace, help us change our sinful ways.
Amen, Amen, Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Joe Zimmerly

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As able, the assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

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 Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

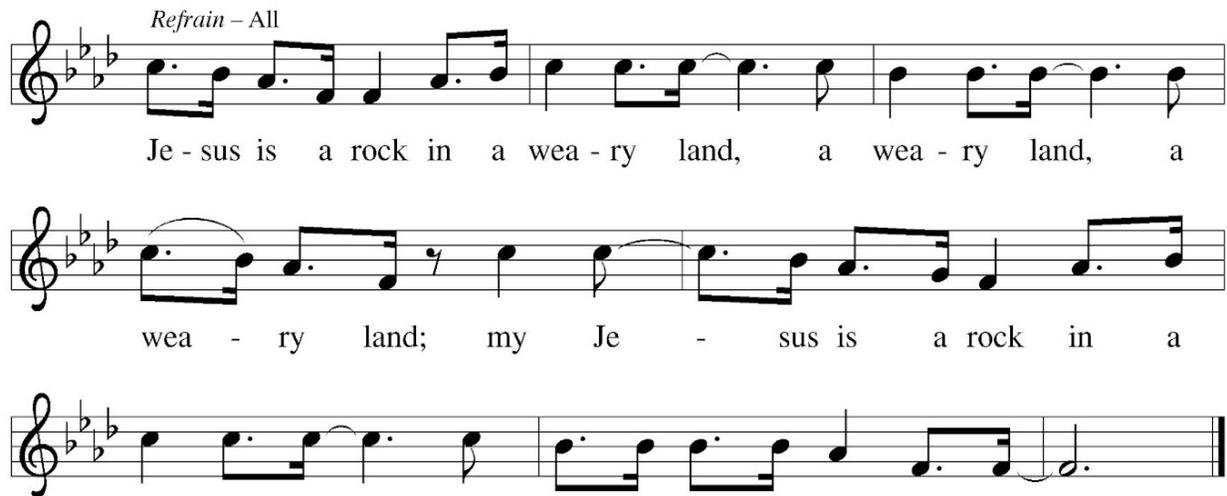
C **we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead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

P Hear the good news:
 By grace you have been saved.
 God embraces you with divine mercy,
 † forgives you in Christ's name,
 and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG - "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land" - ELW 333

Refrain - All

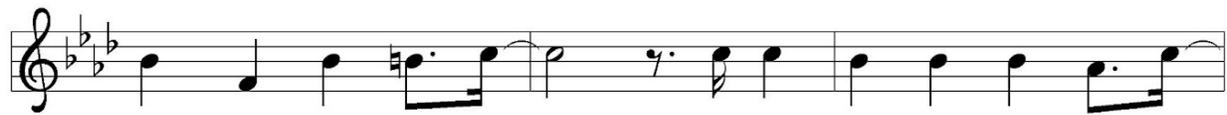


Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
 wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
 wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
 - ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

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.**

KYRIE - Mass of Remembrance (Haugen) (Translation: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.)

Cantor: Let us pray to the Lord:
Final: A - - - - men.

Refrain (all)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Verses

1. For the peace from above and for our salvation ...
2. For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all ...
3. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise ...
4. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord ...

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Joe Zimmerly

CHILDREN'S SONG - "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" - ELW 752 (sing twice)

The image shows a musical score for a children's song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system of music has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130 - “For You, My God, I Wait” (Tice/TERRA PATRIS)

Mount Cross Choir

For you, my God, I wait with hope born of the Word.
like sleepless ones who long to dream I wait and call my Lord.
Lord, hear my pleading voice, and let me know you hear!
As sleepless ones feel rest approach,
I know my God is near.

If you should list my faults, the sins of heart and hand,
like sleepless ones who groan at dawn I know I could not stand!
For even from the deep I know you hear my cries,
Like sleepless ones who dream at last,
I ease my weary eyes.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As able, the assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Lenten 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.

Because of the length of today's gospel reading, the assembly is invited to be seated and to read aloud the texts in bold.

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

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

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "**Lord, he whom you love is ill.**" ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, **“Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?”** ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, **“Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”** ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, **“Let us also go, that we may die with him.”**

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, **“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”** ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, **“I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”** ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, **“Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”**

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, **“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”** ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, **“Lord, come and see.”** ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, **“See how he loved him!”** ³⁷But some of them said, **“Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”**

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "**Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.**" ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Ron Cox

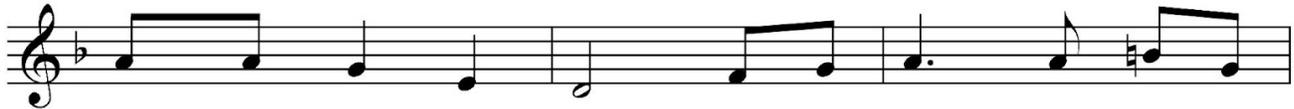


As able, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

SONG OF THE DAY - "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" - ELW 333



1. Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, in your
2. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling
4. God of all our fear and sor - row, God who



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and
lives be - yond our death, hold us close through each to -



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the
mor - row, love us near as ev - 'ry breath, love us



rise with ev - 'ry morn. _____
bod - y of our Lord. _____
riv - er, you the sea. _____
near as ev - 'ry breath. _____

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

Note: The term "catholic" (lower case "c") does not refer to any specific denomination or group of Christians. The term comes from two Greek words that together mean "throughout the whole." So when the creed states, "I believe in the holy catholic church," it refers to the whole or universal Christian church in all times and places.

The assembly may be seated.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches in Camarillo and around the globe, and bless the work of missionaries who share your Word. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Bring relief to areas damaged by floods, storms, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Bring peace to our world, especially in our own country, and in Ukraine, Russia, the Holy Land, Iran, and Afghanistan. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

A You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness, especially everyone infected with COVID or living with serious illnesses such as Parkinson's Disease or cancer. You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Comfort those who are grieving and be with those who need our prayers, especially everyone on our prayer list ...

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for Tom Andino (friend of Carol Browning), **Craig Abernathy** (son-in-law of Judy & Bob Winters), **Jim and Joyce Boyd** (friends of Scott & Nora Fajnor), **Barbara Burke, Mike Caceres** (nephew of Becky Gilbertson), **Brianna Davis, the family of Pat Dawson, Guy Ervin III, Doria and Vladimir Fanning** (sister & brother-in-law of Barbara Burke), **Kate Fisher, Johnathan Hammersley** (great-nephew of Marni Engh), **the family of Doug Harris** (cousin of Kris Dawson), **Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Nancy Jaeger, Jerry Kochans, Jack & Penny Luhrsen, Steve Mathis** (friend of Darryl & Allison Johnson), **Pam McAnally** (friend of Wendy & Mike McClary), **Schuyler Morgan** (cousin of Allison Johnson), **Karen Nelson, Heather Rogers** (granddaughter of Nancy and Jim Jaeger), **Celia Joy and the entire Moraga family, Julia Rowley** (granddaughter of Nancy & Bill Rowley), **Neil Rubin** (son of Brian & Janet Rubin), **Christy and Phil Schaefer** (sister-in-law and brother of Evonne Kuchera), **Dianne Selbrede, Marie Swartz** (sister of Jo Holler).

Unless otherwise specified, prayer requests remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

If you would like to add or remove someone to or from the prayer list, please e-mail the church office at office@mountcross.com or call 805.482.3847.

A 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 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.**

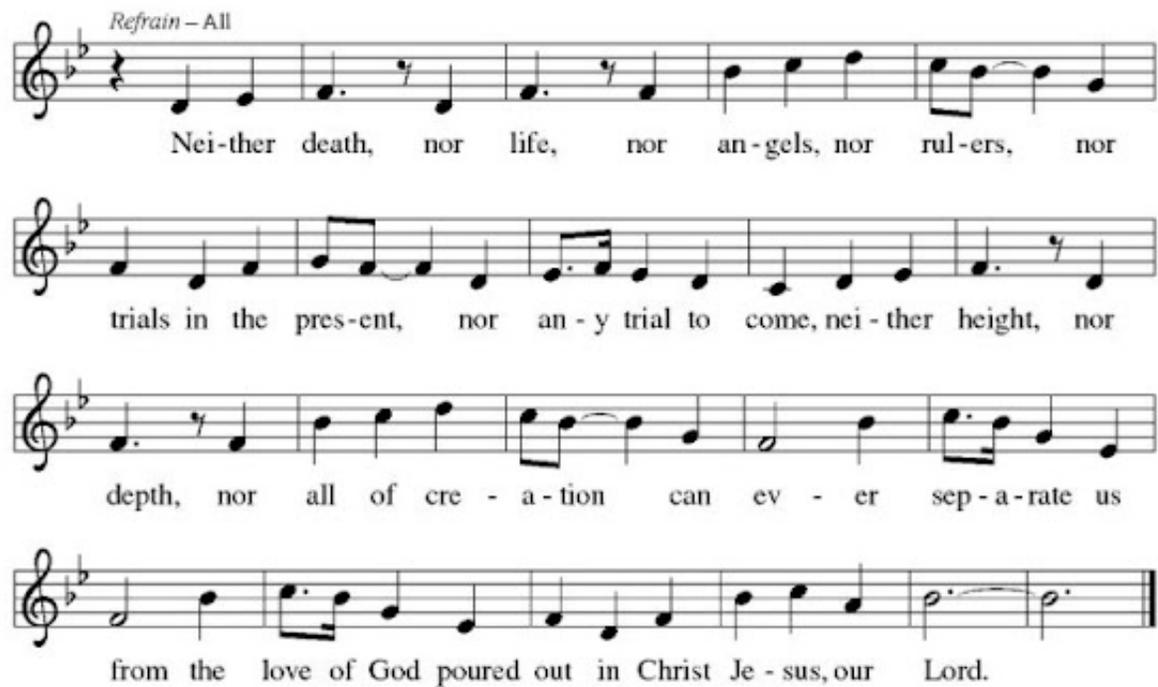
PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY - "Neither Death Nor Life" - ELW 622

Refrain - All



Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor
trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor
depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us
from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Leader or All



1 Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead; though your
2 All who are led by the Spir-it shall live as
3 All of the suf - f'ring we now must en - dure is
4 All of cre - a - tion a - waits the new birth, the
5 Who can sep - a - rate us from the love of Christ? Will

bod-y shall die, in Christ you shall rise through the
 chil - dren of God, and heirs with Christ Je - sus, God's a -
 noth - ing to the glo - ry so soon to be re - vealed when cre -
 full - ness of re - demp - tion, through la - bor pains of love, and
 hard - ship or dis - tress, per - se - cu - tion or fam - ine, or

Spir - it who brings you to life. *Refrain*
 dopt - ed and cho - sen and loved. *Refrain*
 a - tion it - self is set free. *Refrain*
 so we wait in pa - tience and hope. *Refrain*
 na - ked - ness or per - il or sword? *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

- A God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
- 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.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a series of chords, followed by a melodic line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a melodic line.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff features a melodic line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note. The bass staff continues with chords and a melodic line.

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

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note. The bass staff continues with chords and a melodic line.

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

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note. The bass staff continues with chords and a melodic line.

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

The fifth system of musical notation concludes the hymn. The treble staff features a melodic line with a dotted quarter note and an eighth note. The bass staff continues with chords and a melodic line.

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, 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 Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Beginning from the back rows, the ushers will direct you to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Stand or kneel at the altar rail. The bread will be brought to you first, followed by trays with wine or **grape juice (in the center ring)**. An acolyte will bring a tray for you to place your empty cup. Communion ministers will bring Holy Communion to those with mobility challenges (or those worshiping outside who don't wish to come inside).

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

COMMUNION SONGS - "Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me" (Robinson/Thompson/Farren) - CCLI Song # 7121852



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
(2. The night is) dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
(3. No fate I) dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
(4. With ev - 'ry) breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. — To this I
joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. — To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I

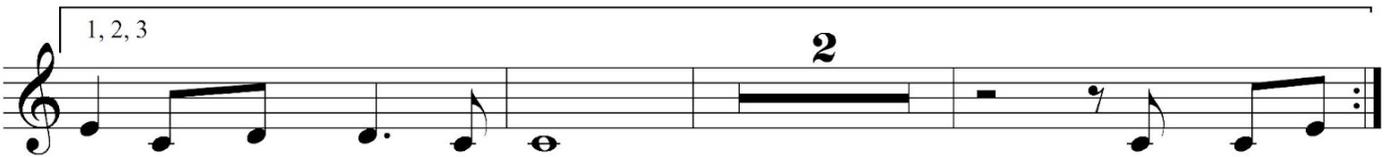
¹ Adapted by Pastor Julie from a prayer written by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
 hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley he will
 hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
 hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. — Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
 lead. — Oh the night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come! Yet not
 plea. — Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
 him. — When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.	2. The night is
I, but through Christ in me.	3. No fate I
I, but through Christ in me.	4. With ev' - ry



I, but through Christ in me. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:



Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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“There Is a Longing” - ACS 1078

Refrain — All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our

hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:
hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:
hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:
deep - est night. We call you; we wait:

Refrain



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A 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.**

As able, the assembly stands for the Blessing.

BLESSING

P As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.
Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary.
Seek the good in every person you pass. Seek out the hopeful.
Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.
As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for.
And the blessing of God, the Holy Trinity †,
be among you and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG - "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - ELW 886 - Verses 1-4, 6

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

*Today's altar flowers are given by Scott and Nora Fajnor
in honor of their 13th wedding anniversary
and by Tricha Lewis in memory of Ray Gannon.*

**Pastor Julie Morris is on vacation through March 28. For pastoral emergencies,
call the church office (805-482-3847) to be directed to an on-call pastor.
We welcome and thank Pastor Ron Cox for leading us in worship!**

Thank you to our Mount Cross Choir for sharing their musical gifts today!

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If you haven't already done so today, let us know you're watching us online -
fill out our connection card: <https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.
Join us for **Fellowship in the Pavilion** after worship each Sunday!

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Communion reception in the sanctuary
or in your car** from **11:00-11:30 a.m.**

Please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate.

Masking Guidelines at Mount Cross

Masks are **optional** in all indoor and outdoor settings at Mount Cross. We encourage all members to take precautions to protect themselves and others from illness. We continue to offer seating outside for Sunday worship. Thank you for your cooperation and care.

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, March 26

Christianity through a Lutheran Lens
Class, 11:00 a.m.-Noon

Join Kevin O'Farrell in the Parish Life Center for a class to explore Christianity in the Lutheran tradition. See details below.

Choir Rehearsal, 1:00 p.m.

The choir will rehearse music for Holy Week in the sanctuary at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 27

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.
The Meditation group meets on Zoom at 3:00 p.m. Questions, contact LaJean Wenzel.

Men's Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m.
A Men's Al-Anon group meets in the Parish Life Center at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study meets in the church, continuing a *Gather* magazine study of the Ten Commandments.

Fellowship Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29

Worship & Music Committee, 1:15 p.m.

The Worship & Music Committee meets at 1:15 p.m.

Lent Class, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Julie, Susan Klein, and Mark Asman in the Parish Life Center from 5:00-6:00 p.m. for "Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent." See more information below.

Fun with Faith, 5:00 p.m.

All children Preschool through 5th grade are invited to join Joe Zimmerly at 5:00 p.m. for "Fun with Faith"! Questions, contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Soup Supper, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Enjoy soup supper and fellowship in the pavilion.

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

The bell choir rehearses in the sanctuary loft.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation for our Middle School youth meets at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Questions, contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Holden Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Finish off our Lenten Wednesdays with Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

The choir rehearses in the sanctuary, following Holden Evening Prayer, working on anthems and music for Sundays.

Thursday, March 30

Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.

The Property Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1

Church Work Day, 8:30 a.m.

Come and help get the church ready for Holy Week and Easter. See details below.

Al-Anon, 10:00 a.m.

Al-Anon meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Announcements

Sunday Worship

We always need worship assistants, especially for technology. We will train you. Contact Vicky Edell at vickyedell5@gmail.com or sign-up online at <https://signup.com/Group/7769976983269200115/>.

Thank you for serving at Mount Cross!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

For information on our weekly programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com).

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

This information is offered by the Peace & Justice Team in a spirit of goodwill for information purposes. We invite everyone to be a part of these ongoing conversations.

Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition on Dolores Huerta at the CSUCI Broome Library, Exhibition Hall through May 7, 2023

The CSUCI Center for Community Engagement in partnership with the John Spoor Broome Library and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service is proud to host the Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields / Revolución en los Campos. The exhibition shares the compelling story of legendary activist and leader Dolores Huerta (b.1930) and the farm workers movement of the 1960s and 70s. It is a quintessentially American tale

of struggle and sacrifice, of courage and victory.

The exhibition, which features bilingual text (English-Spanish), explores Huerta's public life as an activist and co-founder of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW), and what led her to become a Latina civil rights icon. In her life as a teacher, mother, communicator, organizer, lobbyist, and contract negotiator, her unparalleled leadership skills helped dramatically improve the lives of farm workers. For more information, go to <https://library.csuci.edu/about/news/dolores-huerta/>

Altar Flowers

To request flowers for our worship: <https://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2023>. **The cost is \$40.00**; you can take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Communion following worship. If you aren't here but would still like flowers, let us know; we'll deliver the arrangement to another member to enjoy. If you ordered flowers, please remember to pay for them - online or in the offering, marked for "Flowers."

More Ways to Give

Thank you, Mount Cross congregation, for all the generosity you have shown in these times of trial!

To give to Mount Cross on your cell phone or tablet, download Vanco's free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play, enter zip code 93010, and choose Mount Cross.

Please email any questions about giving and/or statements to Financial Secretary Joan Brundage at jbrundage@mountcross.com.

St. Columba's Food Pantry

Each Sunday, we have a bin where you can bring non-perishable food for St. Columba's Project Hope food pantry. **Canned vegetables or proteins** (tuna or chicken) are always a good choice. They could also use **cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, canned soup, mac & cheese, fresh bread, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex. Please do not donate food that is expired.**

Thanks for your support.

Christianity through a Lutheran Lens - Sundays, 11:00 a.m.-Noon

During the **Sundays in Lent** from 11:00 a.m. to Noon (through April 2), join Pastor Julie, Kevin O'Farrell, Ph.D., and others to explore Christianity in the Lutheran tradition. We meet in the Parish Life Center. We read and discuss together a booklet by Daniel Erlander called *Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life*. Booklets are available at the class meetings. Child care available. Contact Pastor Julie if you have any questions, pastorjulie@mountcross.com.

Reconciling in Christ Forum with Bishop Bos - Sunday, April 2, 11:00 a.m.

The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Task Force will hold faith formation forums to discuss what it means to be inclusive and celebrate ALL people, specifically the LGBTQIA+ (queer) community. Due to the COVID cases, our March 19 forum had to be canceled. We will be rescheduling our speaker Marty Kreman, from Holy Trinity Lutheran. Watch for updates in the weekly e-Grapevine or the Sunday bulletin.

Join us on **Sunday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m.** (as part of the "Christianity through a Lutheran Lens" class series). Bishop Bos will lead this forum to discuss RIC and share her experiences.

Lent Program: Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent

Join us for our **final Wednesday in Lent**, on **March 29** in the Parish Life Center from **5:00-6:00 p.m.** for "**Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent.**" The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption.

Led by Pastor Julie Morris, the Rev. Susan Klein, and Fr. Mark Asman.

Following the program, stay and enjoy a **Soup Supper** from **6:00-7:00 p.m.**, then **Holden Evening Prayer** in the sanctuary at **7:00 p.m.**

Church Work Day - Saturday, April 1, 8:30 a.m. to noon

Get Ready for Holy Week!

Everyone is invited to enjoy fellowship, donuts and the satisfaction of making our campus sparkle for Holy Week for our next **Work Day** this **Saturday, April 1**, from **8:30 a.m. to Noon**. As always, there will be refreshments – donuts and more. All ages are welcome.

Everyone will find something to their liking – gardening, polishing, tinkering, organizing and cleaning. Blessings and thanks to everyone in advance.

Tuesday Lent Program at St. Columba's—Tuesday, March 28

Centered - A Lenten Small Group Study Series

Join Paul Amendt on Tuesday evenings in the St. Columba's parish hall (1251 Las Posas Rd., 93010) at 7:00 as we share fellowship, dessert, and explore the Episcopal program "Centered." **Centered** is a discipleship series guiding small groups to get deeply rooted in love with God and one another, so that we all may grow to look, act, and love more like Jesus. We have one more meeting on **Tuesday, March 28**, from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

All-Church Lenten Study at Camarillo United Methodist Church

The Methodist Church will be studying **The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus** during the season of Lent. Sunday morning sermons will focus on the life and ministry of Jesus, followed by discussion groups based on the devotional guide. Discussion groups will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. An online discussion group will also meet via Zoom on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. Please contact the church office or visit the church website at CamarilloUMC.org for the Zoom link for the Wednesday discussion group.

The Gospel of Matthew at Padre Serra

"Deep Dive into the Gospel of Matthew," **Mondays in Lent, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**, at **Padre Serra Catholic Church** (5205 Upland Road, Camarillo). This course is taught by New Testament scholar, Father Patrick Mullen, as part of the county-wide "University Series." For information about the classes on Matthew, and to explore the whole series, visit <https://bit.ly/DeepDiveMatthew>.

Donate Calla Lilies for Easter



Help decorate our Sanctuary for Easter! If you would like to **donate pastel calla lilies** for Easter, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/MCEasterLilies2023>. Responses are needed by March 27. The calla lilies are **\$10 each** and may be picked up after our Easter Sunday service on April 9. Thank you!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. Worship **Bishop Brenda Bos, presiding**

We begin Holy Week outside, hearing the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and enter the church waving palms. We also hear Jesus' Passion from the Gospel of Matthew.

On Palm Sunday, we ask you to consider what prayers for peace and healing, individually and globally, are on your hearts as we begin Holy Week this year. Write your prayers on pieces of paper provided - these prayers will be carried alongside the cross as we walk from Camarillo United Methodist Church to Mount Cross on Good Friday, then placed at the foot of the cross during our Good Friday worship. Prayers can also be received by email at CamarilloCross@gmail.com and will be printed and carried along with the others.

“With Christ through Death into Life - Three Days at Three Churches”

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. - Camarillo United Methodist Church (291 Anacapa Dr.)
A dramatization of the Last Supper with Holy Communion.
www.camarilloumc.org

**Good Friday, April 7, Noon - Stations of the Cross - St Columba's Episcopal Church
(1251 Las Posas Rd.)**

Pray the Stations of the Cross (outside on the patio) with Jesus on his final journey to Jerusalem.

Good Friday, Prayer Walk with the Cross of Christ for Peace and Healing
April 7th, meet at Camarillo UMC at 5:30 p.m.

We will walk two miles to Mount Cross Lutheran Church, carrying the cross and the prayers of the community. Email prayers to CamarilloCross@gmail.com.

Good Friday Worship Service, April 7, 7:00 p.m. - Mount Cross Lutheran Church
The Passion of Christ with musical interludes and prayers,
www.mountcross.com

The Easter Vigil, April 8, 7:00 p.m. - St. Columba's Episcopal Church (1251 Las Posas Rd.)
The new fire of Easter, the story of salvation, the Easter Gospel, and Holy Communion.
Begin at the fire pit in the back of the parking lot.
www.stcolumbaca.com

Easter Sunday, April 9, 9:30 a.m. Worship **Mount Cross Lutheran Church**

*Celebrate the joy of the resurrection with festive worship,
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and Easter breakfast for all.*

Gathering Prayers for Peace and Healing

On **Palm Sunday, April 2**, we will collect prayers for peace and healing. These prayers will be carried along with a large cross in our Good Friday procession. The procession will begin at Camarillo United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. on Good Friday (April 7) and we will walk two miles to Mount Cross for the service beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you are not at Mount Cross on Palm Sunday to submit a prayer, you can email your prayers to CamarilloCross@gmail.com.

All prayers will be printed and carried on Good Friday.

Mount Cross Is Now Accepting Venmo!

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