

Mount Cross Lutheran Church

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**Palm Sunday/
Sunday of the Passion
March 28, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE - Guy Ervin III

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Pastor Julie Morris

PROCESSION WITH PALMS (Video from Fun with Faith)

Acclamation (repeated as needed)

- P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
C **Hosanna in the highest.**



PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

- P The holy gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

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.**



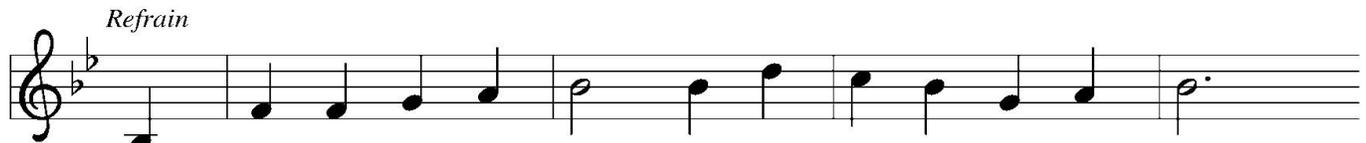
PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" - ELW 344 - Verses 1-3

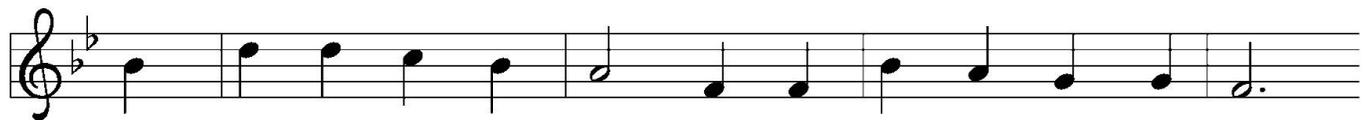
Refrain



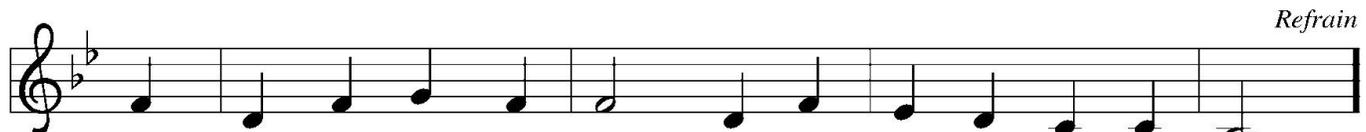
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PASSION: Mark 15:1-47 (Video presentation from Lenten Study Participants)

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "You say so." ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they

put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

SERMON - Pastor Julie Morris

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

SONG OF THE DAY - "Were You There" - ELW 353 - Verses 1, 2 & 5



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



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

Refrain



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



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

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual



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.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

The assembly may be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. Give us the mind of Christ and inspire us to hear your voice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but lead with justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. Teach us to be people of peace and tolerance, defending the oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer, especially victims of gun violence, racism, and hatred; grant respite and renewal. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus was anointed with oil by the women disciples. Anoint us with your healing grace. Bring relief to all who are suffering because of COVID-19, cancer, Parkinson's disease, or other serious illnesses. Bless the work of those developing and administering vaccines. We pray especially for (*those on our prayer list*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers, pastors, chaplains, and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You alone are holy. We thank you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust your promises and to follow your will all our days. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**



OFFERING SONG - "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" - ELW 185 (sing 2 times)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
Music © 1993 Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.**

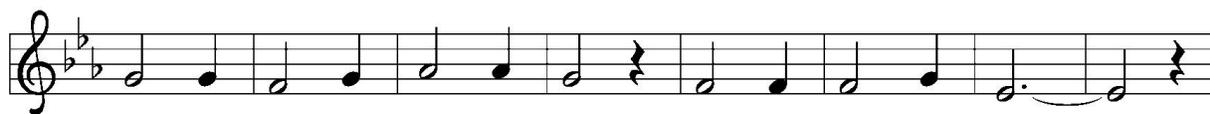
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. 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,



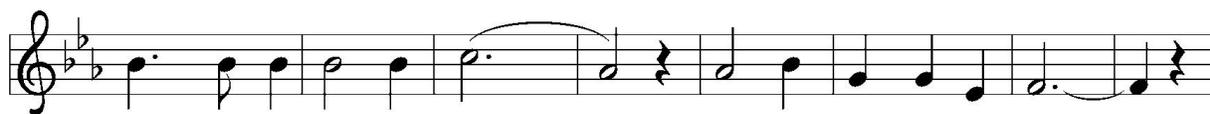
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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.

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.

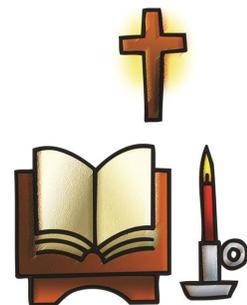
Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:
wash away our sin,
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

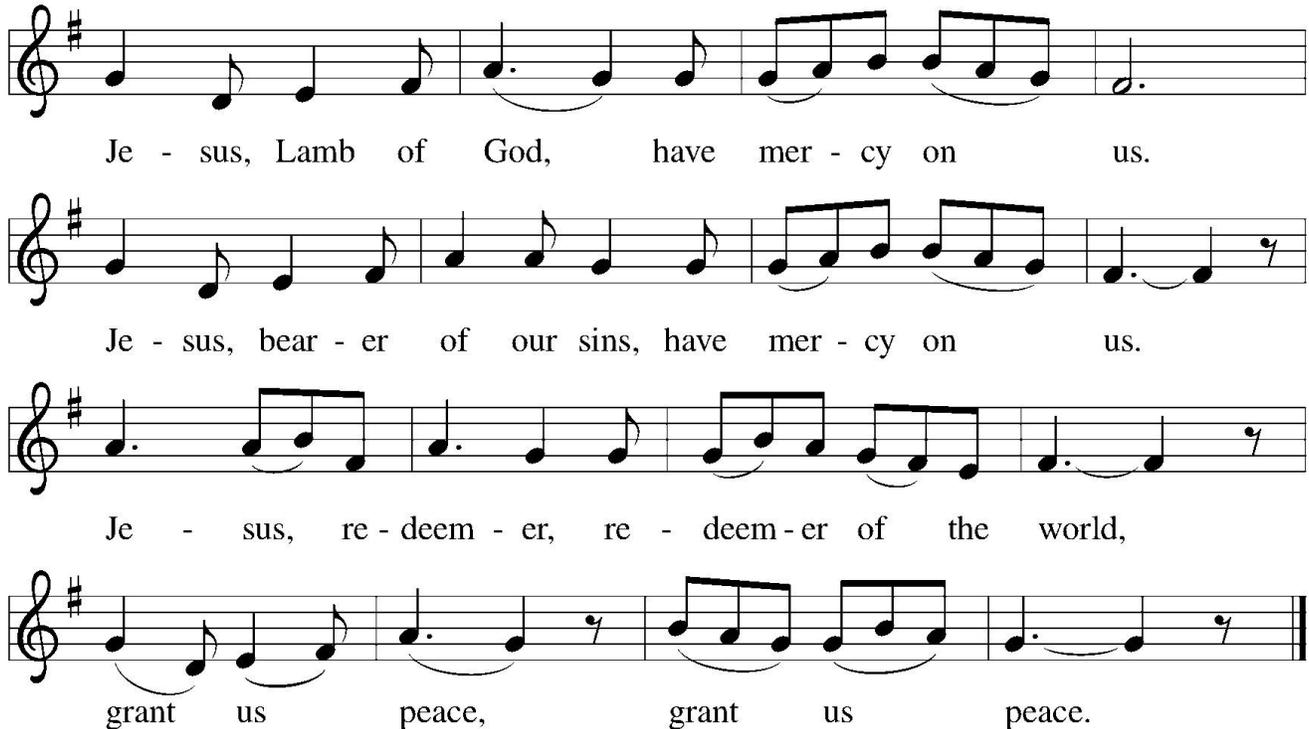
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The assembly may be seated.

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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PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.”

All joining from home are invited to say the following prayer:

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 SONG - "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" - ELW 335

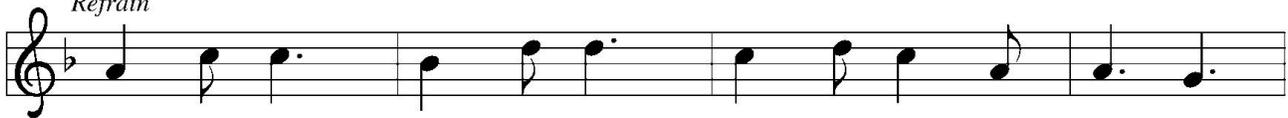


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Rooted in God's grace,

C **we joyfully witness and serve.**

POSTLUDE - Guy Ervin III

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Clairbell Petersen,
by Gayle & Cy Johnson and Family.*

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Join us for **Community Conversation Time on Zoom** following this service! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some treats and visit with us. Here is the **Zoom link**:

<http://bit.ly/CommunityConversationTime>.

Or to join by phone, call **1 669 900 6833**. You will be asked for the **meeting ID (889 0267 0619)** and **passcode (302996)**.

Let us know you're watching us online - fill out our connection card:

<https://bit.ly/MCLCConnect>.

Come to the Table: Mount Cross is offering **Drive-Through Communion** today from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We ask that you please consider your vulnerabilities and risk factors before choosing to participate in drive-through Communion.

PRAYER CONCERNS from MOUNT CROSS

We pray for an end to the coronavirus, for doctors, nurses, and caretakers, for researchers, all involved in the vaccine efforts, and for the families grieving the loss of each victim.

We pray for peace, unity, and understanding in our country.

We pray also for Elizabeth A, Robert and Robin A (friends of Becky & Ken Riley), **Cynthia Bishop** (friend of Bob and Judy Winters), **the Brazil family** (friends of the Blois family), **Mike Carpenter, Terry Cline** (relative of Jim & Karen Gramacki), **Rob Conant** (boyfriend of Mary Goodenough's daughter), **Bob Edell, Steve Engh** (friend of Gayle & Cy Johnson), **Tabitha Ebright, Nora Fajnor, the family of Alice Herbruck, Ron Higginbotham, Charles Hilley, Jo Holler, Joan Husband** (friend of Bill & Glenda Greason), **Nancy Jaeger, Clem Johnson** (aunt of Darryl Johnson), **Ric Kienitz, Michelle Kolder** (daughter of Karen & Joe Diehl), **Kathy Mann** (mother of Marilyn Gardner), **Jeff Miller** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **Dale and Mona Mueller** (cousin of Lois Watts), **Karen Nelson, the family of Bob Purdy, Allan Steele** (friend of Becky & Ken Riley), **Bill Voigt** (father of Heather Edwards).

*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.*

The Week at a Glance

TODAY, March 28, 2021

Children's Church Zoom , 9:00-9:20 a.m.
Contact Joe (joe@mountcross.com)
for the Zoom information.

Youth Group On Site, Tonight, 6:00 p.m.
High School Youth gather with Joe Zimmerly, email
joe@mountcross.com with questions.

Monday, March 29, 2021

Monday Meditation, 3:00 p.m.

The Monday Meditation group meets at 3:00 p.m. To
join by computer or smart phone/tablet go to
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83666658855> or to call
on your phone, dial 1 (669) 900-6833. You will be asked
to enter the Meeting ID which is 836 6665 8855 and
then push pound (#).

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Women's Bible Study - Week Off

The Women's Bible Study is not meeting this week but
will resume next Tuesday.

Upper Room Zoom, 12:00 noon

Upper Room Zoom meets on Tuesdays. It's a nice
15-minute break in your day that includes scripture,
prayer, and relaxing video/audio. Join as often as you'd
like. Join: <http://bit.ly/MCUpperRoomZoom> OR, you can
call in on a phone. Dial 1 (408) 638 0968. Meeting ID:
847 4745 9576, push pound (#).

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Prepare for the Great Three Days

Our regular programs are off this week as we prepare
for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday,
and the Easter Vigil.

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Men's Bible Study, 7:30 a.m.

We meet every other Thursday to study the
Gospel for the upcoming week. Contact Pastor
Julie, pastorjulie@mountcross.com, if you would
like to be on the Men's Bible Study email list. To
join us on Zoom, please use the following link,
<http://bit.ly/MCMensBibleStudy>, or call (408)
638 0968. The meeting ID is 891 5038 5706 and
the Passcode is 521872.

Maundy Thursday Online Worship,
7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2, 2021

Weeding at the Abundant Table,
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Good Friday Livestream Worship,
7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 3, 2021

Easter Vigil Online Worship,
7:00 p.m.

*See the complete on the back page
for our Holy Week worship.*

Announcements

Sunday Worship

The Re-Opening Committee has approved in-person
attendance for our outdoor worship. Those attending
need to sign in, have their temperature checked, wear
masks, and observe social distancing. We have some
chairs available or you may bring your own. We also need
worship assistants:

[https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/58703149
3102206086/true#/invitation](https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/587031493102206086/true#/invitation). Thank you in advance for
helping to keep Mount Cross safe!

Help with Drive-through Communion

We are looking for help to make Sunday Drive-through
Communion possible. If you would like to help set up or
as a parking lot usher, greeter, or communion assistant,
please sign up at

<http://bit.ly/WorshipandCommunionAssistants>
or call the office at (805) 482-3847.

Children's Church (Sunday School)

Join us Sundays on Zoom from 9:00-9:20 a.m. for
Children's Church with a fun story and gathering!
Please print out your children's bulletins before
the meeting. If you need a hard copy, please
message Joe at joe@mountcross.com.

Diaper Pantry

In March, CYFM is sponsoring the Graceful Diaper
Pantry that is run through Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church in Oxnard. We are collecting
donations every Sunday in March during
Drive-through Communion. For more
information, please contact Joe Zimmerly
(joe@mountcross.com).

Additionally, the Graceful Diaper Pantry is looking
for 2-3 volunteers to help package diapers from
9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 3. If you would
like to help, please contact Joe Zimmerly
(joe@mountcross.com).

Thrivent Choice Dollars Expiring Soon!

Thrivent members, if you haven't checked your Thrivent account lately, you might want to do so before the end of March. **All Choice Dollars from 2020 expire on March 31.** Choice Dollars are like free money that you get to "direct" to organizations of your choice - don't miss your chance to support Mount Cross or the CDC (or thousands of other organizations)!

Additional Vaccine Sign-up Site

If you are having trouble getting a vaccine appointment through the county website, you can try myturn.ca.gov. Unlike venturacountyrecovers.org, you can make both first and second dose appointments at the same time. The myturn site also appears to show more availability.

Mount Cross Story Time Videos Requested

We are hoping to compile videos of church members reading bedtime stories or Bible stories for the children of Mount Cross Lutheran Church. Record a video of yourself telling the story and submit it to joe@mountcross.com. If you would like assistance recording a video through Zoom please let us know.

Please sign up if you are interested.

<https://signup.com/go/qzNyBuL> Thank you so much in advance for your time!

Anti-Racism Work of the Week:

This week, we have a pledge to sign - the ELCA Anti-Racism Pledge. Please read it over and sign, if you feel called to do so. If you have signed, please let Cy Johnson (clopsj@gmail.com) know. He is keeping track of the people at Mount Cross who have signed and pledged to do the work of anti-racism. Find the pledge at [ELCA Anti-Racism Pledge - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#).

Altar Flowers

We've resumed having altar flowers, when requested, for our outdoor worship. We've added an Altar Flower SignUp Request: <http://bit.ly/AltarFlowers2021>.

The Mount Cross "Gifts of Life" Campaign - Donate Now through Easter!

Please join us in raising funds to send Pastor Fermin Hernandez, Oxnard Police Chaplain and pastor of Centro Cristiano Familiar de Oxnard, and his wife, Lucila, to attend training to become "trainers of trainers" for the suicide prevention of farmworkers and others in Ventura County. Recently, Pastor Hernandez spoke at our Peace & Justice Team meeting and informed us about the effects of COVID within our local farmworker community and the growing concern for an increase in suicide rates. The community and congregation that Pastor Hernandez serves includes many Ventura County farmworkers. From Lent to Easter, the Mount Cross Peace & Justice Team, together with the Service & Missions Team, invites you to join in raising money for this worthy cause. Similar to the "Gifts of Hope" Christmas fundraiser, **"Gifts of Life" donations can be made at our table following the worship services today and next Sunday, April 4. Donations may also be made during drive-through Communion, as well as online through the Mount Cross website (designating your donation as "Gifts of Life").** Checks can be made to Mount Cross Lutheran Church with "Gifts of Life" in the memo. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this worthy cause!

A Note of Appreciation from Howard and Joanna Wullschleger

We would like to thank the Care Team for all their cards, soup and general good wishes. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful church family. Howard was 92 yesterday, quite a milestone for him.

God Bless Mount Cross.

The cost remains \$35.00 and you are welcome to take the arrangement home with you after worship, or pick it up at Drive-through Communion. If you are not present but would still like flowers for a special occasion, please let us know and we can deliver the arrangement to a homebound member to enjoy.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

To find out about our programs, email Joe (joe@mountcross.com) for details or questions.

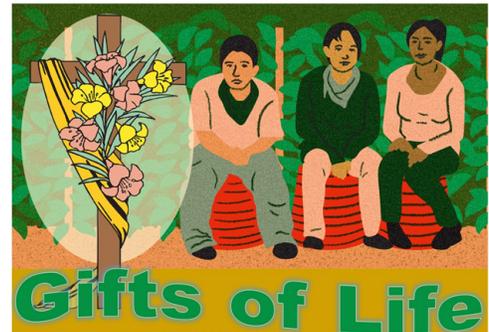
More Ways to Give

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.

Amazon Smile

If you haven't already done so, choose Mount Cross Lutheran Church as your non-profit to support on smile.amazon.com so 0.5% of purchases will go to Mount Cross. Thank you!



You are Invited to the Great Three Days

The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 247).

Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship with St. Columba's Episcopal

This will be a pre-recorded service available on our Facebook and YouTube channels. We will hear Jesus' new commandment to love one another. The gospel and message will be told from the perspective of Peter. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated and all will be invited to join in a prayer of spiritual communion.

[Good Friday, April 2, at the Abundant Table Farm: Help pull weeds in the organic field from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and/or join in the bi-lingual Via Crucis (Way of the Cross) service at 4:00 p.m. The farm is located at 1012 W. Ventura Blvd. off the Central Ave. exit of the 101 freeway in Camarillo.]

Friday, April 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Tenebrae Service with St. Columba's Episcopal live-streamed from the Mount Cross sanctuary.

Candles are extinguished as we hear the story of Christ's passion from the Gospel of John, interspersed with hymns and special music. Before the Cross of Christ, we pray for the whole world.

Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. – The Easter Vigil with St. Columba's Episcopal

This will be a pre-recorded service available on our Facebook and YouTube channels. We will light the new fire of Easter, hear the great story of salvation, and affirm our baptismal covenant.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday at Mount Cross

We welcome you, weather permitting, to our festive, in-person, outdoor Easter Worship service with Holy Communion. Masks, social distancing, and temperature screening are required. We will have folding chairs, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. If possible, please park on the street and walk onto the church grounds. Parking is limited and we want to reserve the spaces for people with mobility challenges. The service will be live streamed at facebook.com/MountCross/live and our live stream worshippers are invited to come to the church sanctuary to receive Holy Communion between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Children are invited for a safe Easter Egg Hunt on our campus from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5, 2021.

Holy Week at Home

Consider making your dining table centerpiece this week a Bible, cross, and candle to call your attention to the significance of these days. Suggested daily Bible readings (from Taking Faith Home):

- ❖ Thursday - John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Jesus washes disciples' feet
- ❖ Friday - John 18:1-19:42 The crucifixion of Jesus
- ❖ Saturday - Psalm 31 Prayer for deliverance
- ❖ Sunday - John 20:1-18 The women discover that Jesus is risen