

House of Prayer



2015

FESTIVAL WORSHIP WITH PALMS... CONFESSION...
HEALING SERVICE... MAUNDY THURSDAY... GOOD FRIDAY...
VIGIL OF EASTER... EASTER SUNDAY

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Welcome to Holy Week...

You are welcome to join us for these next eight days as we tell the amazing story of Jesus' final week of suffering, death, and resurrection. Instead of viewing the worship opportunities of Holy Week as individual, self-contained worship, I hope you will seek the interconnectedness. That is, the way in which the celebrations of Jesus' entrance to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday flow through to Easter Sunday. Each day of worship contributes to the telling of the story of God's great plan of salvation for the world: God's love through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please join us as we seek to encounter our God who desires to love us in every moment of our lives, and who sends us to share that same sort of love through life, death, and beyond.

- During our festival worship with Palms, our journey begins as we celebrate Jesus' jubilant entrance into Jerusalem. We wave our palm branches as we join in the procession shouting "Hosanna!"...even as we know how his stay in Jerusalem will end.
- At various designated times throughout the week, we will have the opportunity to participate in confession and forgiveness of sin. New this year, you may come as individuals or as small groups of people. It is an opportunity to add to our Lenten discipline, make right relationships, and to hear the words of forgiveness.
- At the Wednesday evening healing worship, we will have the opportunity to find God's comfort and grace through the Taize style music and liturgy. There will be space for you to receive the physical signs of grace: the laying on of hands and anointing.
- On Maundy Thursday, we begin the Triduum worship by telling the story of Jesus' final meal with his disciples before the Passover. At this Eucharistic meal, Jesus predicts his own betrayal and death, and institutes for us the sacrament of Holy Communion. Finally, the altar is stripped of its paraments and all symbols of Christian faith in preparation for tomorrow's events. We leave in silence.
- On Good Friday, the Triduum continues as we hear of Jesus betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and death. We come before the cross to confess our own guilt in the death of Jesus, and pray for forgiveness. We pray for the needs, well-being, and future of this world. We leave in silence.
- On Saturday, the Triduum arrives at its dramatic finish. As Jesus lies in the tomb, we keep vigil. We watch and wait for the resurrection we know is to come. As the light continues to grow in the worship space, we hear of God's promises to all humanity; from creation to God's covenant in baptism. We end our Vigil by affirming our Baptismal vows as a tangible reminder that we belong to Christ. Worship concludes with the traditional Eucharistic meal and then we move to celebration and refreshments in the lounge!
- Finally, on Easter morning, we celebrate the empty tomb through festival worship. Here, we celebrate unabashedly and unashamedly. God has won! Love wins!

FESTIVAL WORSHIP WITH PALMS

Those who are able, please gather in the courtyard as we prepare to process in together.

PRELUDE

Toccata

J. Pachelbel

+ GATHERING +

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

PROCESSION (*Feel free to ad lib shouts of "Hosanna"*)

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

Refrain



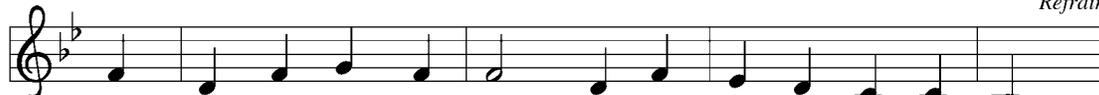
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

+ **WORD** +

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4–9a

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

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

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

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

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
 I am as useless as a broken pot.**

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

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
 I have said, "You are my God.**

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

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5–11

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 14:1-15:47

The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel reading

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Green Book 117

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

+ MEAL +

OFFERING/CHOIR (Choir)

The One on the Tree

Judith Snowdon

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye

heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

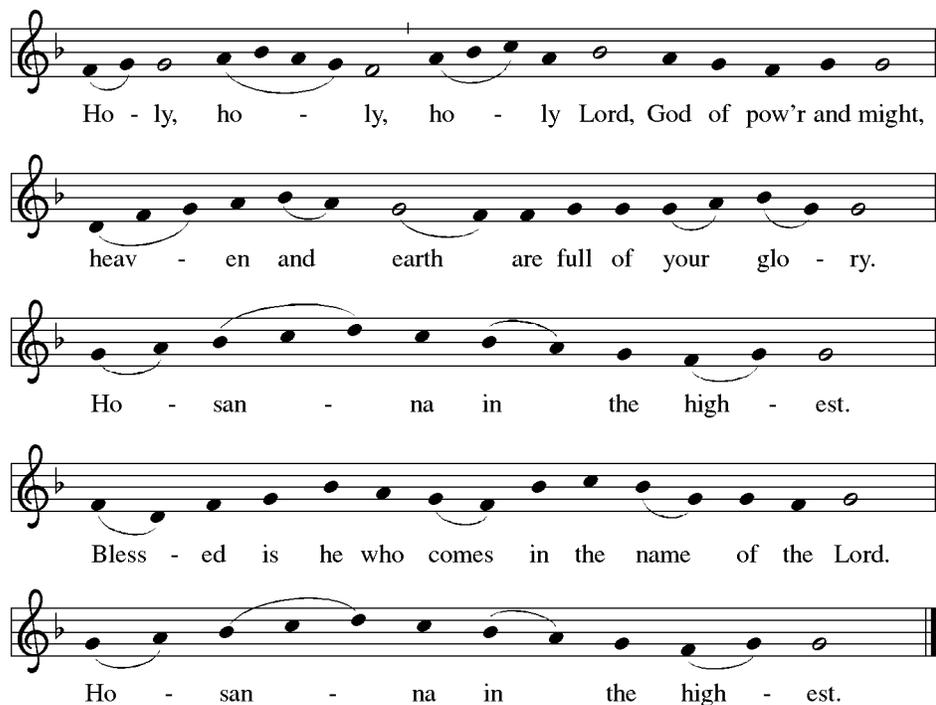
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All Baptized people of God are welcome at this table!
Gluten free bread is available by motioning to the Pastor as you come forward.*

We commune in silence.

During the distribution of communion, please take this opportunity to pray for your brothers and sister in Christ. Consider the words, "This is my body." & "This is my blood."

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

Green Book 26

SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

INDIVIDUAL/GROUP CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Mike will be available at these times for those interested in Individual or Group Confession and Forgiveness:

By Appointment (msourwine@hoplutheran.org or 724.422.7959)

Monday: 7pm-8pm

Wednesday: one hour before and after the Healing Worship.

The idea of Individual/Group Confession and Forgiveness may seem a little unusual for us. However, our tradition has long thought it important. Martin Luther felt that it was so important; it nearly became a sacrament! Here is some information that may be helpful to you.

- Individual/Group confession and forgiveness is not required for the forgiveness of your sins. It is an opportunity for you to have a direct experience of God's grace, mercy, and love in the face of any sins that you are struggling with.
- God is the one who forgives sins, not the pastor. The pastor will be God's representative.
- Your words and confessions will be held in the highest confidence. The designated space for individual confession and forgiveness will be held in the counting room so that your privacy can be maintained.

Here is the liturgy for individual/group confession and forgiveness:

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You have come to make confession before God. You are free to confess before me, a pastor in the church of Christ, sins of which you are aware and which trouble you.

You may use the following words, or pray in your own words.

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone.

Here you may name your sins, failings, and brokenness 'that are known and that burden you.'

I repent of all my sins, known and unknown. I am truly sorry, and I pray for forgiveness. I firmly intend to amend my life, and to seek help in mending what is broken. I ask for strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life.

If you desire, you may speak with the pastor concerning what you have shared. Or you may continue below.

Cling to this promise: the word of forgiveness I speak to you comes from God. *Name*, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

LITURGY FOR HEALING

The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here, all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here, each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here, each one may also receive physical gestures of healing: the laying on of hands and anointing. This sign, first given in baptism, tells us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

Ubi caritas et amor *Where True Charity and Love Abide*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are in Latin and English. The English lyrics are in italics. There are triplets in the second system of the vocal line.

GREETING

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

that the light of your face may shine on us.

May your justice shine like the sun;

may the hurt be lifted up.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Wait for the Lord

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Wait for the Lord'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'. The score includes various musical notations such as chords, stems, and rests.

READING

2 Corinthians 1:2-7

READING

John 11:1-44

SILENCE BEFORE GOD FOR REFLECTION

LAYING ON OF HANDS & ANNOINTING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God that has come near. And he sent the disciples to continue this work of healing. Friends, with the gifts of prayer, the laying on of hands and anointing, you are now entrusted to God in the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world.

You may come forward so that the leader may lay both hands on your head and will use these words:

“In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.” **Amen**

Stay with Me

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
 pray. Watch and pray.

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray."

Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to us. When we are afraid, give us courage; when afflicted, give us patience; when dejected, give us hope; and when alone, assure us of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line (treble clef), and the bottom two staves are the piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy."

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us^l pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us^l pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times,
let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring
peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity,
let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord
great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all
the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,

The image shows a musical score for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.' The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5. The bass line consists of whole notes: G2, Bb2, D3, F3, G3, Bb3, D4, F4. There are double bar lines after the first and second measures.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

BLESSING

SONG

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The music will continue. You may leave when you are ready.

THE TRIDUUM - Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE

Remember the Lord Your God

Franklin Ritter

INSTRUCTION

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

And it is in Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

Within the community of this Church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. It is only because we have first been loved by God that we have the ability to confess that Sin that is known already by God. God so loved the world that while we were yet sinners Jesus Christ was given to die for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us now confess our sin.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Together, let us proclaim God's Word so that our sins may be illuminated:

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse God's name.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, spouse, or possessions.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

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

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

HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Green Book 126

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1–4[5–10] 11–14

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SONG

Mary Did You Know

Mark Lowry

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:20–56

The holy gospel John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

High on a Hill

Ruth Elaine Schram

OFFERING PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...join their unending hymn.

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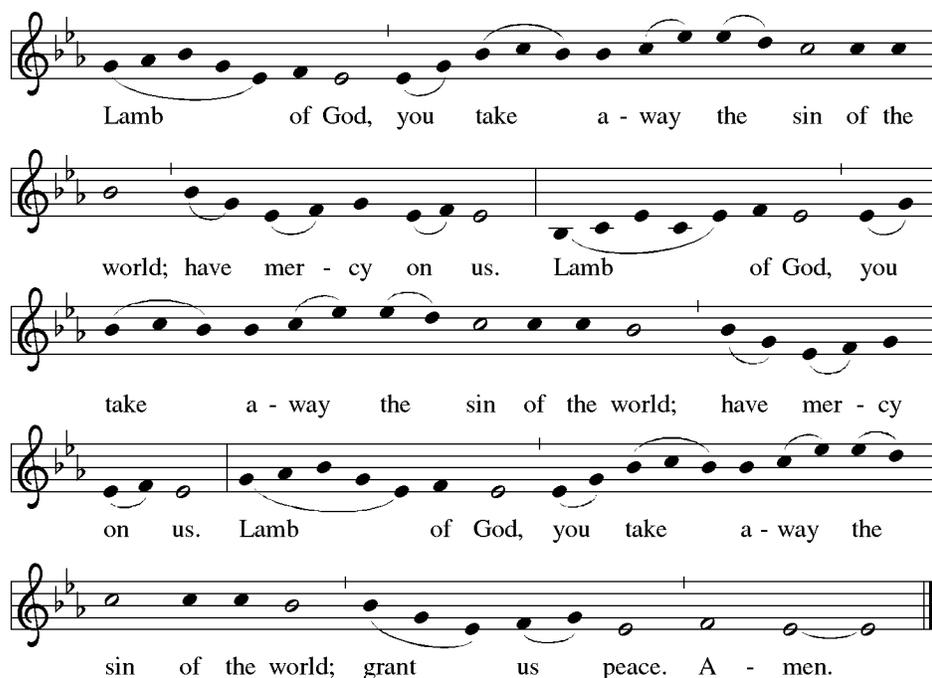
Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.



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world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

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BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR & PSALM 22

Please sit or kneel.

All depart in silence.

THE TRIDUUM – Good Friday

GATHERING *(in silence)*

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of^l the whole world.
Oh, come, let us^l worship him.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of^l the whole world.
Oh, come, let us^l worship him.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of^l the whole world.
Oh, come, let us^l worship him.

SOLEMN REPROACHES

Each of the solemn reproaches begins “O my people, O my church...” and ends “...you have prepared a cross for your Savior.” The assembly responds by singing the following refrain:

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.

We adore you, O Christ,^l and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have re-^l deemed the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

SONG

Roses and Thorns

Ruth Elaine Schram

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 10:16-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

All: Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:57-27:66

SERMON

HYMN

Were You There

Green Book 92

BIDDING PRAYER

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

Silence

Almighty and eternal God...

...We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for *Elizabeth and Kurt* our bishops, for *Mike* our pastor, for *Meizi our music minister, Cindy, Holly, Tim and Jimmy* and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God...

...We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God...

...We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God...

...We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God...

...We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silence

Almighty and eternal God...
... We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.
Silence

Almighty and eternal God...
... We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.
Silence

Almighty and eternal God...
... We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.
Silence

Almighty and eternal God...
... We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.
Silence

Almighty and eternal God...
... We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

**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**

THE TRIDUUM - Resurrection of Our Lord: Vigil of Easter

*All gather in silence.
A small, unlighted candle is given to each worshiper.*

GREETING

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

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

PROCESSION

The Light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly follows the candle into the worship space.

The Light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The ushers light their candles from the Paschal candle as the assembly finds places in the pews.

The Light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The paschal candle is placed in its stand. The ushers distribute the flame to the assembly.

Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God's Throne! Jesus Christ is risen! Celebrate the divine mysteries with exaltation; and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy church! Exalt in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice we should praise the invisible God, and the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his precious blood, redeemed us from bondage to the ancient sin. For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy. This is the night in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, and led them dryshod, through the sea. This is the night in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness. This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness. This is the

night in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph. O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know that time and the hour in which Christ arose again from hell! This is the night of which it is written: “The night is as clear as the day,” and, “then shall my night be turned into day.” The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace; and humbles earthly pride. Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in the burning of this candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and barrowed. For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle. This is the night in which heaven and earth are joined- things human and things divine. We, therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquished the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May Christ the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race. And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve you’re your continual protection your whole church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Creation

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Let us pray, Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

SECOND READING

Flood

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

Let us pray, O God, strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your church, a wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world come to see that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through the one from whom they first took being, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SONG

When Long Before Time (The singer & The Song)

Blue Book 799, v.1

THIRD READING*Testing of Abraham***Genesis 22:1–18**

Let us pray, God and Father of all the faithful, you promised your servant Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, and through this gift of faith you increase your chosen people throughout the world. Form us anew by the death of your Son, that we may joyfully accept the new life of grace given through him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.**FOURTH READING***Deliverance at the Red Sea***Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21**

Let us pray, O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.**SONG***When Long Before Time (The singer & The Song)*

Blue Book 799, v.2

FIFTH READING*Salvation freely offered to all***Isaiah 55:1–11**

Let us pray, Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.**SIXTH READING***The wisdom of God***Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6**

Let us pray, O God, our wisdom, teacher of truth, you fill your house by continuing to call all peoples into the way of insight. With your food and drink sustain us in the path of justice, and by your love watch over those whom you have called through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.**SONG***When Long Before Time (The singer & The Song)*

Blue Book 799, v.3

SEVENTH READING*A new heart and a new spirit***Ezekiel 36:24–28**

Let us pray, God of holiness and mercy, in the dying and rising of Christ you have established a new covenant of reconciliation for us all. Cleanse our hearts and give us a new spirit, that by your saving grace we may live as your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

EIGHTH READING*Valley of the dry bones***Ezekiel 37:1–14**

Let us pray, Living God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Breathe into us your life-giving Spirit, that receiving the gifts of word and sacrament, we may live in the hope of all your blessings to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SONG*When Long Before Time (The singer & The Song)*

Blue Book 799, v.4

NINTH READING*The gathering of God's people***Zephaniah 3:14–20**

Let us pray, Sovereign God, by the resurrection of your Son you offer us victory in our struggles, a city for our refuge, the joy of the beloved, and festival celebration. Gather all the outcast into your mercy, and restore your whole creation through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

TENTH READING*The deliverance of Jonah***Jonah 1:1—2:1**

Let us pray, O God of deliverance, you saved Jonah through the waters of death, and after three days you brought him to new life. Speak to us by this sign, and call us to repentance, that we may heed the voice of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SONG*When Long Before Time (The singer & The Song)*

Blue Book 799, v.5

ELEVENTH READING*Clothed in the garments of salvation***Isaiah 61:1–4, 9–11**

Let us pray, O God, the life of all the earth, throughout the ages you sustain and comfort your people, and you clothe us with beauty and joy. Anoint us with the Spirit of the resurrection, that we may extend your healing to all that is broken in your world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

TWELFTH READING*Deliverance from the fiery furnace***Daniel 3:1–29**

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

SONG*When Long Before Time (The singer & The Song)*

Blue Book 799, v.6

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Let us pray... We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

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

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

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

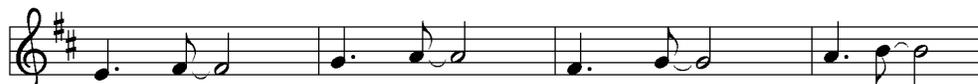
BAPTISMAL BLESSING



You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.



You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

SIGNING WITH WATER

As we were marked with ashes at the beginning of our Lenten journey to remind us of our mortality, tonight we are signed with water to remind us of our baptism; our new life given freely to us in Jesus Christ.

You may come forward when you are ready.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been Baptized. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Borning Cry

Blue Book 770

+ MEAL +

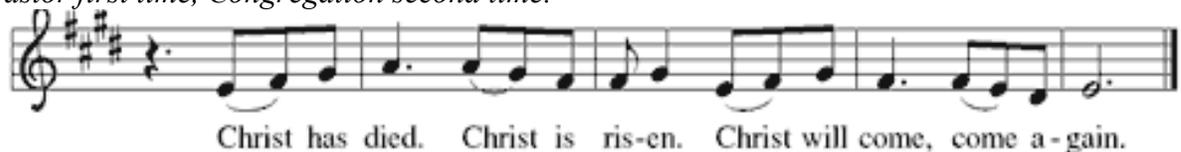
COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

You are indeed holy... Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Pastor first time, Congregation second time.



Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

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This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All Baptized people of God are welcome at this table!

The story continues tomorrow morning at 8:30 or 10:30 for festival worship with Holy Communion. It is at that time in which we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and God's triumph over the power of death and sin.

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible
Sing Joyfully to God

Bill Holcombe
Robert J. Powell

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Green Book 151

GREETING

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

GATHERING SONG

Thine is The Glory

Green Book 145

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHOR

O Praise the Mighty Lord, Alleluia

Patrick M. Liebergen

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Shorter Ending of Mark

[[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]]

The Longer Ending of Mark

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (Verses 4-5)* Green Book 135

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* Green Book 352

CREED

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creator of heaven and earth.**

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and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

+ MEAL +

OFFERING/CHOIR

He is Risen Now!

John Purifoy

OFFERTORY

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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Amen.



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and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



Congregation:
 world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza



Congregation or Assistant:
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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All Baptized people of God are welcome at this table!
 Gluten free bread is available by motioning to the Pastor as you come forward.*

BLESSING

PRAYER

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL SONG

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Green Book 131

SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is RISEN! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

If you are a visitor...

Thank you for worshipping with us at House of Prayer. We hope you felt welcomed by the people of this community. We take seriously our calling to be Christ's body in the world.

We also know that you could be here today for any number of reasons. Perhaps you've just moved into the area and are looking for a church home. Perhaps one of the people from our church community has invited you. Maybe you are friends or family of those in this community. Maybe you can't articulate what brought you here today. Whatever the case may be, know that you are welcome here.

Many of us here at House of Prayer naturally have a fond place in our hearts for visitors. Many of those in this community were, themselves, visitors at one point. Many can share the strange and awkward and uncomfortable feelings you may be experiencing just by coming through the doors of a church, this church, or any church. Know that we rejoice in your strength.

Also know, that no matter where you are in your faith life, if you have been a person of faith for years or today was your first exposure, you are welcome here. We are a community of people, broken yet forgiven, sinner yet redeemed, struggling with the same challenges in our lives that everyone does.

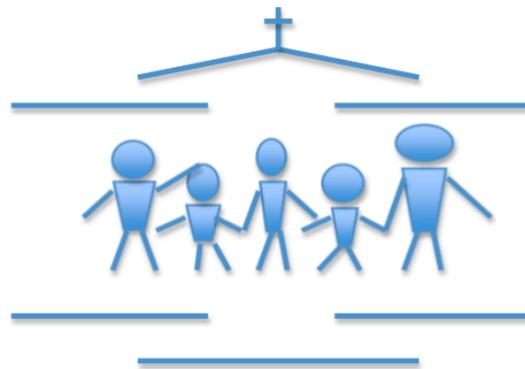
In this community, we believe that we have been made right with God, not because of anything we have done, but because God has chosen to. Knowing we are claimed and unconditionally loved by God, we are compelled in our faith in ways that are hard to articulate.

Again, all are welcome at House of Prayer, regardless of ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation, or any other factor. We hope you will join us again for worship. We also hope you won't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We, too, are on a journey.

Peace Be With You

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Festival Worship with Palms | March 29 – 10:30am |
| Private Confession | See Page 11 |
| Healing Service | April 1 – 7:00pm |
| Maundy Thursday | April 2 – 7:00pm |
| Good Friday | April 3 – 7:00pm |
| Vigil of Easter | April 4 – 7:00pm |
| Easter Festival Worship | April 5 – 8:30am & 10:30am |



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