

BIENVENIDOS! Everyone Is Welcome Here. This Means You.

Bienvenidos! Welcome Back or Welcome for the First Time!

Damos la bienvenida a personas de todos los ámbitos de la vida y en todos los lugares en el viaje de la fe y la vida a First English Lutheran Church (iglesia luterana "primera inglés").

Si usted es un cristiano de toda la vida, un antiguo, algo diferente, o un buscador y un interrogador que busca más a la vida y un lugar para explorar, le damos la bienvenida.

Te invitamos a participar en esta liturgia y en la comunidad de la iglesia.

Su presencia es un regalo. // We welcome people from all walks of life and in all places in the journey of faith and life to First English Lutheran Church (FELC). Whether you're a lifelong Christian, a former something else or a seeker and questioner looking for more to life and a place to explore, we're glad to welcome you. We invite you to participate in this liturgy and the church community. Your presence is a gift.

FELC welcomes, affirms, and celebrates God's love for people of all sexual orientations and all gender identities and expressions. We openly encourage all people to participate fully in the life of the church and society. Since 1989, FELC has participated in the *Reconciling in Christ* ministry of public, open welcome. (www.reconcilingworks.org). To learn more about our mission, history, and each other: https://www.felcaustin.org/information/aboutfelc/felc-history

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+AL CONGREGARSE/GATHERING

This Liturgy

If this is one of your first times to connect with FELC, WELCOME! We invite you to use this form: <u>http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors</u>

Offering baskets will not be passed during the liturgy. All worshiping in the nave are invited to place offerings in a basket located at the welcome table at either entrance.

Information about Holy Week is found on the back page.

GATHERING SILENCE

As the assembly departed the liturgy on Holy Thursday in silence, the assembly gathers again in silence to continue with the Holy Friday liturgy and Adoration of the Cross.

At the ministers direction, the assembly stands, as willing and able.

The portions of the liturgy spoken or sung by the assembly are printed in bold.

ORACIÓN DEL DÍA/PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

The assembly is seated.

ANTHEMWhen I Survey the Wondrous CrossLowell Manson (1674-1748)
arr. Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)Text for meditation: When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.Lowell Manson (1674-1748)
arr. Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)Forbit it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!Lowell Manson (1674-1748)
arr. Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

+PALABRA/WORD

Lectura/Reading

lsaías 52:13-53:12

The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made life an offering. The servant pours themselves out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early Christian communities saw as important signs for experiencing the story of the death of Jesus.

¹³See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. ¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him ----so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals-¹⁵so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. ^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Palabra de Dios. Te alabamos, Señor.

ANTHEM

Old Rugged Cross

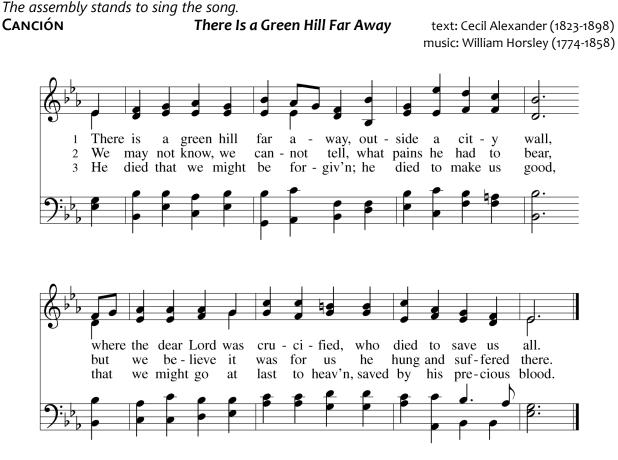
On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suff'ring and shame, And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best For a world of lost sinners was slain. Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above, To bear it to dark Calvary.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, To pardon and sanctify me.



The assembly is seated for the Passion story.

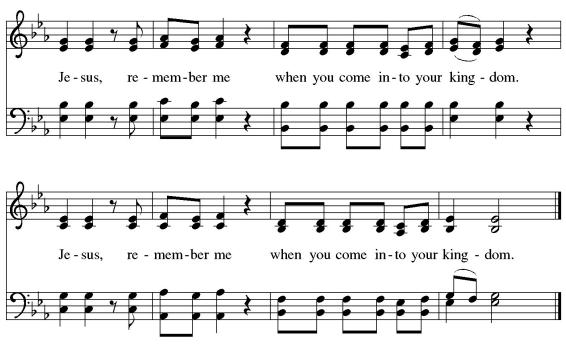
The Passion of Our Lord Mateo 26:14—27:66

Las Pasión según San Mateo./The Passion according to Saint Matthew.

Following the Passion story, a time of silence is kept.

The assembly remains seated and sings the repeated song. CANCIÓN Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) Taizé, France



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Sermon

Following the sermon, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

CANCIÓN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

based on Arnulf of Louvain (c. 1250); Herzlich Tut Mich Verlagen, German (c. 1500), J. S. Bach (1665-1750)



+LAS PLEGARIAS/THE PRAYERS

The assembly kneels or the bidding prayer. ORACION INTERCESORA/BIDDING PRAYER

The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). The presiding minister leads each prayer.

Each prayer has the following form: Assisting Minister: Let us pray for...

Silence is kept for meditation on each prayer bid.

Presiding Minister: 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 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 forever. Amen. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

The assembly stands to sing.

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The assembly stands and turns to face the cross in procession from the main entrance.

PROCESIÓN DE CRU/PROCESSION OF THE CROSS Adoramus te Domine

music: Taizé, France



The assembly kneels or sits.

Adoración De La Cruz/Adoration of the Cross

At the cross God invites us to bring all of our brokenness and pain, our suffering and grief, and all the needs of the world. The cross removes our denial and need to pretend. God is with us in Christ in our human frailty. Bring your true self to the cross—this is all that God desires.

Worshipers may come forward to light a candle around the cross, may bow in reverence, and may touch the cross. Cushions are near the cross for use in prayer.

Worshipers may pray for the suffering and beautiful world—creation, nations, the church, communities, and individuals.

Music is offered during the adoration.

Anthem

Temporary

Richard Slaid Cleaves (b. 1964) Arranged by Leigh Northcutt-Benson (b. 1966)

Fall down on your knees hear the whisper through the trees No one's come to save you let fade the little lies The sentimental cries behold what nature gave you All you see every love and every dream temporary As the morning dew will turn to steam.

Battered by the years we'll quit this vale of tears and leave the world to turn The voice of midnight comes and spoken on its tongue: Man's infinite concern All you see every joy and every sting temporary as the blooming of the rose in spring.

Live well and learn to die soon in the dust you'll lie with everything you know Cruel death will not spare the wise, the young or fair let us drain this cup of woe All you see every thing and every friend temporary A love you thought would never end.

Every love and every dream and every joy and every sting temporary The lullaby your mother would sing.

Concluding Rite

The assembly remains kneeling or sitting for the concluding portion of the adoration.

After silence, the minister continues./ Después de un breve silencio.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.Te adoramos, oh Cristo, y te bendecimos.By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.Por tu santa cruz has redimido al mundo.

SENDING SILENCE

The ministers leave in silence.

The liturgy concludes in silence. You may remain for silent prayer and reflection. Conversation is not held. All depart in silence.

Los ministros se retiran en silencio. Los feligreses pueden continuar en la iglesia en oración y reflexión. Luego, en silencio se van retirando poco a poco.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL: APRIL 8 AT 8:00 PM

- Lighting the new fire outside and blessing the new paschal candle
- Candlelight procession and liturgy
- Stories of salvation, baptismal renewal, and the first Easter Eucharist
- Visitation of the bishop
- Guests from various communities of faith
- Choral and instrumental music
- Festive reception following the liturgy

EASTER DAY WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY: APRIL 9 AT 10 AM

Join together as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection of Christ

- Flowering of the indoor cross before worship / this cross is fashioned from a previous Christmas tree (bring your cut flowers)
- Full Holy Communion liturgy
- Rite of renewal of baptism
- Choral and instrumental music
- Festive hospitality after worship (egg bake, baked goods, Easter eggs, chocolate, and more!)
- Easter Egg hunt during hospitality (bring a basket for little ones)



Will you Take, eat betray me with a my body, broken for you. kiss? Jesus, remember me. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times. I thirst. It is finished. Holy Triduum KP# 3-20-2

Holy Triduum: Holy Friday. Prayer Art by the Rev. Kris Franke Hill (2021), San Antonio, TX. Used with permission.

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To learn about our faith community, greet one another and visit our webpage. You'll find information about our weekly updates and emails, online connections, racial justice action, adult and children's formation, our Child Development Center, our serving, locally and globally. God loves. We love. Everyone!

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PRAYER LIST REQUESTS: WE PRAY FOR...

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the citizens, immigrants, and refugees, and the national, state, and local leaders of the United States; the people of Ukraine and of Russia; for those living in Türkiy, Syrian, Afghanistan, and Brazil; all conflicts, communities, and families living with gun violence; the students, families, and staff of Covenant School in Nashville, and the community; all who protect, defend, care, and advocate for others; God's guidance for our community of faith in this time of ministry transition, renewal, and growth; our congregation council, staff, child development center students and families; our care ministers as they continue training; all enduring recovery and repair from severe weather; all in need of healing and those seeking justice, including those in treatment from Covid-19, Flu, RSV, Cancer, and other illnesses; Please submit prayer requests for the FELC prayer list online: https://www.felcaustin.org/forms/prayer-request The FELC Prayer Circle gathers faithfully to pray. If you desire prayers offered (including confidentially) for you, your loved ones, needs and thanksgivings, our faith community, the church, the world, contact Barbara at bschutz@sbcglobal.net.

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HOLY WEEK

The season of Lent culminates with **Holy Week**—the ritual participation in the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. Through ancient liturgies and contemporary experience, we not only hear the story of Jesus, we become part of it now. The heart of the Christian faith is **the paschal mystery**—through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, God brings transformation, salvation, and renewal for us and the whole creation. Holy Week is the time of deep contemplation that our lives are caught up in this mystery.

Palm Sunday is the entry into Holy Week, with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when he is hailed as the new king. Holy Week is the centerpiece of the entire Christian liturgical year, **forming one worship event over three days**.

Holy Thursday (sometimes called 'Maundy' an English form of 'mandate' from the Latin name 'mandatum') connects us to the events of Jesus' last supper, and, at times, includes the foot washing ritual that leads us to participate in Jesus' own humility and loving service to others. **Holy Friday** is the solemn day of honoring Jesus' death, seeing in the way of the cross—rejection, suffering, death—the power of God to redeem and transform us. At **Easter Day** (and for 50 days after!) we celebrate that Christ renews our lives and the whole cosmos.

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