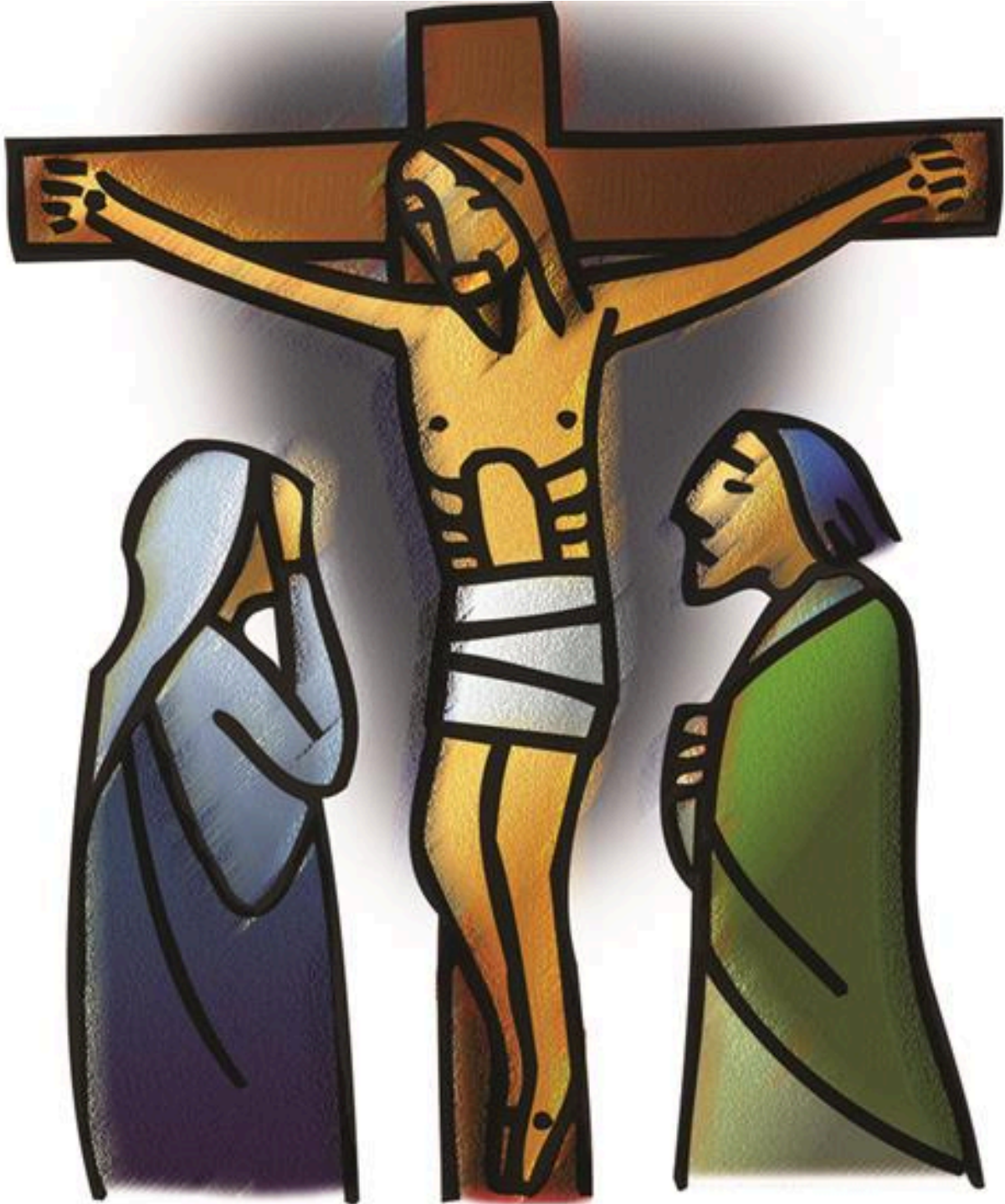


Holy Week: The Three Days
Holy Friday: The Passion of Our Lord
March 29, 2024
Noon ~ ONSITE
7pm ~ ONLINE & ONSITE



bienvenidos!

everyone is welcome. this means you.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church. You're invited to fully participate in a community of faith and friendship that gathers for worship, relationship building, personal growth, and service in the community and the world. Following the example of Christ, this congregation welcomes you exactly as you are. We are committed to the work of racial equity, justice, and advocating for marginalized groups. We welcome people in all places on the journey of faith and life. We celebrate differences in age, appearance, economic status, ethnic origin, nationality, race, family configuration, marital or relationship status, political leaning, religious background, and those who are differently abled physically or mentally.

Since 1989, FELC has openly welcomed persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions to full participation in the church and society. We're Lutheran, so that means we believe in grace for everyone. The good news of Jesus Christ, who brings us the love and mercy of God as a gift, liberates us to love as we are loved, serve as we are served, and give as we have been given much. We rejoice in the diversity that has nurtured and enriched the whole church. Whether you're from another faith tradition, a seeker and questioner looking for more to life and a place to explore, or even a lifelong Lutheran, we're glad to have you.

At First English, **we strive to use language** for God, Christ, and humanity **that is inclusive and diverse.** Our use of feminine, non-gender, and masculine names and metaphors for God, both biblical and contemporary, helps us to experience God more fully. Languages that include persons of all gender identities, sexualities, ethnicities, and color, helps us better reflect God's expansive love and diversity.

If this is one of your first times to connect with FELC, WELCOME! **Use the online Welcome Visitors information form** and provide feedback on your visit: <http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors>.

We ask everyone to respect each individual's safety needs and desires.

Hearing assistance devices are available for use in the sanctuary. Two options are available: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids. Please connect with an usher if you would like a hearing assistance device.

We welcome children in the liturgy. We welcome children by encouraging them and celebrating the joy and livelihood that children offer.

We welcome your generosity in person and online. The reign of God is not something that we can point to and say, "There it is!" Yet, in moments of waiting on the Spirit, we discover God's presence here among us. In our gathering of gifts, food, silence, song, scripture, prayer, and ourselves, we are encountering the living power of Jesus – a leader who truly cares for his people and knows our pain and our beauty. In the amazing and undeserved love that he shows us, we find strength to love others. We are invited to welcome God's life in our generosity.

In an effort to connect with the broadest number of people, **we livestream and archive our services and events for broadcast on the internet.** Your attendance at an event constitutes your consent to be included in filming, photographing, audio recording, or broadcast and for any other use in whole or in part, including promotion. If you prefer to avoid being filmed, please use a back pew.

All Gender Restrooms with changing tables are in the left side hallway as you face the front of the sanctuary.

We invite an open mind and heart as we gather.

We continue praying for and supporting the people and leaders of Ukraine as conflict continues, and in many places. We light a candle in the chancel (with the colors of the Ukrainian flag) each week.

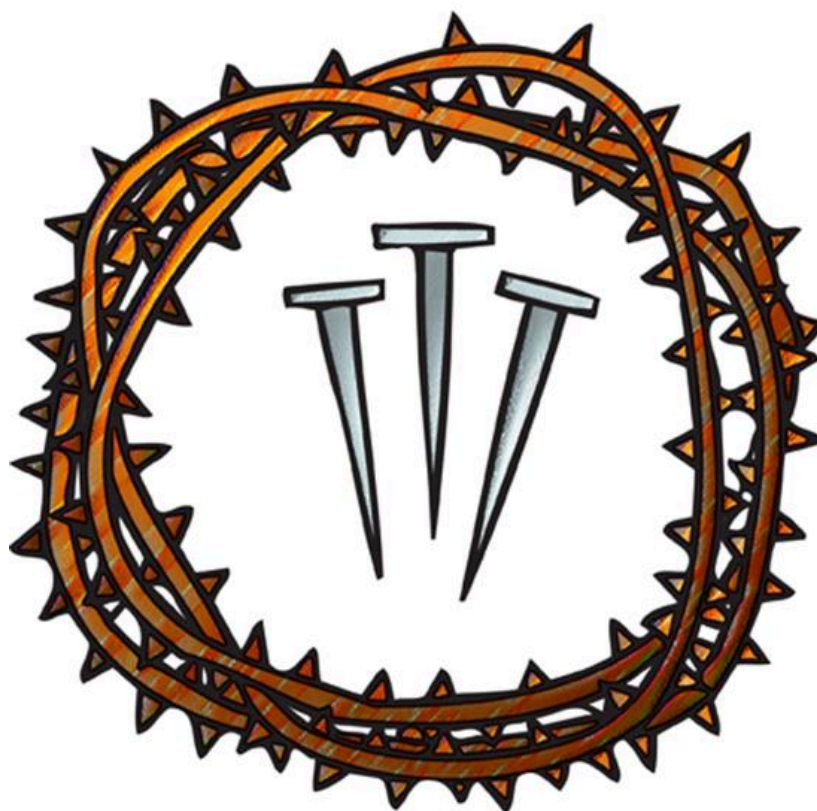
Offering baskets will not be passed during the liturgy. All worshippers in the nave are invited to place offerings in a basket located at the welcome table at either entrance.

Information about Holy Week and Easter services is found on the back pages of this bulletin.

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.

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

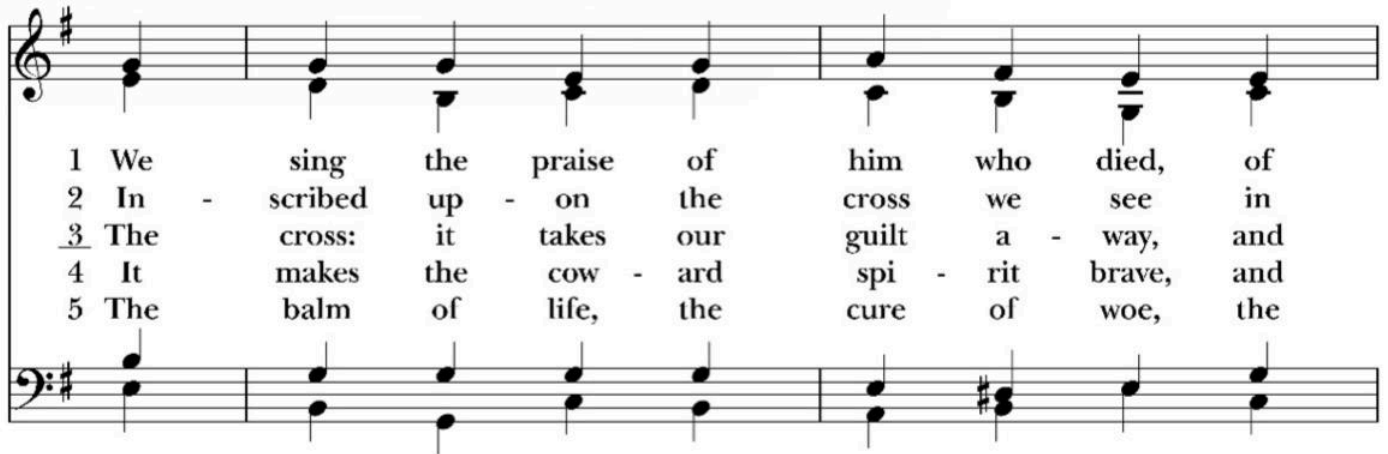


At the direction of the minister, the assembly stands, as willing and able.

Gathering Song

We Sing the Praise of Him who Died

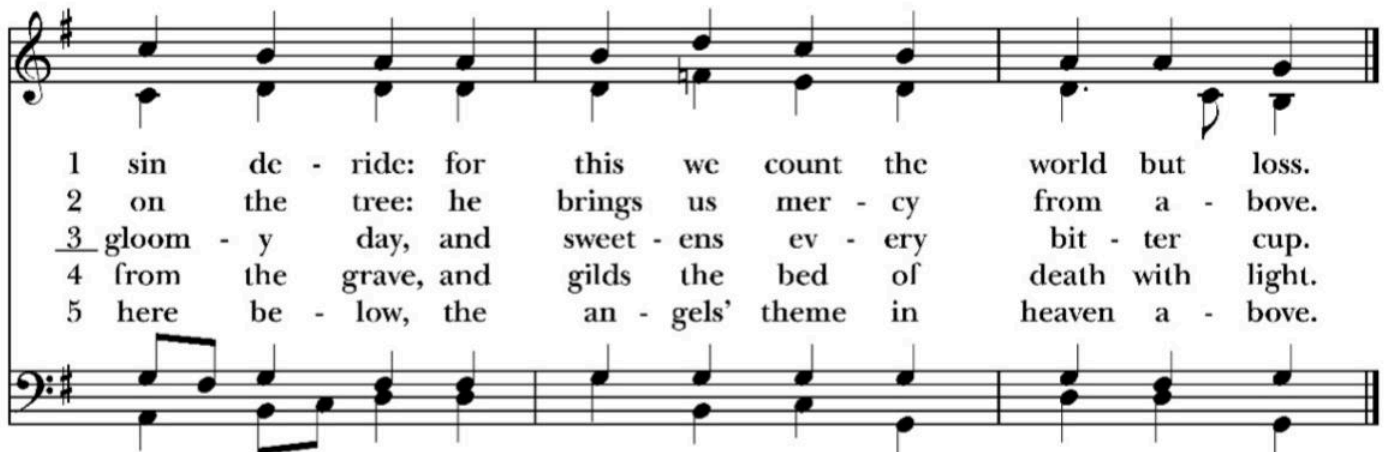
Thomas Kelly (1769-1855); Breslau (1844)



1 We sing the praise of him who died, of
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see in
3 The cross: it takes our guilt a - way, and
4 It makes the cow - ard spi - rit brave, and
5 The balm of life, the cure of woe, the



1 him who died up - on the cross; the sin - ner's hope let
2 shin - ing let - ters, God is love: he bears our sins up -
3 holds the faint - ing spi - rit up; it cheers with hope the
4 nerves the fee - ble arm for fight; it takes its ter - ror
5 mea - sure and the pledge of love, the sin - ner's re - fuge



1 sin de - ride: for this we count the world but loss.
2 on the tree: he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
3 gloom - y day, and sweet - ens ev - ery bit - ter cup.
4 from the grave, and gilds the bed of death with light.
5 here be - low, the an - gels' theme in heaven a - bove.

Oración del Día

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray . . .

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself.
Behold now your family for which Jesus died and rose.

Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side
may find the fullness of love and mercy in him,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

Respuesta (7pm)

“Pie Jesu” (opus 48)

Sung in Latin: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant rest.

Response

Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)



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.

Respuesta (7pm)

“Up to the Hills I Lift My Eyes”

Response

Normand Gouin (b. 1970)

Up to the hills I lift my eyes, from where shall come my strength and help?
My hope rests in the Lord, my God, the Maker of the earth and skies.

God guides our steps and guards our way. He never slumbers, never sleeps.
God’s love and grace fill all our days, the guard and hope of Israel.

No sun shall cause you harm by day, nor moonbeams in the dark of night.
The Lord will ever keep you safe till you ascend to heaven’s height.

The Lord will guard your soul from death; from every foe God sets you free.
The Lord will guide your every step from now until eternity.

text: Psalm 121, adapted

Second Testament Reading

Hebrews 10:16-25

NRSV

After the Holy Spirit says,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Palabra de Dios.

Te alabamos, Señor.

Respuesta (7pm)
“God So Loved the World”

Response
Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

text: John 3:16. King James Version

The assembly stands to sing.

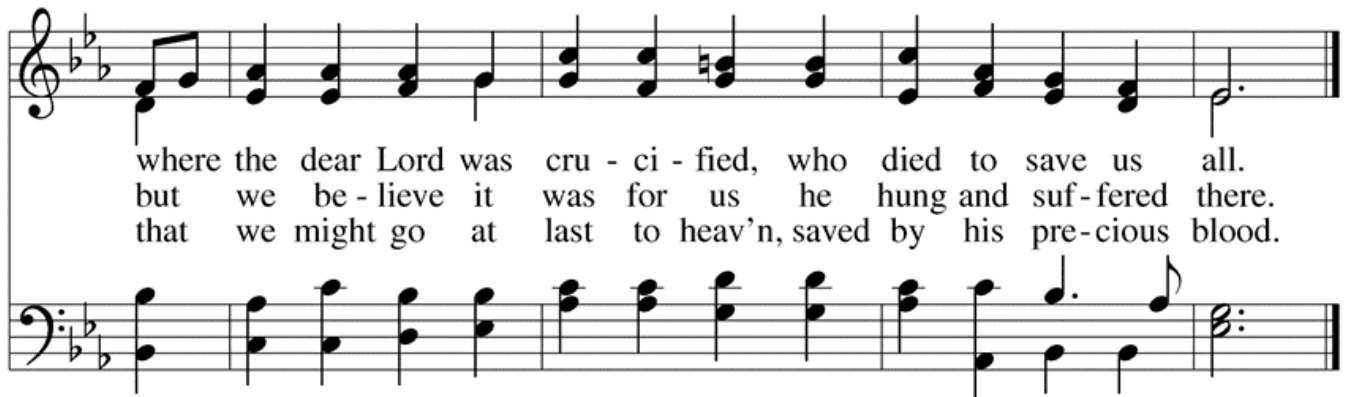
Canción

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

text: Cecil Alexander (1823-1898)
music: William Horsley (1774-1858)



1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a cit - y wall,
2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,
3 He died that we might be for - giv'n; he died to make us good,



where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, who died to save us all.
but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.
that we might go at last to heav'n, saved by his pre - cious blood.

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

Las Pasión según San Juan./The Passion according to Saint John.

In reverence for a portion of the passion story, the assembly will be invited to stand at the motioning of a reader.

This translation of the passion story is based on the New Revised Standard Version. Changes have been made to minimize anti-Jewish interpretations of the text. A number of the suggestions by Norm Beck in his book “The New Testament: A Translation and Redaction” have been used, as well as other changes.

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

Sermón

Reflection

A time of quiet reflection is kept as we open space for the Spirit to work in us.

It is not necessarily meant to be a silent experience, but one of space and resting in the messages received through the Spirit’s work in community.

Following the reflection, the assembly stands to sing the hymn.

Hymn of the Day

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

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

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is written in treble clef, and the bass line is in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to three different verses. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, the third system covers the third line, and the fourth system covers the fourth line. The music is a simple, homophonic setting, typical of a hymn tune.

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

The assembly turns to face the main entrance of the nave and the cross in procession.

Procesión De Cruz

Procession of the Cross

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Oh come, let us worship him.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world,
Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Oh come, let us worship him.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world,
Jesus Christ our savior and friend.

Oh come, let us worship him.

This cross, used for our adoration, is fashioned from a previous Christmas tree. It will be wrapped and adorned with flowers on Easter Sunday.

The assembly remains standing, as able, to sing.



1 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the
 2 Here the King of all the a - ges, throned in
 3 O mys - ter - ious con - de - scend - ing! O a -
 4 Cross of Je - sus, cross of sor - row, where the

blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on
 light ere worlds could be, robed in mor - tal
 ban - don - ment sub - lime! Ve - ry God him -
 blood of Christ was shed, per - fect Man on

thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!
 flesh is dy - ing, cru - ci - fied by sin for me.
 self is bear - ing all the suf - fer - ings of time!
 thee did suf - fer, per - fect God on thee has bled!

Oración de los Discípulos

Disciple's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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 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**

**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.**

**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.**

**Our Creator in heaven, holy is
your name, your kin-dom
come, your will be done, on
earth as in heaven. Give us
today our daily bread. Forgive
us our sin, as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us
from the time of trial, and
deliver us from evil. For the
kin-dom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

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, our wonder, dreams, joy, and fear, and all the needs and desires of the world—everything. The cross removes our denial and our need to pretend. God is with us in Christ in our humanity. Bring your true, full self to the cross—this is all that God desires.

Worshippers may light a candle in the sand boxes around the cross.

Worshippers may bow in reverence, and may touch or kiss the cross.

Cushions are near the cross for use in prayer and meditation.

Worshippers may come to the cross and return to a seat.

*Worshippers are invited to pray for our suffering and beautiful world—
creation, nations, the church, communities,
and individuals in body, mind, spirit, and relationships.*

As a faith community, First English prays for...

the citizens, immigrants, and refugees of the United States;
the national, state, local leaders of the United States;
the people of Ukraine, Russia, and the Middle East, and all places of war;
all communities and families, including those living with gun violence;
all in need of safe shelter, nourishing food, and quality care, and for those who offer it;
our care ministers;
all who offer protection, defense, and advocacy, in this community and in our nation;
all who are LGBTQIA2S+, and for allies who advocate for safety, justice, and equity;
God's guidance for our faith community in this time of transition and renewal;
our staff, child development center board of directors, and congregation council;
our child development center students and families;
all people seeking healing and justice;
all in any need and thanksgiving.

Music is offered during the adoration.

Music at the Adoration (7pm)

“Sonata No. 2 in G minor: Siciliano”

BWV 1031; J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Music at the Adoration (7pm)

Crucem Tuam (repeated)

text: Latin text (540); music: Taizé, France

mf $\text{♩} = 63$ B Em B Em Bm Am D G E Am D

mf Cru - cem tu - am a - do - ra - mus Do - mi - ne, re - sur - re - cti - o - nem
O Lord, your cross, we a - dore and glo - ri - fy, for your ho - ly re - sur -

G Am⁷ B Em E Am E Am E

tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne. Lau - da - mus et glo - ri - fi - ca - mus.
rec - tion, we praise you Lord of life. We praise you and we glo - ri - fy you.

Am D G Am⁷ B Em B Em B

Re - sur - re - cti - o - nem tu - am lau - da - mus Do - mi - ne. Cru - cem tu -
For your ho - ly re - sur - rection, we praise you Lord of life. O Lord, your

mf *fine*

Jesus keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain. In the cross be my glory ever, till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Fanny Crosby (1869)

God Is Suffering, Too

text/music: Paul Damico-Carper (b. 1981)

In our suff' - ring God is suff' - ring, too,
their your my
hold - ing pain our hands can - not un - do,
their your my
by Christ's off' - ring car - ry - ing us through, cra - dl - ing our
them you me their your my
sor - row and mak - ing us new.
them you me

Concluding Rite

The assembly kneels or is seated for the concluding portion of the adoration.

A minister continues, with the assembly responding:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Te adoramos, o Cristo, y te bendecimos.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Por tu santa cruz has redimido al mundo.

Sending 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.

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Holy Week & Easter Day at FELC

Holy Week & Easter liturgies invite us into the central story of our faith: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that renews our lives. We hope you make the most of these worship opportunities for your own spiritual renewal and our community connections.

Holy (Good) Friday: March 29, 2024 at Noon and 7pm

The Rev. Robert Karli, preaching

- Adoration of the Cross liturgy with reading of the passion narrative, choral and instrumental music, and prayer and meditation around the cross
- Virtual Stations of the Cross are available online on our website and Facebook for meditation

Holy Saturday, The Great Easter Vigil: March 30, 2024 at 7:59pm (Sunset)

The Rev. Bradley Fuerst, presiding

- 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
- Choral music
- Festive reception following the liturgy

All Sunday morning and Holy Week evening liturgies will be livestreamed on YouTube.

Easter Sunday Worship & Hospitality: March 31, 2024 at 10am (on campus & online)

The Rev. Robert Karli, preaching; The Rev. Bradley Fuerst, presiding

- 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
- Celebration of Baptisms
- Choral and instrumental music
- Festive hospitality after worship
- Easter Egg hunt during hospitality (*bring a basket for little ones*)

Word in Season Devotional Booklets

April - June devotional books are available in the narthex at the main church entrance and near the Second Readings Library in the hallway to the fellowship hall. Large print editions are also available.

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God Loves. We Love.
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