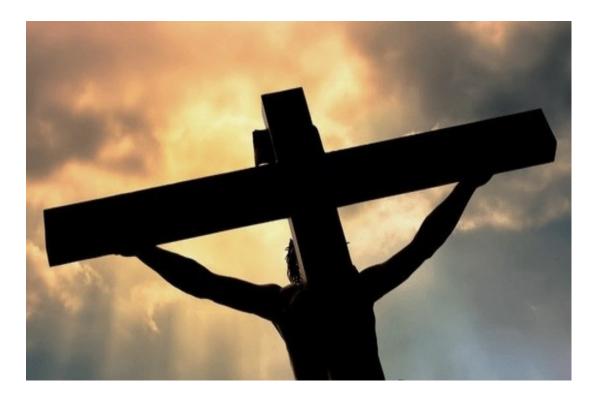
Holy Week: Three Days Good Friday: The Passion of Our Lord April 18, 2025 | 7 PM | Onsite & Online





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Everyone is welcome. This means you.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church & Child Development Center (FELC). We are a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). You are 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.

Worship is at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we encounter God, express our theology, define our identity, and are formed and transformed as the people of God. As we are gathered together, we receive the Word of God, give thanks, and are sent to be living, active images of divine love.

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. For more on our welcome and life, visit www.felcaustin.org.

If this is one of your first times with FELC, please use the online Welcome Visitors information form and provide feedback on your visit <u>http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors</u>.

When we gather in the **Chapel of the Saints**, we gather as the saints of God in prayer, worship, and community. We gather with the saints of the past that we remember in various ways: the names engraved on the Columbarium, the Cloud of Witnesses mobile hanging in the Chapel containing the names of all who have died at FELC since 1936, and the icons displayed on the walls that remind us of people who inspire our faith and action today. The icons in the Chapel, by artist Kelly Latimore, are diverse saints, ancient and contemporary, and eight more are installed in the hallway outside the north transept entrance. The Columbarium consists of separate niches that can hold up to two urns each.

All Gender Restrooms, with infant changing tables, are located in the hallway off of the sanctuary near the fellowship hall. **Hearing assistance devices** are available for the sanctuary, with two options: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids; please connect with an usher for a hearing assistance device. **Seat cushions**, for use on our wood pews and chairs are available from an usher in the narthex.

We acknowledge the presence of God's people living on this land long before European conquest. These lands and waters have sustained the Coahuiltecan, Comanche, Jumanos, Lipan Apache, Sana, Tonkawa, and other indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Gathering today to worship on ancestral homelands, we acknowledge and honor our indigenous sisters, siblings, and brothers who continue to care for the land and water and call this land home.

A diversity of music is an important part of our witness, including the outstanding acoustics of our nave. As we grow our music ministry, we embark on a significant restoration campaign for our valued and aged pipe organ.

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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 Hymn

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Dled

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



Prayer of the Day

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.**

The assembly is seated.

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Anthem

Loving Lamb

usimc: Ruth Krusemark (b. 1950)

Alas! and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? Was it for sins that I had done, he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! O the Lamb, the loving Lamb, the Lamb on Calvary; The Lamb that was slain, that liveth again to intercede for me. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give my self away 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

New Revised Standard Version - English Updated

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.

Psalm Response

Up to the Hills I Lift My Eyes

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 Reading

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.

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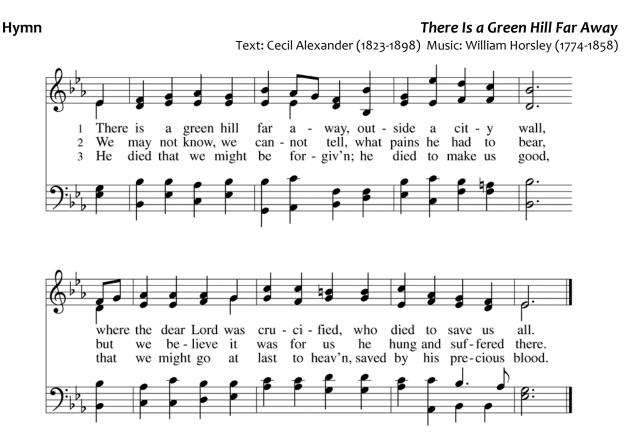
Hebrews 10:16-25

NRSV

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.

The assembly stands to sing.



The assembly is seated.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

NRSV, adapted

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 Texas Lutheran University Professor Emeritus, Dr. Norm Beck in his book "The New Testament: A Translation and Redaction" have been used, as well as other changes.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Time of 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.

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

tezt: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

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



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

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 wood 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.

Hymn

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrows

text: W. J. Sparrow (1859-1952) music: John Stainer (1840-1901)



Lord'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 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

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. 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 dia. 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 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

Worshipers 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 and oppression; 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; FELC care ministers; all who offer protection, defense, and advocacy, in this community and in our nation; all who advocate for safety, justice, and equity; God's guidance for our faith community in this time of transition and renewal; FELC staff, child development center board of directors, and congregation council; FELC child development center students and families; all people seeking healing and justice; all in any need and thanksgiving.

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.

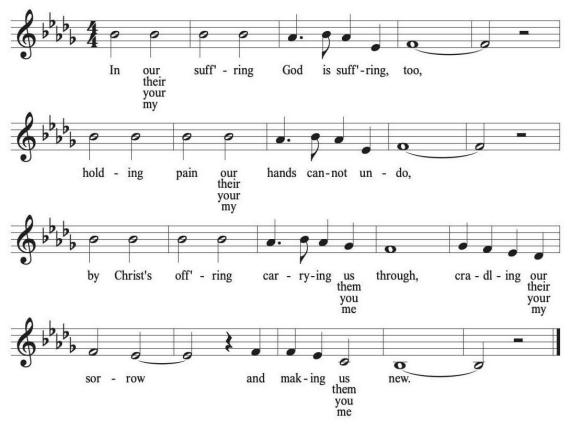
Battered by the years we'll quit this vale of tears and leave the world to turn The voice of midnight comes and spoken on its tongue: Man's infinite concern All you see every joy and every sting temporary as the blooming of the rose in spring.

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.



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)



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. By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Sending Silence

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

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION!

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil | April 19, 2025 | 8:01PM (sunset)

Candlelight procession, stories of salvation, baptismal renewal, Holy Communion, & special music Champagne & chocolate reception

Easter Sunday Worship, Hospitality, & Egg Hunt | April 20, 2025 | 10AM

Flowering of the indoor cross before worship (bring your cut flowers) Worship with the resurrection story, Holy Communion, baptismal renewal, & choral & instrumental music Festive Hospitality & Easter Egg Hunt after worship (bring a basket)

LEADERS IN LITURGY | APRIL 18

Ministers	All the People of God
Assisting Minister	Shannon Aguirre
Building Open/Close	Leigh Northcutt-Benson
Lector	Leigh Northcutt-Benson
Livestream Minister	JP Northcutt-Benson
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Leigh Northcutt & Nikk Northcutt, duet; Cantor Bryan Rust
Presiding & Preaching	The Rev. Robert Karli
Usher	Monica Lund

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