

Holy Week: Three Days
Maundy Thursday
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Onsite & Online



God Loves. We Love.
Everyone!
Dios Ama. Amamos.
Todos!

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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 <http://www.felcaustin.org/forms/visitors>.

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.

Holy Week & The Three Days

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 was the celebration of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem when he is hailed as the new king. Holy Week is the centerpiece of the entire Christian 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. This liturgy includes the foot washing ritual that leads us to participate in Jesus’ own humility and loving service to others. Holy (Good) Friday is the solemn day of honoring Jesus’ death, receiving in the way of the cross—rejection, suffering, death—the power of God to redeem and transform us. At Easter (and for 50 days after) we celebrate that Christ renews all of life.

Gathering Music (7pm)

Andante Frans Schubert (1797-1828)

Choral Introit (7pm)

Lighten Our Darkness Claude Means (1912-1999)

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord:
And by Thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of the night;
For the love of Thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The assembly may stand.

Gathering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart

J. Freylinghausen (1670-1739); Psalm 51:10-12

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Corporate Confession & Forgiveness of Sin

Bless the Lord, ✠ who forgives all our sin.

God's mercy endures forever. Amen.

As the season of Lent concludes, an invitation to confession is offered.

Following the invitation, all may kneel or sit.

Extended silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. In your great mercy, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and live in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die,
and for his sake, God forgives us all our sin.

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 sin,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Individual Absolution

The assembly may come forward and stand before a minister of word and sacrament for an individual pronouncement of forgiveness.

A minister addresses each in turn:

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Amen.

During this time the assembly may kneel or sit.

The noon liturgy continues on page 7.

Song (7pm)

Nada te Turbe

Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582); Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé, France

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The first system covers the first line of the song. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment.

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te_es - pan - te.
Noth-ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.

Quien a Dios tie - ne na-da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
Those who seek God shall nev-er go want - ing. Noth-ing can trou - ble,

na - da te_es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

After all who wish have received individual absolution, the assembly stands to sing the Kyrie on the next page.

Kyrie, Eleison

Franz Schubert (ELW 152)

First system of the musical score. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The bass staff contains the piano accompaniment with lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Second system of the musical score. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The bass staff contains the piano accompaniment with lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Third system of the musical score. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The bass staff contains the piano accompaniment with lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Fourth system of the musical score. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy." The bass staff contains the piano accompaniment with lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy." The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, in the time of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all; we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

✝ WORD ✝

First Reading

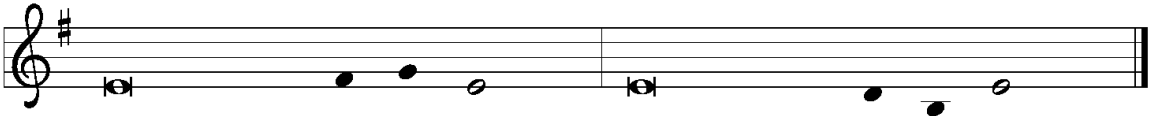
Exodus 12:1-14

New Revised Standard Version - English Updated

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

The choir and the assembly chant the psalm responsively.



¹I love the Lord who has | heard my voice,

and listened to my | supplication,

²for the Lord has given | ear to me

whenev- | er I called.

¹²How shall I re- | pay the Lord

for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation

and call on the name | of the Lord.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord

in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O Lord,

is the death | of your servants.

¹⁶O Lord truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving

and call upon the name | of the Lord.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord

in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of | the Lord's house,

in the midst of you | O Jerusalem.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

NRSV

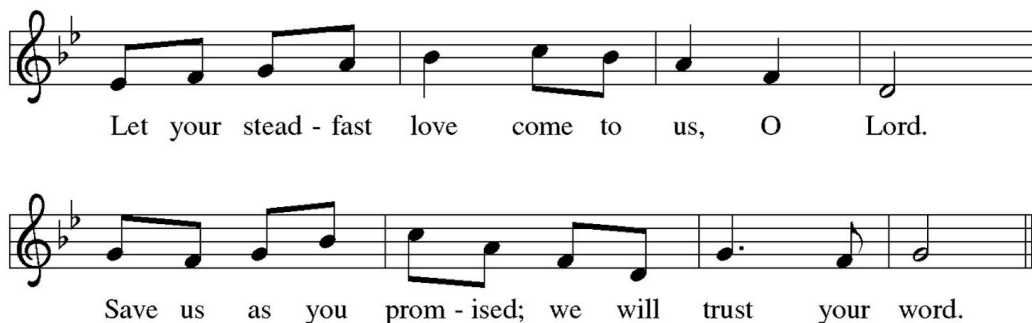
²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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

The assembly may stand to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Music: Joel Martinson (b. 1960); Psalm 119:41-42



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

Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31-35

NRSV

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing,

but later you will understand.”⁸ Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.”¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?”¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”^{31b} “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

The assembly is seated.

The noon liturgy continues on page 13.

Sermon (7pm)

Footwashing (7pm)

Those who desire to participate in the foot washing are invited to the Chapel of the Saints.

Move to an empty chair and remove any shoes and stockings, leaving them under the chair.

You may then move to an open foot washing station to have your feet washed, then you may wash the feet of the person after you.

*Gently pour water on the person’s feet one at a time and then dry them with a towel.
You may then return to your chair to put on shoes, and return to the pew.*

During the footwashing, the assembly proclaims the word of God in song.

Music During the Footwashing (7pm)

Ubi Caritas et amor (ELW 642)

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé, France

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 two staves, Treble and Bass. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words split across lines. The piece concludes with a final chord in the Bass staff.

Holy God

Ukrainian Orthodox

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,

ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

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Prayers of Intercession

The assembly may kneel or sit for the prayers.

*Following each intercession: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.***

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through things unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The assembly may stand.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The assembly returns to their places.

✠MEAL✠

Welcome to Communion & Offering

We reflect on our stewardship of the gifts of God entrusted to us for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. God welcomes our generosity. Financial gifts may be shared through the offering plate or online at www.felcaustin.org/information/giving.

Offering Music (Noon)

Blessed Assurance

Fanny Crosby (1820=1915)

Offering Music (7pm)

Ave Verum Corpus (K 618)

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Text: 14th century Eucharistic Hymn

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who having truly suffered,
gave himself a sacrifice on the cross for humanity,
whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the final examination.

The assembly may stand as bread, wine, and other gifts are presented and the meal is prepared.

The exchange of peace within the gathered community is an ancient Christian practice. Gentle signs of reconciliation and love renew and build relationships prior to coming to God's table for Eucharist.

Offering Song

The Eyes of All Look to You, O God
Unfailing Light; Text/Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1960)

All

1. The eyes of all look to
2. To all who hun - ger

you, O God, to give them life and food. You
you pro - vide the fruit of vine and field. From

o - pen wide your gra - cious hand and
these, your gifts, we set a - side a

grant them ev - 'ry good. With
por - tion for this meal, where

all cre - a - tion we pro - claim your
you draw near to those who cry, their

stead - fast love and glo - rious reign. We
heart's de - sire to sat - is - fy. We

bless your ho - ly name.
bless your ho - ly name.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O living God, through your goodness we offer you this bread:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands.

Blessed be God forever!

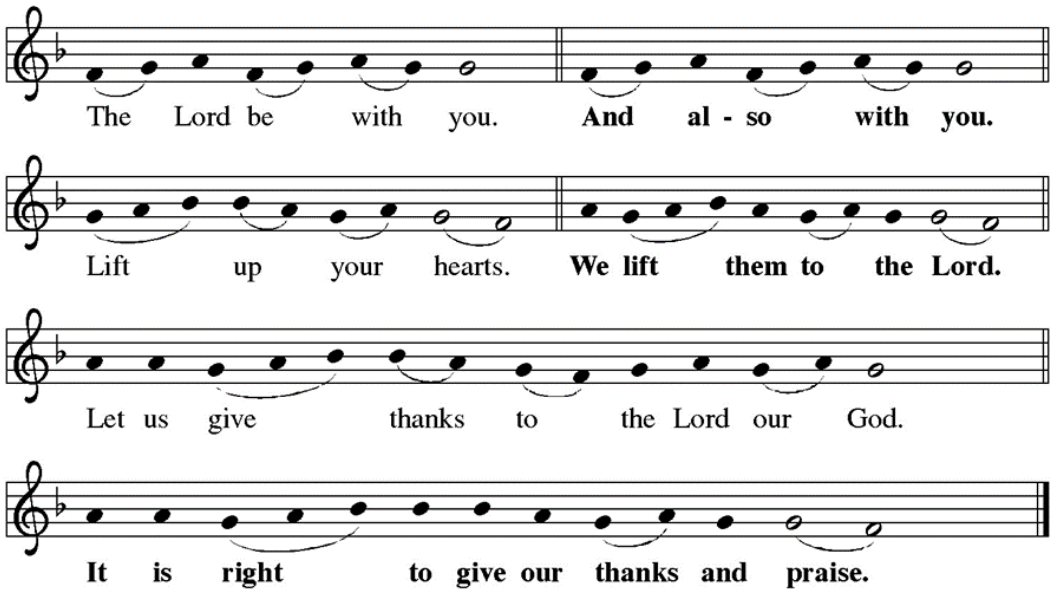
Blessed are you, O living God, through your goodness we offer you this wine:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

Blessed be God forever!

We praise you, O living God, for creating the fruits of the earth and vine. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Joel Martinson (b. 1960)



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, our duty and our joy . . . join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O living God, sovereign of time and space.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Your word leads us across the sea to freedom,
and you have carried us together to these holy Three Days.
Blessed be God forever!

Blessed be God forever!

Blessed are you, O living God, for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ.
He is our Servant, who washes our feet with love.
He is our Lamb, whose blood takes away our sin.
He is our Host at this meal, offering us the cup of life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Blessed be God forever!

Blessed be God forever!

Blessed are you, O living God, for the gift of your loving Spirit.
Fill this meal with the life of Christ. ✙
Make us servants of one another and of everyone.
Bring us with all your people to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Blessed be God forever!

Blessed be God forever! Amen!

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 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 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.

Breaking the Bread

We break this bread to be the body of Christ. **We will love one another as Christ loves us.**

The assembly may be seated.

Agnus Dei: 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, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion & Blessing

God, in Christ, fully welcomes people of every age to this Meal, which is known by many names: the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, the Mass, the Sacrament, the Eucharist. We encourage you to participate in ways that are meaningful for you.

For those participating onsite, ushers will direct you by the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand for you to eat, then proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured and consumed. Gluten-free wafers/ grape juice are available upon request. If you desire not to receive bread or wine, you are invited to a station where a minister will offer a prayer of blessing. Then, return to your seat by a side aisle. We join in prayer, meditation, and music. If you desire communion or a blessing at your place, let an usher or minister know.

Communion Music (7pm)

Bless the Lord, My Soul Psalm 103; Taizé, France

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the text, and the second system covers the second line. The score includes dynamic markings (p) and phrasing slurs.

p
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

p
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The Three Holy Days

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May the blessing of this meal so work in us that the fruits of your love will show forth in our lives; for you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar (7pm)

The assembly kneels or sits during the stripping of the altar, table, and furnishings.

We view a symbolic representation of the barrenness of Jesus being offered to death, in preparation for Friday. At the conclusion of the psalm, the altar is washed in silence. This altar of God being washed with wine and water is a further act of care at death.

A soloist chants Psalm 22.

¹My God, my God, why have you for-¹saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words¹ of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you¹ do not answer;
by night, but I¹ find no rest.

³Yet you are the¹ Holy One,
enthroned on the prais-¹es of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their¹ trust in you,
they trusted, and you¹ rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and¹ were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not¹ put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm¹ and not human,
scorned by all and despised¹ by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh¹ me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they¹ shake their heads.

⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the¹ LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de-¹lights in him.”

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth¹ from the womb,
and kept me safe on my¹ mother’s breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since¹ I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my¹ mother’s womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trou-¹ble is near,
and there is no¹ one to help.

¹²Many young bulls en-¹circle me;
Strong bulls of Ba-¹shan surround me.

¹³They open wide their¹ jaws at me,
like a slashing and¹ roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are¹ out of joint;
my heart within my breast is¹ melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof¹ of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the¹ dust of death.

- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers¹ circles round me;
they pierce my hands¹ and my feet.
- ¹⁷I can count¹ all my bones
while they stare at¹ me and gloat.
- ¹⁸They divide my gar-¹ments among them;
for my clothing,¹ they cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not¹ far away;
O my help, hasten¹ to my aid.
- ²⁰Deliver me¹ from the sword,
my life from the power¹ of the dog.
- ²¹Save me from the¹ lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have¹ rescued me.
- ²²I will declare your name¹ to my people;
in the midst of the assembly¹ I will praise you.
- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's¹ line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-¹spring of Israel.
- ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hid-¹den from them;
but when they cry out,¹ the LORD hears them.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the¹ great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who¹ fear the LORD.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat¹ and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts¹ live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn¹ to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow¹ before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs¹ to the LORD,
who rules o-¹ver the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow¹ down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be-¹fore the LORD.
- ³⁰Their descendants shall¹ serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera-¹tions to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people¹ yet unborn,
saying to them, "The¹ LORD has acted!"

The liturgy ends in silence and continues tomorrow at noon or 7:00 pm.

You may remain for silent prayer. All depart in silence.

CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Good Friday | April 18, 2025 | Noon to 3PM & 7PM

Noon to 3PM: *Tre Ore* (3 hours) service on the Seven Last Words of Christ
(come & go for prayer, reflections, & music)

7PM: Adoration of the Cross liturgy with reading of the passion narrative, choral & instrumental music,
& prayer around the cross

Virtual Stations of the Cross will be available online

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

Candlelight procession, stories of salvation, baptismal renewal, Holy Communion, & special music
Champagne and 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, choral & instrumental music

Festive Hospitality & Easter Egg Hunt after worship (bring a basket for little ones)

LEADERS IN LITURGY | APRIL 17

Ministers	All the People of God
Altar Care	Barbara Wiederaenders (noon); Barbara Schutz (evening)
Assisting Minister	Cantor Bryan Rust (noon); Shannon Aguirre (evening)
Building Open/Close	Leigh Northcutt-Benson
Lector	Barbara Wiederaenders (noon); Jerry Don Aguirre (evening)
Livestream Minister	JP Northcutt-Benson (evening)
Music Ministers	FELC Choir; Andy MacLaren, soloist (noon) Margaret Bruesch (evening); Cantor Bryan Rust
Presiding	The Rev. Robert Karli (noon)
Presiding & Preaching	The Rev. Bradley Fuerst (evening)
Usher	Heidi Goebel (noon); Terry Porter (evening)

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