

THE TRIDUUM



**April 2, 2026
Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m.**

**April 3, 2026
Good Friday
7:30 p.m.**

**April 4, 2026
Holy Saturday
8:00 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday



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PRELUDE

Prelude for Maundy Thursday

Zoltán Kodály
(1882-1967)

(C: Congregation P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector)

INSTRUCTION

P: In this Lenten season, we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and evil - 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.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

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.

It is, however, in the 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us make confession to God.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

C: Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. I am sorry for them, repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit, he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **Holy God, source of all love, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment on the night of his betrayal: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit, write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

FIRST LESSON - Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY - Psalm 116:1, 10-17

(sung in unison)

**¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.**

**¹⁰How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things he has | done for me?**

**¹¹I will lift up the cup | of salvation
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

**¹²I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all his people.**

**¹³Precious in the sight | of the LORD
is the death | of his servants.**

¹⁴O LORD, I | am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

**¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

**¹⁶I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all his people,**

**¹⁷in the courts of | the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

SECOND LESSON - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For 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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci - ful.

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. (R)

HOLY GOSPEL - John 13:1-5, 12-17, 34-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now 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. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. 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? You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN 122

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

THE PRAYERS

- A: As the cross draws us to new life in Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life.
- A: O God, as Jesus of Nazareth washed the feet of his disciples, cleanse the Church by your love and lead it to kneel in service for others. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- A: O God, as you once delivered Israel from bondage, deliver all oppressed people into your life-giving presence in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- A: O God, hear the prayers of all who cry to you. Protect those suffering for your name. Heal those who are ill. Comfort those for whom death approaches. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- A: O God, you have led us to repent and to seek reconciliation with you and with one another. May our reception of your forgiveness proclaim that we are fully reconciled to you in your Church. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- A: O God, gathered in Christ, your Church is united with the faithful of all the ages. Clothe us in your love, that we may follow their example of faith. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Gracious Lord, listen to the cry of mercy that comes from our lips and sustain us with your hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ALL: Amen**

THE PEACE

OFFERING

Our gifts support the outreach ministries of the Lutheran Church.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord of Lords, Adored by Angels

Paul Bouman
(1918-2019)

*Lord of lords, adored by angels, is that you with towel and basin washing your disciples' feet?
Like the Twelve, we stare in wonder, Jesus, Word of God eternal, do you stop to wash ours too!?*

*As you shed your earthly garments, so you laid aside your glory, so you shed your life as well.
Let the towel and the basin be the symbols of our service; let your mind be in us all.*

*Moved by your devotion toward us, honored to be called your servants,
we have joined you in your Way: hesitant, we gird the towel,
fill the bowl with cleansing Water, and begin to know your joy.*

*Serving Savior, Model Servant, for the joy you set before us, make your Way our history,
till we hear your commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant,
come and share my joy with me!"*

(text: Jaroslav Vajda, 1919-2008)

OFFERTORY

(sung in unison)

Unison



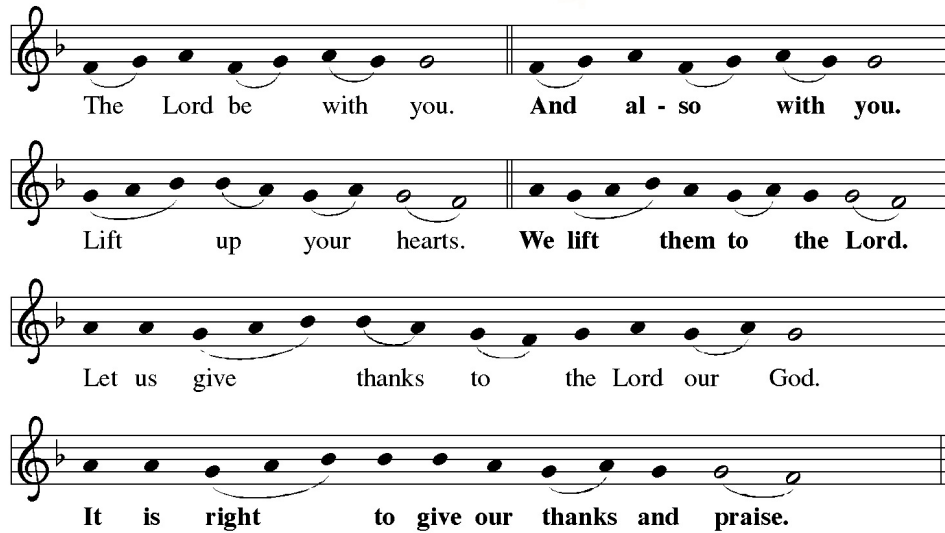
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence: and take not your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to
me the joy of your sal - va - tion:
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



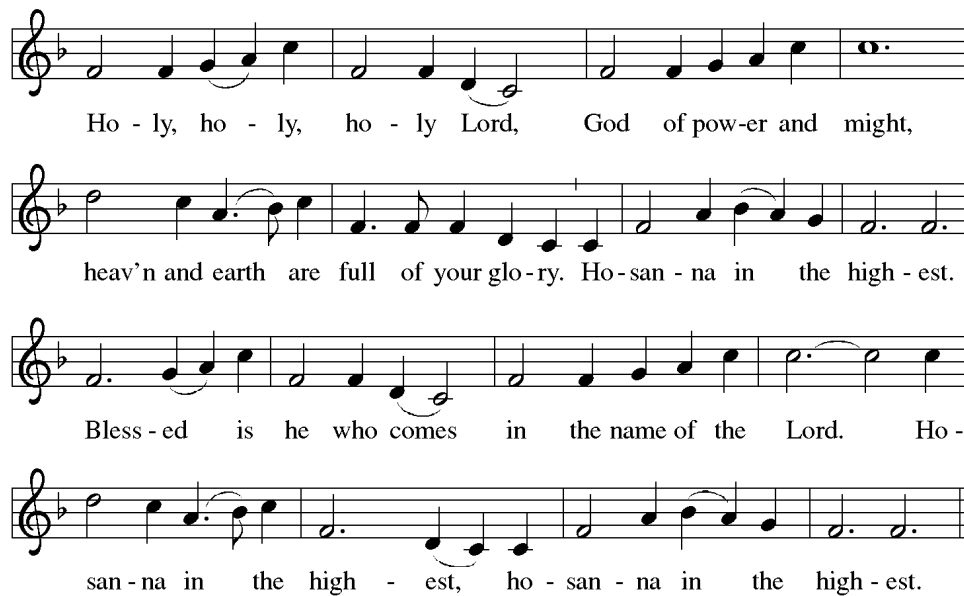
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface for The Passion

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

(sung in unison)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei (sung in unison)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN 212

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: **Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The stripping of the altar is symbolic of Jesus of Nazareth's humiliation at the soldiers' hands.

HYMN 109

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ORGAN MEDITATION

Lamento

Jehan Alain
(1911-1940)

silence for reflection



There is no benediction.

*Worshippers are invited to meditate on Psalm 22 (**Lutheran Book of Worship**, page 224) and remain for prayer and reflection.*

The liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are one, unbroken liturgy.

Please leave worship booklets in the pews for reuse on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

We depart the church in silence to return on Good Friday to continue our worship.

Services will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday



April 3, 2026
7:30 P.M.

SILENT PRAYER

(C: Congregation P: Presiding Minister L: Lector)

PROCESSION

Crucem tuam adoramus, Domine

Plainsong

We worship you, Lord, we venerate your cross, we praise your resurrection. Through the cross you brought joy to the world. May God be gracious and bless us; and let his face shed its light upon us. We worship you . . .

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have new life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

LESSON: Hosea 6:1-6

“Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

It is important to keep in mind that Jesus of Nazareth was Jewish. The gospel according to John was written at a time of great tension within the Jewish community between those faithful to historical Judaism and those following the teachings of Jesus the Christ. Harsh words were spoken in this “family” feud. It is with sorrow that we acknowledge the centuries of violence these words have unleashed upon the Jewish people. We seek God’s forgiveness.

HYMN 103

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God

(congregation stands)

TENEBRAE

Tenebrae, or the Service of Darkness, originated in the divine office of Matins, traditionally celebrated in the hours before dawn. The particular Matins of the Triduum, divided into three Nocturns, each celebrated in the early hours of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, was characterized by gradually increasing darkness signifying the sadness of the crucifixion, followed by the joy of the return of light to the world in the resurrection.

THE FIRST WORD:

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads. Then Jesus said:
“FATHER, FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING.”

~A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.~

PSALM 102

Please join in singing the refrain (R) as indicated.



Lord, hear my prayer, let my cry come before you.

*Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you;
hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.*

*Incline your ear to me; when I call, make haste to answer me,
for my days drift away like smoke, and my bones are hot as burning coals. (R)*

*My heart is smitten like grass and withered, so that I forget to eat my bread.
Because of the voice of my groaning I am but skin and bones.
I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, like an owl among the ruins. (R)*

*But you, O Lord, endure forever, and your name from age to age.
You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her;
indeed, the appointed time has come.
For your servants love her very rubble, and are moved to pity even for her dust. (R)*

*The nations shall fear your name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth your glory.
For the Lord will build up Zion, and his glory will appear.
He will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless; he will not despise their plea. (R)*

THE SECOND WORD:

One of the criminals who were hanged there said "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
And Jesus replied: "TRULY, I TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."

~A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.~

HYMN 117

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

(congregation stands)

THE THIRD WORD:

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother:
"WOMAN, HERE IS YOUR SON." Then he said to the disciple: "HERE IS YOUR MOTHER."

~A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.~

PSALM 69

Please join in singing the refrain (R) as indicated.



Hide not your face from your ser-vant, O Lord.

*But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord.
In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help. (R)*

*Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.
Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress. (R)*

*For the Lord listens to the needy, and his prisoners he does not despise.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and all that moves in them; (R)*

*For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah; they shall live there and have it in possession.
The children of his servants will inherit it, and those who love his name will dwell therein. (R)*

THE FOURTH WORD:

When it was noon, darkness came over all the whole land. At three in the afternoon, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabacthani?" which means, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

~A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.~

ANTHEM

Is It Nothing to You, All You Who Pass By?

J. William Greene

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look at me and be appalled. I am shaken off like a locust; I am gone like a shadow at evening. There is no soundness in my flesh; there is no health in my bones. I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all day long I go around mourning. I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and have laid my strength in the dust. Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look at me and be appalled.

(Lamentations 1:12, Job 21:5, Psalm 38:3, 6, and Psalm 109:23)

THE FIFTH WORD:

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture): "I AM THIRSTY."

~A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.~

PSALM 22

Please join in singing the refrain (R) as indicated.



*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest. (R)*

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted in you and you delivered them. (R)

I will declare your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. (R)

For he does not despise the poor in their poverty;

Neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. (R)

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done. (R)

THE SIXTH WORD:

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said: "IT IS FINISHED."

~A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.~

HYMN 123

Ah, Holy Jesus

(congregation stands)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

P: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church throughout the world. (silent prayer)

C: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit, guide the Church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and be a means of grace to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for all the people of God and for all servants of the Church. (silent prayer)

C: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold Bishops Curry and Milton, all pastors, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for all our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ. (silent prayer)

C: Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us one in the fullness of faith and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God. (silent prayer)

C: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear the prayers of your Church that we may arrive at the fullness of redemption with the people you first made your own. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. (silent prayer)

C: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God. (silent prayer)

C: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, all may recognize in the lives of Christ-followers the tokens of your love and mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for God's creation. (silent prayer)

C: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those who serve in public office. (silent prayer)

C: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

P: Let us pray for those in need. (silent prayer)

C: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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

**C: 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**

VERSICLES

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

CANTICLE OF SIMEON

Please join in singing the refrain (R) as indicated.

Guard us, O Lord, while we stay a - wake. Pro - tect us, O
Lord, while we sleep and keep us in peace.

*At last, all powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise. (R)
For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. (R)
Give praise to the Father Almighty, to his Son, Jesus Christ the Lord,
to the Spirit, who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen (R)*

THE SEVENTH WORD:

“FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.”

The one remaining candle is removed from sight and the nave is plunged into darkness: the light has been taken from the world. Then, symbolizing the earthquake when Jesus gave up his spirit, we make a sustained noise with hand or book until the candle is returned in anticipation of the resurrection. After the candle is set in place, we pray for a few moments and depart into the night in silence.

There is no benediction.

Worshippers are invited to remain for prayer and reflection.

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We depart the church in silence to return on Holy Saturday at 8:00 p.m. to continue our worship.

Offerings may be placed in the plates provided in the narthex.

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April 4, 2026
8:00 P.M.

(C: Congregation P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector)

SERVICE OF LIGHT

LIGHTING OF THE NEW FIRE OF EASTER

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

PROCESSION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

(P) The light of Christ! (C) Thanks be to God!

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THE EXULTET (*Easter Proclamation*)

P: Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels,
and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;
and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation.
Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance;
and, made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King,
know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world.
Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light,
and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples.



(P) The Lord be with you.



(C) And also with you.



(P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



(C) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart and mind and voice praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and his only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ; who redeemed us from the 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, from the land of Egypt; and led them, dry-shod, through the Red Sea.

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 holiness, by the rising brightness. 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 the time and the hour wherein Christ arose again from hell!

O night truly blessed in which heaven and earth are joined, things human and things divine. We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord, that he, in whose honor this candle burns, will continue to vanquish the darkness of this night and faithfully shed light on all the human race; through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SERVICE OF READINGS

LESSON ONE - Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

Prayer

LESSON TWO - Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Cantemus Domino: Song of Moses and Miriam

I will sing to the LORD, for he has | triumphed gloriously;*
horse and rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.
The LORD is my strength | and my might,*
and he has become | my salvation;
this is my God, and | I will praise him,*
my father's God, and I | will exalt him.
Your right hand, O LORD, glo- | rious in power--*
your right hand, O LORD, shat- | tered the enemy.
Who is like you, O LORD, a- | mong the gods?*

Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, | doing wonders?
You stretched out | your right hand,*
the earth | swallowed them.

In your steadfast love you led the people whom | you redeemed;*
you guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.
You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your | own possession,*
the place, O LORD, that you made | your abode,
the sanctuary, O LORD, that your hands | have established.*
The LORD will reign forev- | er and ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen

Prayer

LESSON THREE - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Prayer

LESSON FOUR - Isaiah 55:1-11

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,*
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.
³With joy you | will draw water,*
from the wells | of salvation.

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call | on God's name;*
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name | is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done | gloriously,*
let this be known in | all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,*
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

Prayer

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. Take away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. Pour out your Holy Spirit, also, on those who here renew their baptismal vows so that their faith may be emboldened.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil and their empty promises?

C: I do.

P: Sisters and brothers, on this most holy night the Church keeps vigil, awaiting the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle teaches us that by baptism we were buried with Christ and lay dead in order that as Christ was raised from the dead in the splendor of the Father, so we should set our feet on the new path of life. Therefore, now that the struggle of Lent is over, let us renew the promises made at our baptism as we profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

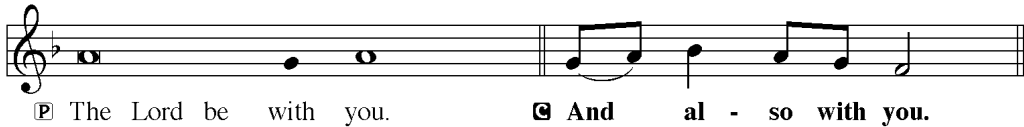


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



P: Let us pray.

All: **O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is God, my Lord;
the gates of heav'n are o - pen. My Je - sus rose tri - um - phant - ly,
and Sa - tan's ar - rows bro - ken lie, de - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, ris - ing
glo - rious, life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

THE PRAYERS

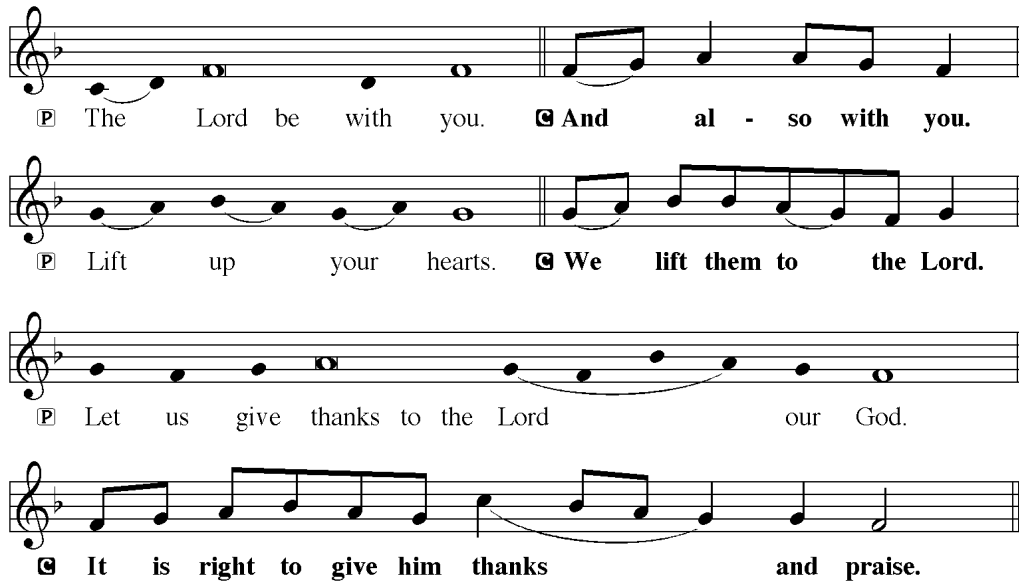
- A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- A: Blessed are you, almighty God, for you created the universe and gave it life. Preserve your creation, maintain its abundance, and inspire its stewardship among your people. For this we pray:
- C: Hear us, living God.**
- A: Blessed are you, for you have made us a new creation through Christ Jesus. Continue to bless your Church that we might bring your creative and redeeming word to all the world. For this we pray:
- C: Hear us, living God.**
- A: Blessed are you, for you have the power to bring life from death. Humble any in this world who would wield tyrannical power and by the power of the resurrection establish justice throughout the earth. For this we pray:
- C: Hear us, living God.**
- A: Blessed are you, for you continually care for your people. Help us deliver those in need from affliction and pain, from grief and despair, from poverty and homelessness, from hunger and want, from loneliness and abuse. For this we pray:
- C: Hear us, living God.**
- A: Blessed are you, for by the power of the resurrection you make all things new. Renew this congregation that we may live abundantly in Easter joy. For this we pray:
- C: Hear us, living God.**
- A: Blessed are you, for you have enfolded our lives in Christ Jesus. Give us hope, that together with the saints and all the witnesses of the resurrection we may appear with you in glory. For this we pray:
- C: Hear us, living God.**
- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ALL: Amen**

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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

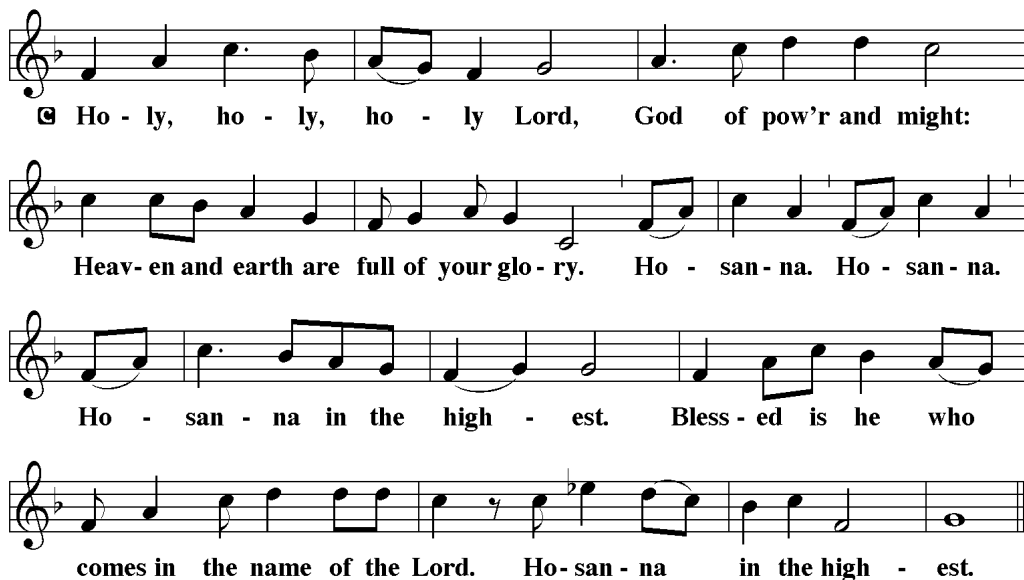
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface for Easter

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



☩ 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. Ho - san - na.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, Mighty Lord . . . we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father . . . the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray . . . with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers . . . as victorious Lord of all.



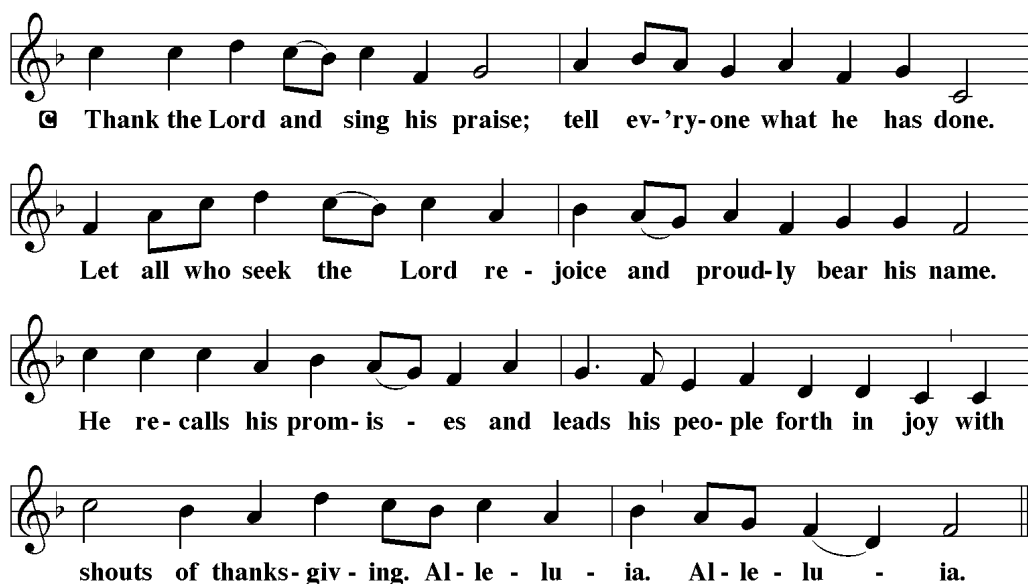
☞ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

The 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

COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen**

BENEDICTION



☐ Almighty God, Father, † Son, ☐ A - men
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever.

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Paeon

Robert Lau
(b. 1943)

We welcome all visitors to our service of worship this evening and invite you to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us on Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday.

Maundy Thursday	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar with Livestream via YouTube
Good Friday	12:10 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy
	7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy and Tenebrae with Livestream via YouTube
Holy Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Altar Guild
	8:00 p.m.	Great Vigil of Easter with Livestream via YouTube
Easter Day	7:00 a.m.	Easter Day Service of Holy Communion
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Day Festival Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
Monday, April 6		Church Office Closed
	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
Wednesday, April 8	10:00 a.m.	Women's Sewing Group
	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 9	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
Friday, April 10	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
Sunday, April 12	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube and Home Communion
	11:45 a.m.	Intermediate Youth (grades three - five)

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