



MAUNDY THURSDAY • MARCH 28, 2024

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This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the **Triduum** (Three Days) of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Maundy Thursday is the first of the three days, where we remember Christ's final commands to his disciples before his crucifixion. The word "maundy" is taken from the Latin 'maundatum' which means "command."

Tonight, then, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, as proclaimed in Matthew, Mark and Luke, but our central focus is his mandate that we live out the promise of Christ's presence embodied in this meal.

We remember another mandate from the Gospel of John, as well. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another.

Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world.

As Maundy Thursday is the first of the Triduum, we do not end worship with a traditional rite of sending, but rather depart in solemn silence after stripping the altar of all paraments and items, leaving it bare in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday.

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Tallis Theme (Fantasia on a Theme of Tallis)
Tallis/Vaughan Williams, arr. Shaw

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Where Charity and Love Prevail ELW 359



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, we **confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy Jesus, the bread and wine of your last supper have become your body and blood, given for us. Transform us with your holy presence. Cleanse us, forgive us, and renew us in your word. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

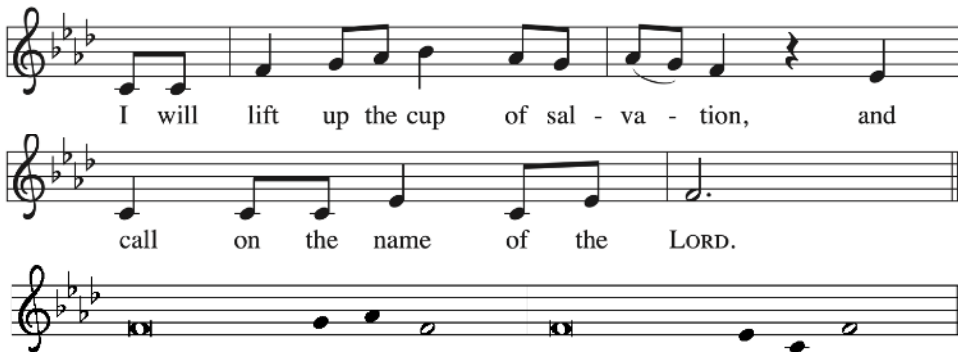
FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. If 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This 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. For 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. The 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. This 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.**

PSALM 116: 12-19



How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people.

**Precious in your | sight, O Lord,
is the death | of your servants. R**

Preaching/Presiding:
Rev. Scott Simmons

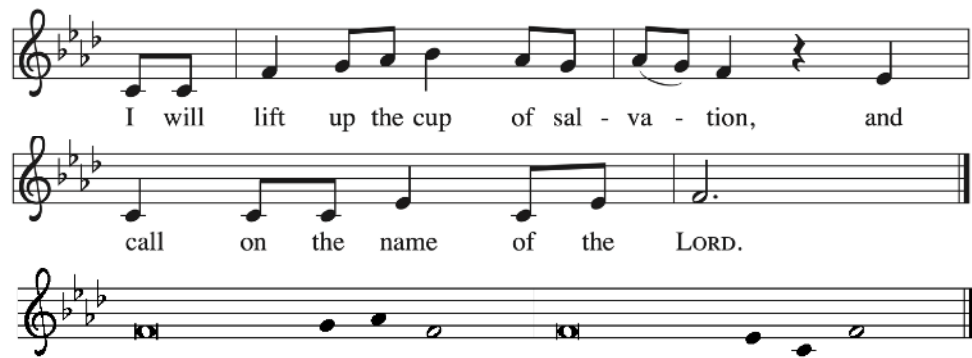
Director of Music:
Kenneth Kusiak

Lay Minister:
Jamie Gudknecht

Cantor:
Duane Gudknecht

*We gather around the
WORD in reading,
preaching, and song, as
we enter into the
steadfast love of God as
proclaimed through
Holy Scripture.*

In Lutheran worship, the **Gospel** of Christ—the Good News of what God has done in Jesus—is the heart of our public witness and proclamation. This Good News is received through the Gospel accounts of the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, yes, but also in the writings of Paul, John, and Peter; in the witnesses of the Old Testament prophets; the memories of the people of Israel; and through the poetry and prose of Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and others. The Gospel is truly the Good News of Christ proclaimed from Genesis to Revelation, whenever and however it points to God's loving, creative and redeeming power in, with, and through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit.



O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,
**in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. R**

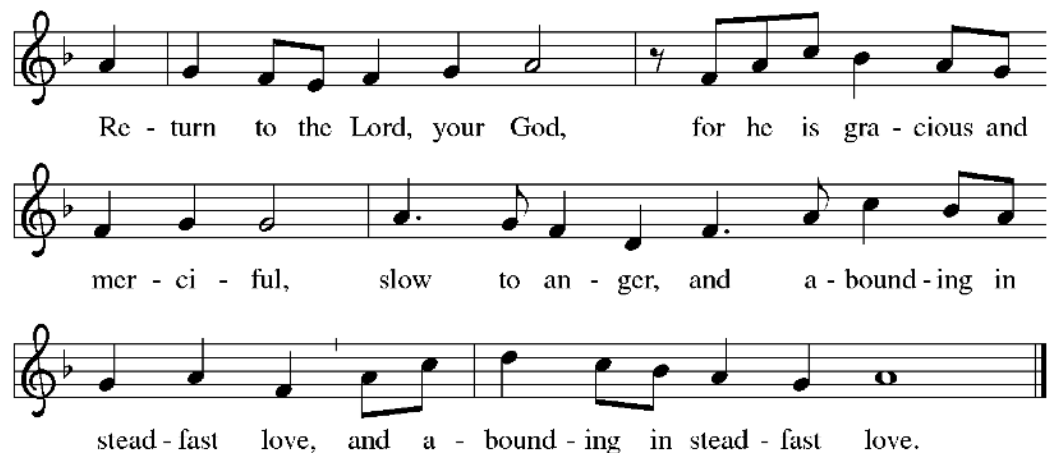
SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*GOSPEL:

Mark 14:22-42

congregation join on bolded words

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

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."

Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.'

"But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all fall away, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." **And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."**

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence for reflection follows the sermon.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

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."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week we pray for:
Bud and Margo, Roman
Joseph, Marya, Marilee,
Sherry, Sharon, Ray and
Clara, Kay, Dawn,
Brady, Richard, Andrew,
Judy, Sheree, Marv,
Dottie, Alicia, Debbie,
BettyLu, David, Greg,
Kennedee, Kenny,
Robin, Hailey, Jerrod,
and Kelly.

If you have a name
to add or remove from
this prayer list, please
contact Pastor Scott
or Katie Tomek, Admin.
Assistant.

OFFERING

We bring our offerings
to God with grateful
hearts, in confidence
they will be used to
support the work of the
church both here and
throughout the world.

In ELCA liturgy, the
Offering is set within the
context of the Meal, for
it is here that we set the
table with the fruits of
our hands— financial
offerings, yes, but also
bread and wine which
are products of human
effort and gifts of our
gracious God. It is from
this table of blessing
that God feeds us with
the presence of Christ.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Song without Words, Op. 30, No. 3 Felix Mendelssohn

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW 18

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them
in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to
receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ
Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

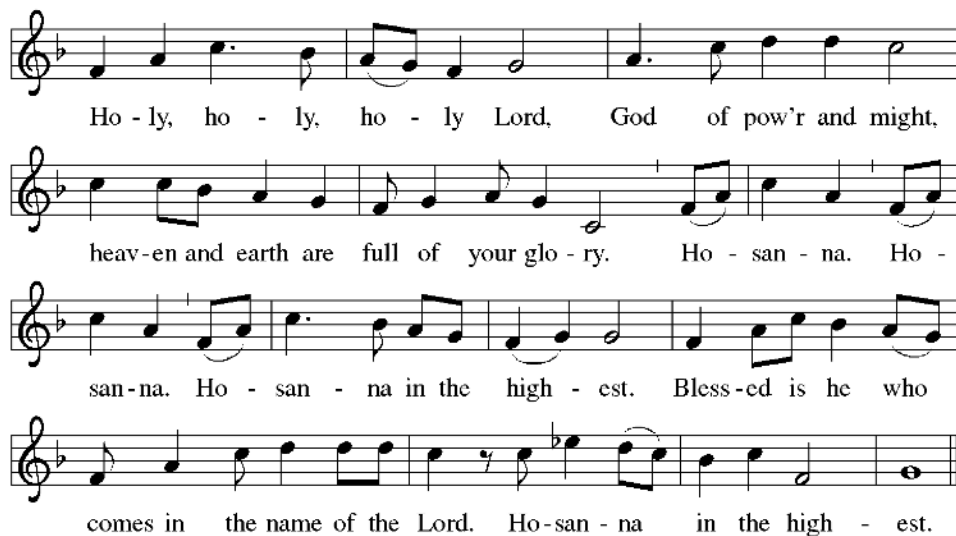
GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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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.

PREFACE



***PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
 Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
 to the land of milk and honey.
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
 Praise to you for the gift at Christ's presence at the table, as we remember:

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

***PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS**

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
 O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.
 Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
 Breathe new life into us.
 Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

*All are invited to
 proclaim the words of
 institution along with
 the presiding pastor.*

Today we practice communion at the table.

At the usher's invitation, proceed up the outside aisle and gather in front of the pews.

When invited by the usher, proceed up the stairs using the center rail. Please take an empty communion cup from the tray as you pass. Allow those who have already communed to exit the stairs before you proceed.

As you approach the communion rail, please stand at the nearest open space closest to the center. You may kneel immediately or wait for the invitation to kneel.

After you are dismissed, please exit along the stair rail, following the person ahead of you.

If you are not comfortable with coming to the rail for communion, there are individual communion sets available at the entrance. Please indicate to the usher if you would like one.

In Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Christ's presence in bread and wine (the body and blood of Jesus) through the holy promise that this gift is "for you." All who desire to receive Christ's presence in, with, and through the wine and the bread are invited to this table.

ANointing After communing, you may receive prayer and **anointing with oil** from the assisting minister stationed in the narthex.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you,
O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and 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 forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION

Meditation from Thais

Jules Massenet

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament
you strengthen us with the saving power
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.
May this sacrament of your body and blood
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption
will show forth in the way we live,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

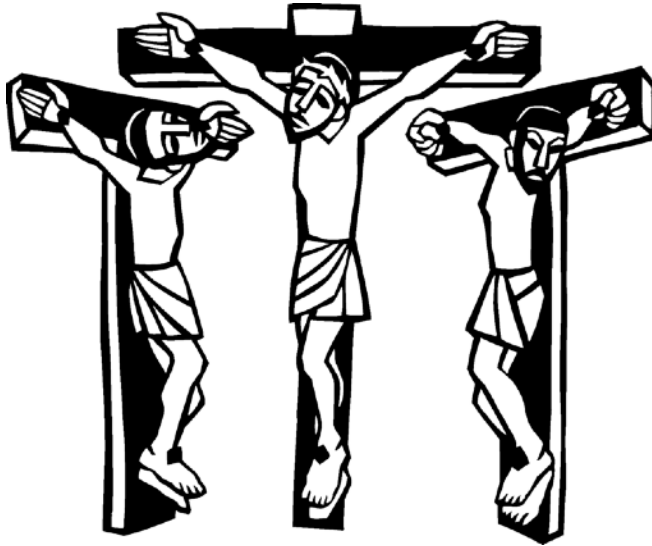
MUSICAL REFLECTION *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* **B. Portman**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

Please depart in silence.

Triduum worship will continue with Good Friday worship at 6:00 pm



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TENEBRAE

A Remembrance of Darkness and Shadows

Tenebrae is usually held the evening of Good Friday and includes the gradual dimming of the lights and extinguishing of candles. The Christ candle is removed from the sanctuary and a concluding “Streptus” or loud noise symbolizes the earthquake and agony of creation at the death of Christ.

Good Friday is the second of the *Triduum* — a Christian ritual that extends back to the 4th Century, if not earlier. The Triduum is based on an understanding that the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Christ cannot be separated one from the other, so the three days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday), are celebrated as one continual worship. Since we began worship on Thursday evening with confession and forgiveness, we do not do so on Good Friday, instead continuing where we left off Thursday evening with word and song.

SOLO

Christian to the Paschal Victim

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Jesus our Passover Lamb, We give thanks for the unswerving love you showed in your death and burial. Forgive and strengthen us so that we can rise with you, restored by your grace. Amen.**

PART ONE

Isaiah 52:13–53:6

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.
Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—
so 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.
Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For 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.
He 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.
Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But 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.
All 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.

first candle is dimmed



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

PART TWO**Isaiah 53:7-12**

He 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.

By 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.
 They 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.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with affliction.
 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.

Out 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.

Therefore 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.

VOCAL SOLO *Stabat Mater* (Fac ut portem) Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

PART THREE

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.
But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
All who see me mock at me;
they sneer at me; they shake their heads;
“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”
Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.
On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they bound my hands and feet.
I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the LORD, praise him!
 All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
 stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
 For he did not despise or abhor
 the affliction of the afflicted;
 he did not hide his face from me
 but heard when I cried to him.
 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
 my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
 those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
 May your hearts live forever!
 All the ends of the earth shall remember
 and turn to the LORD;
 and all the families of the nations
 shall worship before him.
 For dominion belongs to the LORD,
 and he rules over the nations.
 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
 and I shall live for him.
 Posterity will serve him;
 future generations will be told about the Lord
 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
 saying that he has done it.

third candle is dimmed

HYMN

Go To Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347



- 1 Go to dark Geth-se - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
- 2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
- 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
- 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

PART FOUR**Mark 15: 16-20**

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

fourth candle is dimmed

HYMN**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded****ELW 351**

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

PART FIVE**Mark 15: 21-27**

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left.

fifth candle is dimmed

CHORAL OFFERING **When Jesus Wept** **William Billings (arr. Custer)**

PART SIX**Mark 15: 29-36**

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

sixth candle is dimmed

ORGAN SOLO**Choral Dorien****PART SEVEN****Mark 15:37-39**

ALL: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

seventh candle is dimmed

HYMN**Were You There****ELW 353**

- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

There in God's Garden

ELW 342



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SOLEMN PRAYERS *congregation may kneel or sit*

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you?

Answer me.

I led you out of slavery into freedom,
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert,
feeding you with manna on the way;
I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit;
I made you branches of the vine and never left your side,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I poured out saving water from the rock,
but you gave me vinegar to drink;
I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?

Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns;
I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed;
I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land,
but you opened my side with a spear;
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I lifted you up to the heights,
but you lifted me high on a cross;
I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I grafted you into my people Israel,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me.
I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters,
but I was hungry and you gave me no food,
thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

STAY WITH ME

Musical score for the hymn "STAY WITH ME". The score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray,— watch and pray." The score consists of two systems. The first system has two staves, and the second system also has two staves. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

Stay with me, re - main here with me,
watch and pray,— watch and pray.

After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

~silence~

The Christ Candle is removed from the chancel.

After candle is removed, please observe a moment of silence before departing.

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