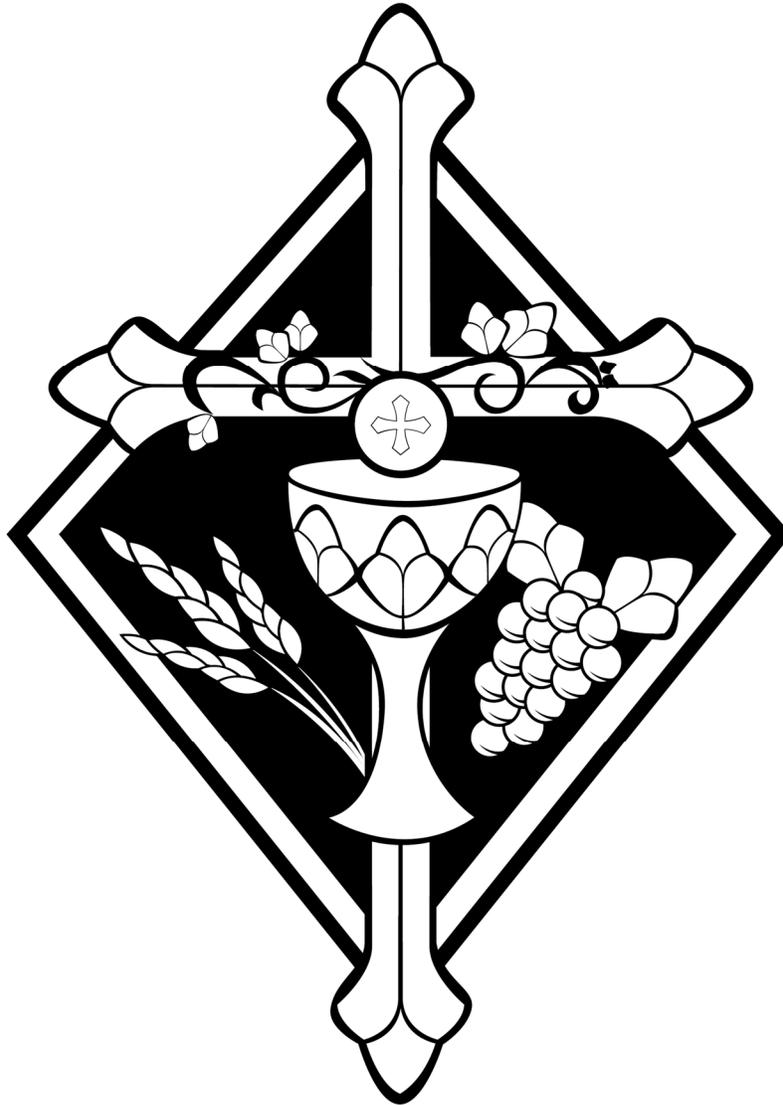


Maundy Thursday

Thursday 1 April Anno Domini 2021



For their sake I consecrate Myself, that they may also be sanctified in truth.

—John 12:24

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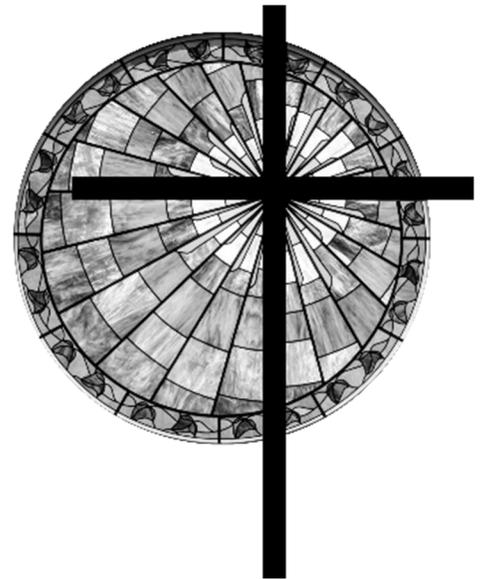
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

**Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always,
by coming to us in His living and active Word and the
Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.**

Welcome, visitors! We are glad to have you with us this morning as the Lord comes to us to give His gifts of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The resources of Epiphany are at your disposal. If you need assistance, the ushers are glad to help. Please make sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor and congregation, and join us after the service for fellowship and Bible Study!

Parents of Small Children: We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany every Lord's Day and every Wednesday evening. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized person commune. **If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.**



If you need help hearing the service, the sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop, a special type of sound system that connects directly to hearing aids. Simply set your hearing aid to "T" (telecoil) to connect.

THE LAST THREE DAYS OF HOLY WEEK

The last three days of Holy Week are the “holy of holies” of Holy Week, known as the *Triduum Sacrum*, the three holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The services of these days form one extended service, reflecting the Church in prayers of thanksgiving that Our Lord has won for us the victory by His death and resurrection. As we follow Jesus from the Upper Room to the empty tomb, we commemorate all He has done for us. This is explained in the Gospel for this evening when St. John records: “When Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end” (John 13:1). The phrase, “to the end” is based on the Greek word *telos*, which means fulfillment. What St. John reveals is that Jesus loved the world to until He completed that for which He came. In other words, He brought about the fulfillment of love. Love is not an emotion, rather, it is action. In these three days we will watch love occur in Jesus giving His life for the life of the world.

The first is **Maundy Thursday**, which is dedicated to the remembrance of the Institution of the Lord’s Supper. This service is set off from the rest of Holy Week as a day of festive joy, as Jesus institutes the Sacrament that delivers to us His saving work on the cross. The Altar is decked in white, candles illumine it, the organ sounds forth joyfully, and the *Gloria in Excelsis* is sung again. However, we are still in Passiontide, so the *Gloria Patri* is omitted and all images of Our Lord remain veiled. The joyful spirit that marks the beginning of the service diminishes after the Supper as the Altar is stripped, bringing to our remembrance the sobering events of that Thursday evening with Jesus’ agony of prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, Judas’ betrayal, and the disciples forsaking Jesus and fleeing.

Good Friday takes us to Calvary as Jesus breathes His last and sheds His Blood to pay the price the Law demands for sin. But Good Friday is not celebrated independently. We know the end of the story, and celebrate in the light of Easter, for without Easter we would still be in our sins. The fact that we may stand on Good Friday as children reconciled to God is something which we owe to the Easter answer which God the Father gave to His severe Good Friday judgment upon sin. The Church does not therefore leave us on this day of darkness and in the shadow of death, but rather fills us with the certainty of victory, the victory over sin, death, and the devil. That is why, at the Chief Service, we hear the Passion according to St. John, for it reveals that the suffering Savior is really the triumphant Lord as Jesus us glorified in the crucifixion.

As we confess the Creed, we say that Jesus “was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.” **Holy Saturday** encompasses those events as we commemorate Our Lord’s rest in the tomb and descent into hell to proclaim victory over death and the devil. In the evening we gather for **the Great Vigil of Easter** to greet the day of resurrection, as we rejoice in our own resurrection guaranteed by that of Jesus. At the Vigil the Church makes the first proclamation that Jesus is risen and rejoices that the Sun of Righteousness rises with the sun of the new day.

Through each of these days runs a common thread of rejoicing as we receive the Lord’s Supper and thereby proclaim Jesus’ saving death until He returns (1 Corinthians 11:26). As St. John reveals, the death of Jesus is not defeat, but the glorification of the Son of God who accomplishes our salvation and gives it to us by the Holy Spirit at work in the Word and the Sacraments. These three days are the source of our eternal life and our source of joy in this life as we await the eternal joys of heaven.

THE PREPARATION

Please **STAND**.

HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord,” 637



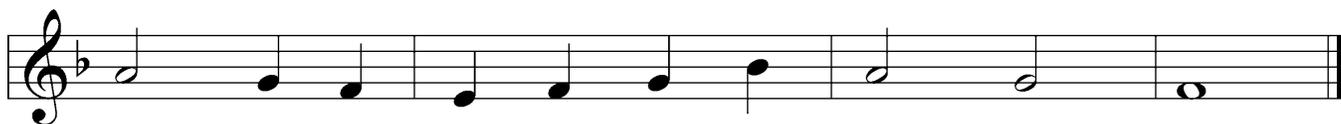
1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66), alt.

Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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INVOCATION; CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 67:1-3, 6b-7; antiphon: Galatians 6:14b; liturgical verse



P Far be it from | me to boast *

except in the cross of Our Lord | Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection | from the dead; *

by Him we are redeemed and set at | liberty.

C May God be gracious to us and | bless us *

and make His face to shine up- | on us,

that Your way may be | known on earth, *

Your saving power among all | nations.

Let the peoples praise You, | O God; *

let all the peoples | praise You.

God, our God, shall | bless us. *

God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth | fear Him.

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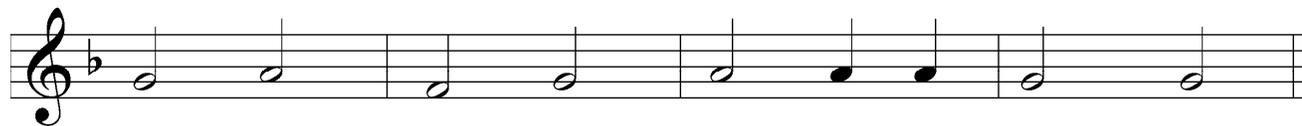
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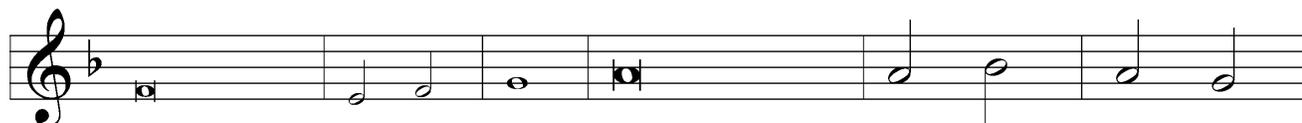


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

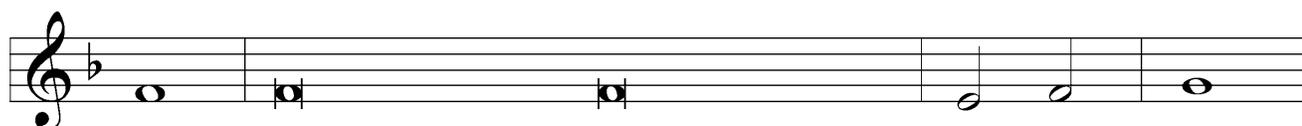


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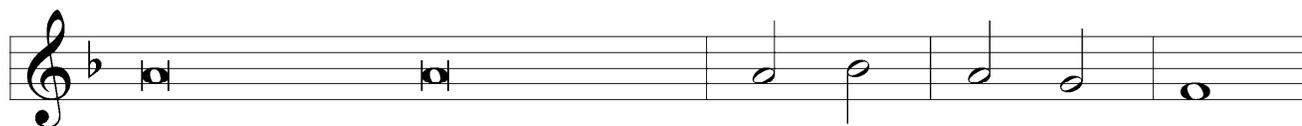
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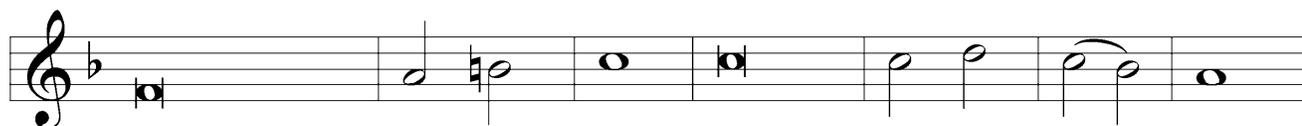
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



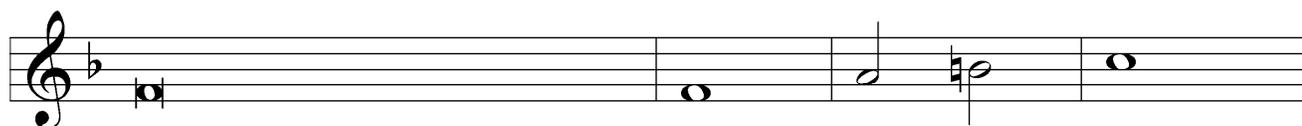
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



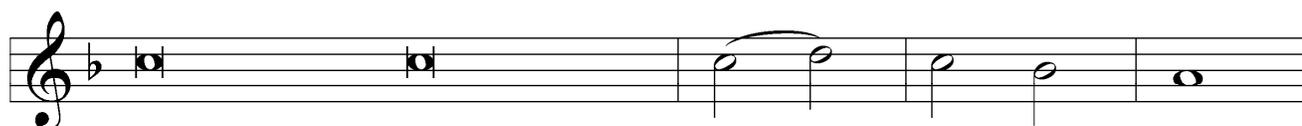
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



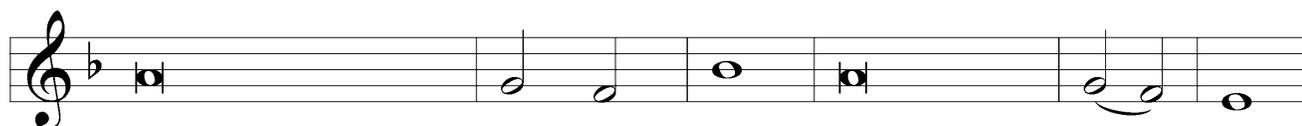
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



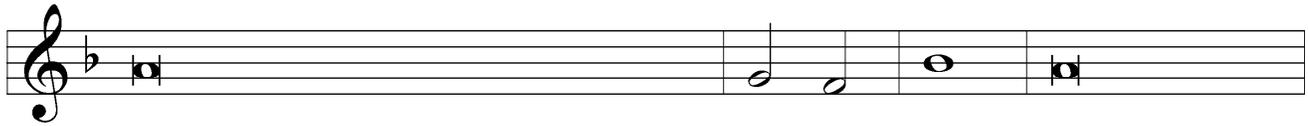
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



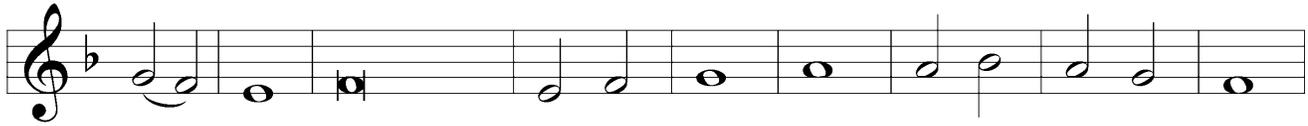
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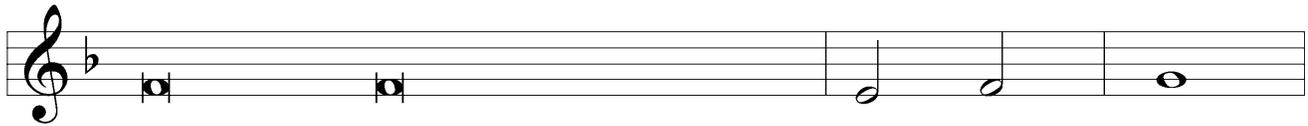
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

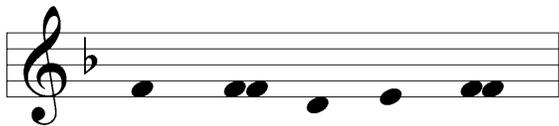


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY AND SEASON



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



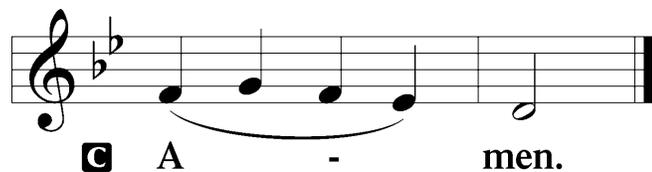
P Let us pray.

O Lord God, who has left us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Your Passion, grant, we beseech You, that we may so use this Sacrament of Your Body and Blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing You have made and forgives the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please **BE SEATED**.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Brethren: I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My Body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My Blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

TRACT

Philippians 2:8-9



C Christ became obedient for us | unto death, *
even the death | of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly ex- | alted Him, *
and given Him the name which is above | ev'ry name.

Please **STAND**.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 13:1-15

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time, before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Please **BE SEATED.**

CHIEF HYMN

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness,” 636



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



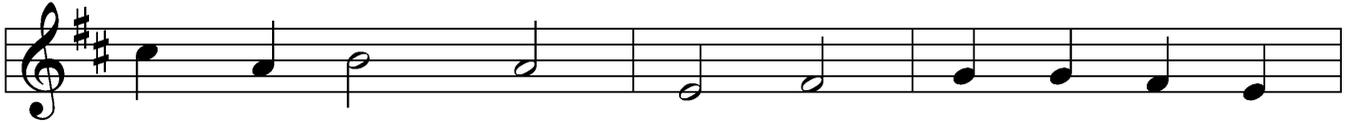
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



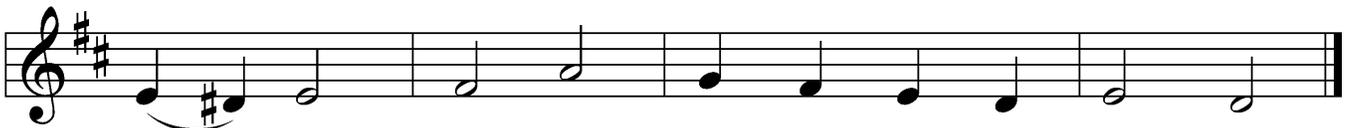
splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, Source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest Friend, and dearest Treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your Blood in sadness.
 By this Blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

6 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
 Jesus, Friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
 Fount of Life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my Maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed Food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Text: Johann Franck (1618-77); tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, sts. 1, 4-5;
 tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), sts. 2-3, 6-8, alt.

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Tune: Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

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SERMON

Please **STAND**.

OFFERTORY



C 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Please **STAND**.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy, | or | **P** ...let us pray to the Lord.
C hear our prayer. | **C** Lord, have mercy.

the prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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VOLUNTARY

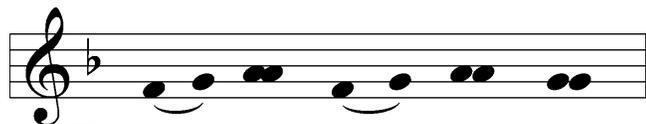
During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

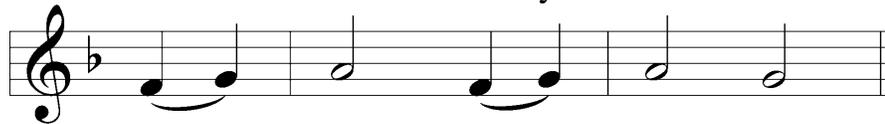
THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please **STAND**.

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



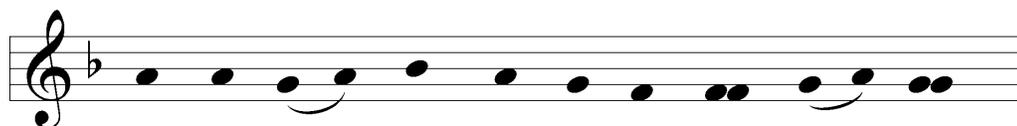
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



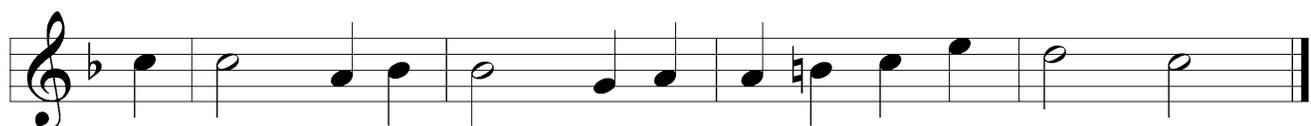
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

☐ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from Your tender mercy You have Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. By the one offering of Himself, He made there a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. On this day He instituted and handed down to His disciples the mysteries of His Body and Blood, and in His Holy Gospel He commanded us to celebrate a perpetual remembrance of His precious death until He comes again.

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Your dearly beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, we, Your humble servants, celebrate and make here, before Your divine majesty, with these, Your holy gifts, the commemoration Your Son has willed us to make. Remembering His blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, we give You most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits which He has procured for us.

And of Your almighty goodness, we most humbly beseech You, O merciful Father, to hear us, and send down Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon Your gifts of bread and wine, and bless them and hallow them, and show this bread to be the precious Body of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, and this cup to be the precious Blood of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, which was shed for the life of the world.

Earnestly desiring Your Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we most humbly beseech You to grant that, by the merits and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His Blood, we and Your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of His Passion.

And here we offer and present to You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto You. We humbly beseech You that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, and being made one body with Him, may dwell in Him, even as He dwells in us.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer You any oblation, yet we beseech You to accept our sacrifice of praise. And command that our prayers and supplications, by the ministry of Your holy angels, may be brought to Your holy tabernacle before the sight of Your divine majesty, not weighing our merits, but freely pardoning our offenses; through Christ Our Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



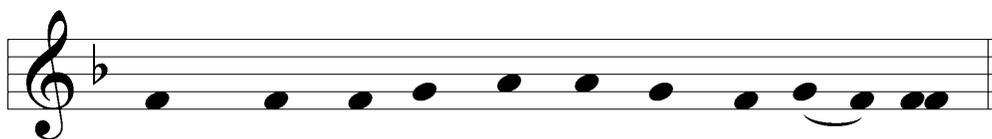
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

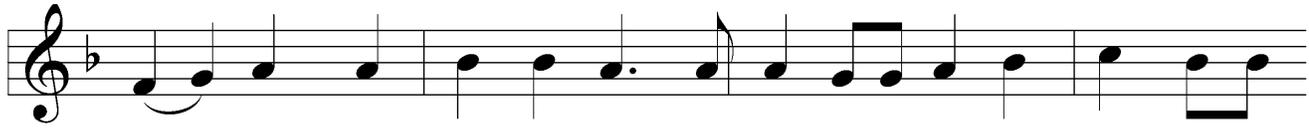


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

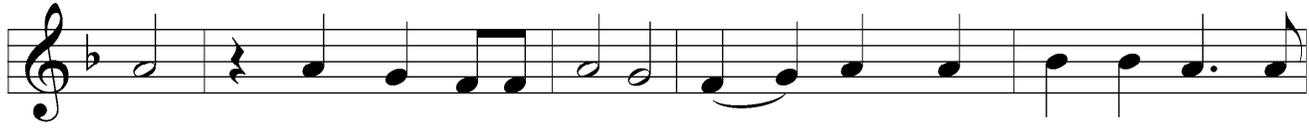


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AGNUS DEI



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please **BE SEATED.**

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“O Lord, We Praise Thee,” 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



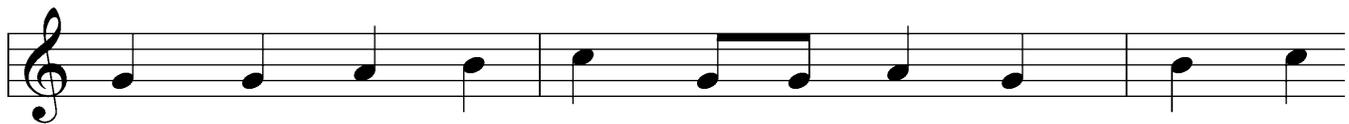
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German, 14th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther (1483-1546), sts. 2-3;
 tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.

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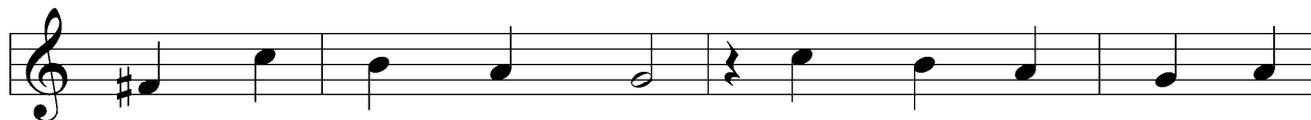
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"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table," 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder (1677-1754); tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.

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Tune: *Emskirchner Gesangbuch*, Leipzig, 1756

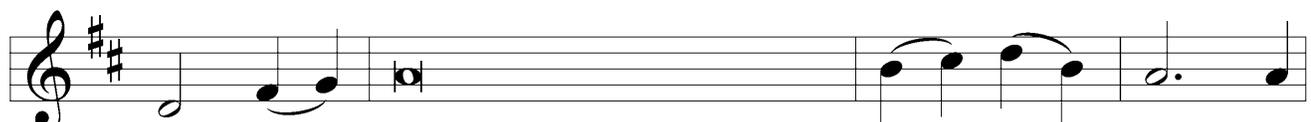
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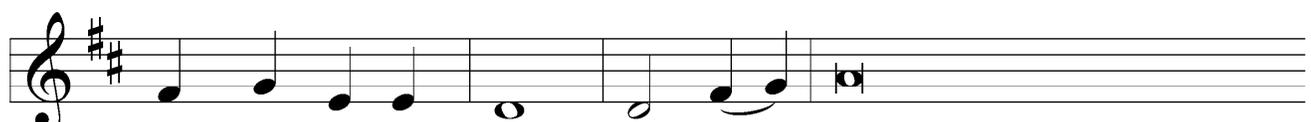
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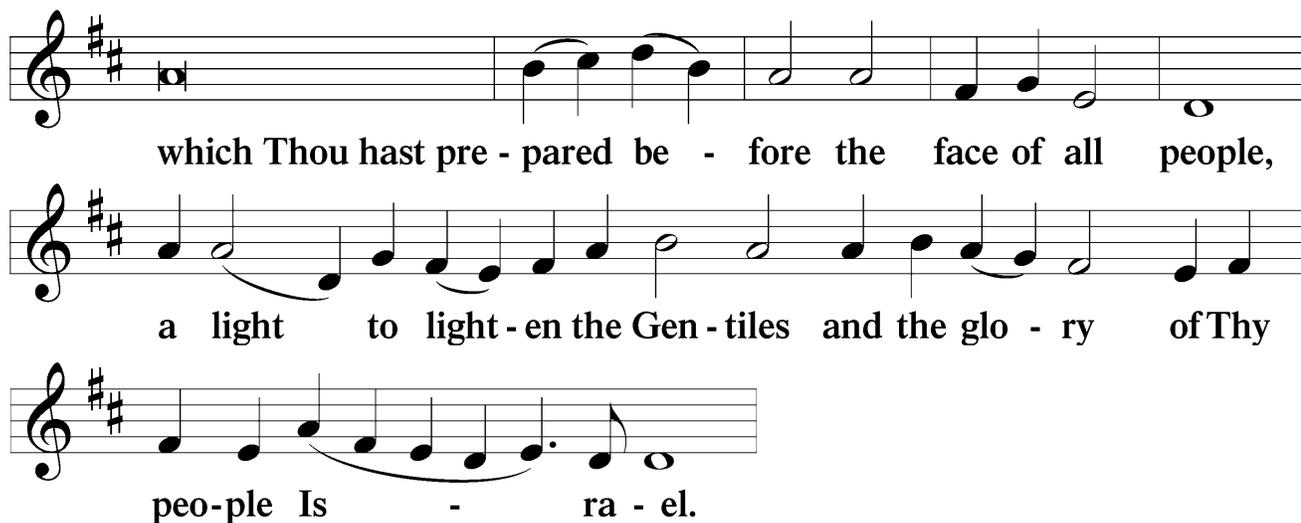
NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

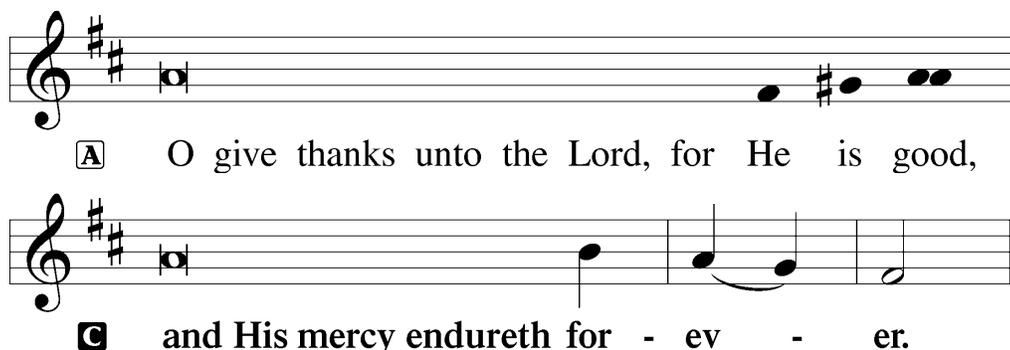


cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
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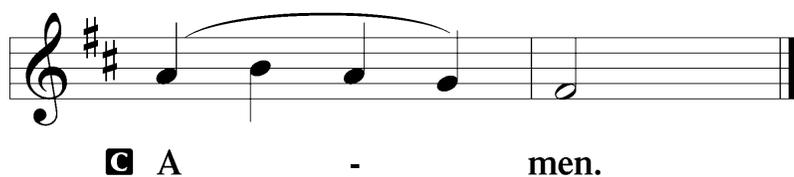
THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After the Post-Communion Collect, the Celebrant changes from the joyful white vestments to penitential violet, for what follows is a reminder of what happens to Our Lord following the Institution of His Supper. The Altar and Chancel are stripped of all their ornaments, symbols of our joy in the Lord.

Jesus is now in the hands of His enemies who are about to strip Him of His garments, just as we strip the Altar. He is to be exposed to the insults of the crowd, and for this reason you are encouraged to read along silently while Psalm 22 is chanted and the Altar is stripped, in which Psalm the Messiah speaks of the events of His Passion.

The Altar and Chancel are left bare until Easter.

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?
O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;
And in the night season, and am not silent.
But You are holy,
Enthroned in the praises of Israel.
Our fathers trusted in You;
They trusted, and You delivered them.
They cried to You, and were delivered;
They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.
But I am a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised by the people.
All those who see Me ridicule Me;
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
"He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;
Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"
But You are He who took Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.
I was cast upon You from birth.
From My mother's womb You have been My God.
Be not far from Me,
For trouble is near; For there is none to help.
Many bulls have surrounded Me;
Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.
They gape at Me with their mouths,
Like a raging and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.
My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.
For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;
I can count all My bones.
They look and stare at Me.
They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.
But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
Deliver Me from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog.
Save Me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the wild oxen!
You have answered Me.
I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;

Nor has He hidden His face from Him; but when He cried to Him, He heard.
My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;

I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!
All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD,

And all the families of the nations shall worship before You.
For the kingdom is the LORD's,

And He rules over the nations.
All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship;

All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep
himself alive.

A posterity shall serve Him.

It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,
They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
That He has done this.



Please remain silent until you have left the church.

**You are welcome stay for prayer and
meditation as long as you wish.**



You are heartily encouraged to participate in services of Holy Week as we celebrate what our God has done for our salvation.

Good Friday

12:00 PM – Chief Service, with Holy Communion

7:00 PM – Tenebrae Vespers

The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 PM

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM – Sunrise Service

9:15 AM – Festival Divine Service