

Good Friday

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Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Susan Mattinson

Pianist: Micah Pawluk Music Director: Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

* **Entry of the Bible**

Call to Worship

* **Hymn:** "I know not why such wondrous grace"

#683

Remembering Jesus:

Today, let us remember Jesus: who, though rich, became poor and dwelt among us, who was mighty indeed, healing the sick and the troubled, who, as a teacher to his disciples, was their companion and servant.

May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what he has done for us.

Let us remember Jesus who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him and for the perfecting of those who received him, who loved all people, and prayed for them, even if they denied and rejected him; who hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and hatred, both to people and to God.

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Let us remember Jesus, who humbled himself, obedient unto the cross. God has exalted him who has redeemed us from the bondage of sin and given us new freedom.

May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what he has done for us and continues to do for us.

Amen.

"Thoughts of a spring Evening" – Evelyn Konrad

Choir Anthem "All in the April Evening"

"Be Still and Know that I am God" (Ps. 46: 10)
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RECALLING THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

The First Word: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."--Luke 23:34

Reading: Psalm 51:1-14
Prayer

Hymn: "Forgive our sins as we forgive" **#751**

The Second Word: "Today you will be with me in Paradise"--
Luke 23:43

Reading: John 14:1-6
Prayer

Hymn: "There is a fountain opened wide" **#351**

The Third Word: "Dear woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother."--John 19:26-27

Reading: Mark 3:31-35
Prayer

Hymn: "Brother, sister, let me serve you" **#635**

The Fourth Word: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"--Matthew 27:46

Reading: Psalm 22:1-11
Prayer

Hymn: "Lord, whose love" **#722**

The Fifth Word: "I am thirsty."--John 19:28

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Prayer

Hymn: "When I survey the wondrous cross" #231

The Sixth Word: "It is finished."--John 19:30

Reading: Luke 13:31-35

Prayer

Hymn: "Softly and tenderly" #640

The Seventh Word: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."--
Luke 23:46

Reading: Luke 2:29-35

Prayer

Hymn: "Take up your cross" #211

Reflection by Rev. Andre Korstanje

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Special Music: "By The Mark" Cyril Johnson and Susan Mattinson

Blessing

Postlude

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Easter Sunday-Communion

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*** Entry of the Bible**

Introit

Easter Sunday (see insert)

*** Hymn:** "Jesus Christ is risen today"

#243

Opening Prayer:

Gracious, loving, and life-giving God, maker of all things visible and invisible: On the first day, you spoke, and out of chaos came creation, out of darkness came light. On the first day, Christ was raised, and out of death came life. Praise and honour and blessing be to you this day and always! You raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the power of sin and death. But we confess that we still remain captive to fear and are bound to ways of being that lead to narrow living. We hide in tombs of indifference and seek comfort rather than justice. We cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment and refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem

Hymn: "Jesus is risen from the grave"

#254

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Thank you, this week, to: Apr 1st

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Lorne Clifford

Fellowship Time: Joan Anderson & Leslie Shaw

Elevator Operator: Leo Wehrstedt

Offering Counting: Doug & Joleen Brown & Deborah Broll

Offering Collection: Laird & Alice Morrison

THANK

YOU!

Next week's volunteers: Apr 8th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Patricia Creed

Fellowship Time: Leila Pettigrew & Muriel Macdonald

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Kathleen & Richard Noy

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#498 v.1

"Sing the over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life, beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life."

Bible Readings:

John 20:1-18

P. 114-115 NT

Psalm 23

P. 501 OT

Luke 24:13-35

P. 90 NT

Gloria Patri:

#594

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Illustrated Sermon: "Easter Fools"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response:

#626 v.3

"Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I praise and adore you for all you impart: your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide, your presence to cheer me, whatever betide."

Prayer of Dedication:

Majestic One: today we celebrate the miracle that was created for all who are ready to receive. Your absolute decree of the Risen Son reminds us that our faith is connected intimately to your amazing, unwavering love. This unconditional love that you repeatedly uplift is our reminder to love all of your children. Multiply these gifts so the promises of a seemingly distant heaven becomes more of a reality on Earth. Glory Hallelujah! Amen and amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

* Hymn: "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord" #260

Affirmation of Faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Eucharist is thanksgiving to God.

We pray for the world
and with gratitude offer our lives to God.

We celebrate his victory over death
and anticipate the joyous feast we shall have
in his coming kingdom.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Through the words of your prophets you gave your people hope by promising them the Redeemer. And now we rejoice that in your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour has come and will come again in power and glory making all things new.

Those who belong to Christ come gladly to his table to make a memorial of his life and death, to celebrate his presence, and together as his church offer him thanks.

We thank you for sending your only Son Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth. Sharing our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you he took up his cross and died that we might live.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

We come to this, His Table, in simple trust, seeking the transforming power of your Spirit: on this assembly of your people, on these words and actions, on this bread and wine, in order that, by the miracle of your grace, we may be united to Christ and to one another—one in body, one in spirit, one in faith.

Be with us now through your Holy Spirit as we celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord, his presence with us in this feast, and his promise of a new creation. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, to all eternity. Amen.

Sharing the Meal**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debts...debtors)****WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

Hymn: "Come to us, beloved Stranger" **#761**

Blessing**Response:**

"Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow. He has washed and made me white as snow. I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame. Now and forever, praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. Praise his holy name. To God be the glory now and forever. Praise his holy name!"

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