

WHAT MORE COULD I HAVE DONE FOR THEE, AND DID NOT DO? IT WAS I WHO OPENED A WAY FOR THEE THROUGH THE SEA: AND THOU HAST OPENED MY SIDE WITH A SPEAR. IT WAS I WHO BESTOWED UPON THEE A KINGLY SCEPTRE: AND THOU HAST SET UPON MY HEAD A CROWN OF THORNS. (Reproaches)

2026 Lenten Season Worship Book

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St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church
119 North Church Street
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Shrove Tuesday

6:00PM (Social Hall)

February 17, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Michael Larkin

THE SUFFRAGES

(We Stand)

TRISAGION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy and hear us.

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.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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 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.

PRECES

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
for only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care,
and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;
your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.

Amen.

THE HYMN

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

ELW 318



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

(Proceed to Front Yard Cross)

THE BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, it is our joy to sing and say "Alleluia" as response to your conquering sin and death. Now, during the days of Lent we say farewell to "Alleluia" so that we may take it up anew on Easter.

Amen.

(The Alleluia is buried for the duration of the Lenten season)

THE BURNING OF THE PALMS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next. Make us know the shortness of our life; that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Glory to the Father, and to the + Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Let us pray together:

God of Tender Mercy, You fashioned us from the dust of the earth and bid us to follow your gospel call in the company of the Church. Look upon us with kindness as we prepare the ashes which will mark the beginning of our Lenten Journey. Grant that we who make this desert pilgrimage might come to the fount of rebirth with a renewed passion for life lived in you. Sanctify and guide we pray all our deeds that our alms may serve your people and bring peace. And at the last bring us to the holy table that you set in the place where you reign with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

(The palms in the burner are lit)

The Lord knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust. Let us ask him to forgive the wounds inflicted by our sin and give us the grace of true repentance. Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit. Give us the courage to stand firm against all temptations. Renew your love in our hearts, and enable us to bear witness to you in our daily lives.

Let us pray.

Lord God, you do not desire that sinners should die, but that they should repent. In pity, consider the weakness of our human condition. We know that we are dust, and we must return to dust because of our perversity. Have mercy on us we pray, forgive us our sins, and grant us the new life promised to those who repent; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

(We gather in prayer and silence)

ABOUT THE SERVICE

The mood of this service is one of penitence and reflection upon the quality of one's faith and life. In observance of this penitential discipline we use an ancient "Ash Wednesday Liturgy" in place of our usual confession. At the designated point in the liturgy we shall observe an ancient tradition rooted in Biblical history: The Imposition of Ashes. For those who wish to participate, please proceed to the chancel entrance, as space is available, to receive ashes on the forehead in the sign of the cross.

The ancient practice of placing ashes on the forehead is a symbolic act rich in meaning. Ashes represent death, God's condemnation of sin. They also represent cleansing and renewal, since in ancient times a mixture of ash and water served as a substitute for soap. The ashes are traced on the forehead in the sign of the cross as a remembrance of baptism, when water is used in the same manner.

The pastors' words as the ashes are administered, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," recall the Genesis creation story in which God fashioned humanity from the dust of the earth. In recognition of our dependence on God for life, receiving the ashes is an act of humility and repentance.

THE SILENT PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"A Meditation"

George Oldroyd

(We Stand)

OPENING PSALM

Psalm 51

(Read in Unison)

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
 and done what is evil in your sight,
 so that you are justified in your sentence
 and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
 a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
 therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and put a new and right spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
 and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
¹⁵O LORD, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
¹⁶For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
¹⁹then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(We Sit)

THE FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹ Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - ² a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. ¹² Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ rend your hearts and not our clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, 'Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?"'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

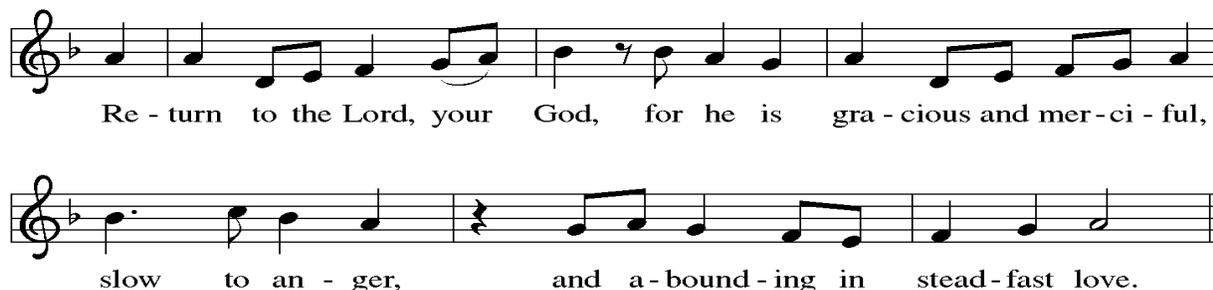
²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ^{6:1} As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³ We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(We Stand)

GOSPEL CANTICLE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁶ And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(We Sit)

SERMON

“Unveiling the Christ: Jesus Foretelling His Death and Resurrection”

Pastor Jason

(We Stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior, When in Dust to You”

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1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom - age due;
 2 By your help - less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,
 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,



when, re - pen - tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes;
 by your days of deep dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,
 by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
 by the vault whose dark a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf - fered once for us be - low,
 by the dread, mys - te - rious hour of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,
 by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,
 oh, from earth to heav'n re - stored, might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,



bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn, oh, turn a fa - v'ring eye; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

EXHORTATION

Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with Him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all His creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under His judgment, but to turn to Him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love - the discipline of Lent - help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

CONFESSION

Most Holy and merciful Father:

We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of Saints in heaven and earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven,
have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,
we confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
we confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
we confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
we confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
we confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us;
accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, Lord, for your mercy is great.
Amen.

(We Sit)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who desire to receive ashes are asked to come forward to the chancel entrance, proceeding down the center aisle and returning to your seats by way of your respective side aisle. The pastors will apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

(The congregation is asked to read and meditate on Psalm 90 during the Imposition of Ashes)

Psalm 90

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³You turn us back to dust, and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.' ⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. ⁵You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; ⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. ⁷For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. ⁸You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. ⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you. ¹²So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. ¹³Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. ¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands - O prosper the work of our hands!

(We Stand)

CONCLUSION OF THE CONFESSION

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(We Sit)

OFFERING

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by putting your offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online (sslc.org or use the QR Code) or through the Givelify app. If you would like more details on direct deposit giving please contact our Parish Administrator, Mrs. Tonya Reynolds, at (803) 359-6562.



Anthem

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|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| (12:30) Voluntary | <i>“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”</i> | Christopher Uehlein |
| (7:00) Anthem | <i>“Dust, Remember You Are Splendor”</i>
Lisa Catalanotto, flutist | Anne Krentz Organ |

(We Stand)

OFFERTORY

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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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

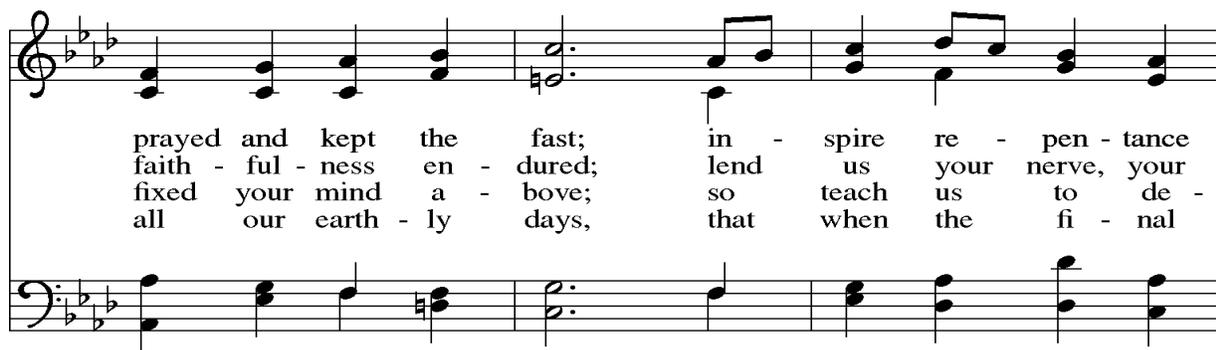
(We Sit)

RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christ welcomes you to this Holy Meal of the Baptized! We receive communion today at the head of the center aisle. Communion will be brought to the front pews for those who wish to remain seated. Children who commune should be assisted by adults near them. Those unable to partake of wine or wafers are assured of our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element alone. For those with a gluten allergy, gluten-free wafers are available upon request.



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

(We Stand)

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

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

BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION

May God restore in you the joy of salvation, strengthen your love for your neighbor, and grant you to live in harmony with all creation; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

Amen.**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

(We leave in silence)

Wednesday, February 25th
Lenten Eucharist 12:30PM (Sanctuary) & 6:00PM (Social Hall)

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(12:30)
(6:00)

“I Love To Tell The Story“
“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Hankey/Fisher
Spiritual

(We Stand)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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. But I am sorry for them, and 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. 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.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(We Sit)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:20-22, Luke 7:1-10

HOMILY “Unveiling the Christ: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman/Servant’s Daughter” Pastor Ralph

(We Stand)

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

HOLY COMMUNION

(We Stand)

THE BLESSING

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

THE BENEDICTION

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

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Wednesday, March 4th
Lenten Eucharist 12:30PM (Sanctuary) & 6:00PM (Social Hall)

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(12:30)
(6:00)

“Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us”
“Come, Ye Disconsolate”

Wilbur Held
Terre Johnson

(We Stand)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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. But I am sorry for them, and 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. 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.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(We Sit)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 8:23-27, Matthew 14:22-33

HOMILY

“Unveiling the Christ: Jesus Walking on Water/Stilling the Storm”

Pastor Jason

(We Stand)

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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(We Sit)

HOLY COMMUNION

(We Stand)

THE BLESSING

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Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever. **A - men**

DISMISSAL

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Thanks be to God.

Wednesday, March 11th
Lenten Eucharist 12:30PM (Sanctuary) & 6:00PM (Social Hall)

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(12:30)
(6:00)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
“It is Well with My Soul”

Williams
Craig Courtney

(We Stand)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Amen.

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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. But I am sorry for them, and 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.

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Amen.

(We Sit)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21

HOMILY

“Unveiling the Christ: Feeding the 5,000”

Pastor Ralph

(We Stand)

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

HOLY COMMUNION

(We Stand)

THE BLESSING

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

THE BENEDICTION



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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Wednesday, March 18th
Lenten Eucharist 12:30PM (Sanctuary) & 6:00PM (Social Hall)

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(12:30)
(6:00)

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"
"Jesus Loves Me"

Wilbur Held
John Ferguson

(We Stand)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

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Amen.

(We Sit)

SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-44

HOMILY

"Unveiling the Christ: Raising of Lazarus"

Pastor Jason

(We Stand)

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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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 to judge the living and the dead.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

HOLY COMMUNION

(We Stand)

THE BLESSING

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

THE BENEDICTION

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Wednesday, March 25th
Lenten Eucharist 12:30PM (Sanctuary) & 6:00PM (Social Hall)

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

(12:30)

“Stand Up For Jesus”

Duffield

(6:00)

“Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional Irish Tune

(We Stand)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

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Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
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I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

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Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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Amen.

(We Sit)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26

HOMILY

“Unveiling the Christ: Raising of Jairus’ Daughter”

Pastor Ralph

(We Stand)

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

HOLY COMMUNION

(We Stand)

THE BLESSING

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THE BENEDICTION



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 and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever. A - men

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Holy Wednesday, April 1st
Lenten Eucharist 12:30PM (Sanctuary)
(No Wednesday Evening service this week)

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

Wilbur Held

(We Stand)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

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Amen.

(We Sit)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:10-17

HOMILY

“Unveiling the Christ: Turning Over the Tables in the Temple”

Pastor Jason

(We Stand)

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - e to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - or to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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(We Sit)

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(We Stand)

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(We gather in prayer and silence)

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Our Lenten Season began with the Ash Wednesday extended confession of sin. Absolution was deferred until tonight on Maundy Thursday, which we receive communally and then individually with the laying on of hands. Our sermon coming first serves as an invitation for confession and absolution. With this accomplished, the last three days of Lent begin.

The name of this day is from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means command. It refers to Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34) Jesus' love is demonstrated both in his example of servant-hood and in his gift of himself in Holy Communion.

At the end of Holy Communion, we strip all the worship items from the Altar and Chancel area and the Pastors' stoles and chasuble are placed at the foot of the cross. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. After this, no words are said as we leave in silence. There is no benediction or postlude. This gives us continuity with Good Friday. The transition is made from the Eucharistic celebration to Jesus' crucifixion and death.

THE SILENT PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We Stand)

GATHERING HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" (Stanzas 1-3)

TFBF 84

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.

(We Sit)

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(We Stand)

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' ¹²After 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?' ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ^{31b}When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(We Sit)

THE SERMON

"Unveiling the Christ: The Last Supper/Foot Washing"

Pastor Ralph

(We Stand)

THE INSTRUCTION

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 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 word 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 in the gift of Holy Eucharist 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Lord Jesus knelt to wash the feet of his disciples. Let us come before God to confess our need for cleansing.

(We observe silence for reflection and self-examination)

God of love and mercy,

you know the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts; you know our coming in and our going out. We confess to you all our sins - those things done and left undone. We have not loved one another as you have loved us. We have not served others as you have served us. Hear our cry, O Lord, Accept our repentance. Cleanse us, restore us, and lead us that we may love and serve in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

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 the 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.

(We Sit)

LAYING ON OF HANDS

As a completion of our confession of sin on Ash Wednesday the congregation is invited to come forward to the chancel entrance, proceeding down the center aisle and returning to your seats by way of your respective side aisle, for the laying on of hands and these words of individual absolution:

In the obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

(We Stand)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(We Sit)

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Anthem

(12:30)

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Christopher Uehlein

(7:00)

"God So Loved the World"

Aaron D. Miller

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
For God sent not his Son to the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

(We Stand)

OFFERTORY

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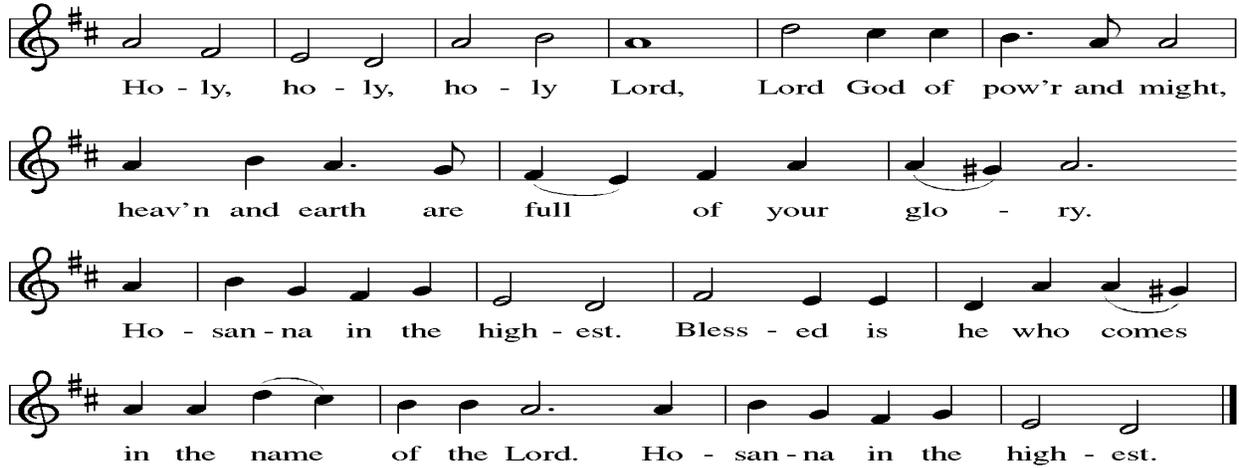
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christ welcomes you to this Holy Meal of the Baptized! We receive communion today at the head of the center aisle. Communion will be brought to the front pews for those who wish to remain seated. Children who commune should be assisted by adults near them. Those unable to partake of wine or unleavened bread are assured of our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element alone. For those with a gluten allergy, gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music

"Restore in Us, O God"

Christopher Uehlein

(We Stand)

BLESSING

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

For love excludes no race or clan that names the Savior's name;
his family embraces all whose Father is the same.

We now forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

(We Sit)

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress? ² O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest. ³ Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel. ⁴ Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵ They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame. ⁶ But as for me, I am a worm and no man, scorned by all and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying, ⁸ "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, if he delights in him." ⁹ Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, and kept me safe upon my mother's breast. ¹⁰ I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. ¹² Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me. ¹³ They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax. ¹⁵ My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. ¹⁶ Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones. ¹⁷ They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing. ¹⁸ Be not far away, O LORD; you are my strength; hasten to help me. ¹⁹ Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. ²⁰ Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. ²¹ I will declare your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. ²² Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. ²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them. ²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. ²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your heart live forever!" ²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. ²⁷ For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations. ²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. ²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the LORD's forever. ³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

Father, when your Son was handed over to torture and felt abandoned by you, he cried out from the cross. Then death was destroyed, and life was restored. By his death and resurrection save the poor, lift up the downtrodden, break the chains of the oppressed, that your Church may sing your praises; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Pastors Depart in Silence)

(Congregation Departs in Silence)

(We gather in prayer and silence)

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Seen as part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation, it is appropriate for Good Friday to be an austere time of reflection and intercession, as well as of the adoration of Christ, our sacrificial lamb. However, the note of austerity does not preclude the note of triumph. The congregation gathers to celebrate our Lord's sacrifice on the cross.

The logic of the continuing celebration which began on Maundy Thursday suggests that it is not appropriate to celebrate Holy Communion; its note of triumph is better reserved for Easter.

Our blessed Lord hung on the gory arms of the cross for us on that Holy Friday we call Good.

As our service progresses, our Nave becomes increasingly dark. This calls to our hearts and minds the increasing darkness around our Lord's cross. The word tenebrae means shadows. At the conclusion of our worship the congregation will be seated in a dark nave during which time the Bible will be closed on the altar. This is referred to as the Strepitus, Latin for great noise. This is to symbolize that upon the death of our precious Savior the veil in the Temple was torn in two and the earth shook with earthquakes.

THE SILENT PROCESSIONAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We Stand)

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY DIALOGUE

Let us praise God for the gift of his Son who became the light of the world.

We would thank him that Christ came as a light into a world darkened with sin.

Let us never forget those shadows of evil which followed him to the cross.

We would remember that the power of Christ is greater than the power of evil and will eventually overcome it.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have 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.

(We Sit)

(7:00) Anthem

"Lamb of God, Most Holy"

Robert Lehman

Lamb of God, most holy, who on the cross didst suffer; Patient, still, and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, thyself for us forsaken; Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

Lamb of God, most holy, who on the cross didst suffer; Patient, still, and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken; Have mercy on us, O Jesu.

Lamb of God, most holy, on Calvary an offering; Despised, meek, and lowly, thou in thy death and suffering our sins didst bear, our anguish the might of death didst vanquish; have mercy on us, O Jesu.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:32-56

HOMILY

“Unveiling the Christ: The Crucifixion”

Pastor Jason

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Voluntary

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Christopher Uehlein

POEM

"The Crucifixion"

(Anonymous)

THE TENEBRAE

The First Word

St. Luke 23:33-38

(The First Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LBW 109

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.

The Second Word

St. Luke 23:39-43

(The Second Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LBW 95

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life blood From his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find,
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.

The Third Word

St. John 19:23-27

(The Third Candle is Extinguished)

(12:30) Hymn

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

LBW 107

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-day heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

(7:00) Anthem

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Lisa Catalanotto, flutist

Hal H. Hopson

The Fourth Word

St. Matthew 27:45-46

(The Fourth Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

LBW 98

Alas! And did my Savior Bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For his own creatures' sin.

The Fifth Word

St. John 19:28-29

(The Fifth Candle is Extinguished)

Hymn

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

LBW 123

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

The Sixth Word

St. John 19:30

(The Sixth Candle is extinguished)

Anthem

"Were You There"

African American Spiritual

(12:30) Melissa Rawl, soloist

(7:00) Austin Means, soloist

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

The Seventh Word

St. Luke 23:44-46

SILENT MEDITATION

SOLEMN REPROACHES

Pastor Jason

THE EXIT OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE STREPITUS

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE SILENT DEPARTURE

