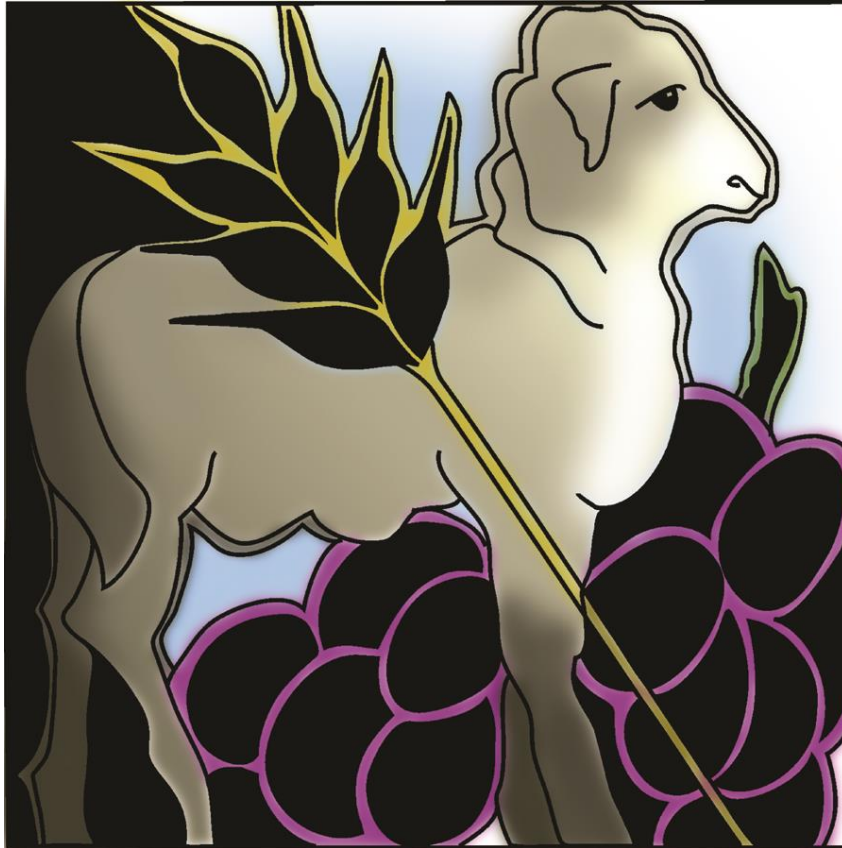


*Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2026
7:15 pm Livestream Liturgy*



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+++ **THE GATHERING** +++

Tonight, our Lenten discipline is culminated in the confession and forgiveness of our sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ who was betrayed into the hands of sinners, in order to free all who trust in him from the power of sin. Our liturgy concludes with the stripping of the altar, which is symbolic of the stripping and humiliation of Christ by the soldiers. During the stripping of the altar, we read Psalm 22, which according to the Gospel of Mark (Mark 15:34) was recited by Jesus as he was hanging on the Cross.

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Prelude: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* - Anna Laura Page

Greetings & Announcements

The Homily

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

P) Let us make confession to God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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

P) Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **✝** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C) Amen.

Those in the congregation may come forward to the altar. The Pastor, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn:

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

C) Amen.

Music during absolution

The Wonderful Cross - arr. Jeff Bennett

The Sharing of the Peace

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

C) And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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

C) Amen.

+ + + **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** + + +

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

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

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

P) The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 13th Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.' "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to you, O Christ.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM — In tonight's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples, "Unless I wash you, you have no share in me." We have all been "washed" by Jesus in baptism, and in him, we have share in his death and Resurrection. And through the washing of baptism, we are cleansed, claimed and sent to be living representatives of the Risen Jesus in the world.

This evening, please come forward to the font. The person before you will dip their finger in the font and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead and say these words,
“You have been washed in baptism. You are cleansed, claimed and sent to be the presence of Jesus in the world.”

THE PRAYERS

P) Let us pray that the church and all the world may be renewed by the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

A brief silence.

Each petition concludes:

P) Lord, in your mercy,

C) **Hear our prayer.**

P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C) **Amen.**

The Offering

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The Offertory

Partake the Bread of the World - Ruth Elaine Schram

Offertory Prayer

P) Let us pray... Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C) **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you.
C) **And also with you.**
P) Lift up your hearts.
C) **We lift them to the Lord.**
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C) **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P) We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we lift this bread and cup before you,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church both now and forever.

C) Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C) **Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Music during Communion:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Charlene Yao and Allan Cobb)

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

C) **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

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

C) **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The congregation sits as linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed from the altar and chancel. As this is done, all read Psalm 22.

PSALM: Psalm 22 (Read in unison)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me and are so far from my cry,
and from the words of my distress?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;

by night as well, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,

enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

Our forefathers put their trust in you;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man,

scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn;

they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

”He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;

let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,

and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;

you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

Many young bulls encircle me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me,

like a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;

my heart within my breast is melting wax.

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.

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.

They stare and gloat over me;

they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Be not far away, O LORD;

you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword,

my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth,

my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your name to my brethren;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;

all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

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.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: “May your heart live forever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD;
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

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

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

All leave the Church in silence, or remain quietly to pray.

Please also join us on:

Good Friday Service, April 3 @ 7:15 pm (in -person & [live stream on Facebook](#))

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4 @ 5 pm (in-person only)

Easter Sunday, April 5

Worship @ 10:00 am

(in-person & [live stream on Facebook](#))

Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00 am

Easter Sunday’s Readings

[Acts 10:34-43](#); [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#); [Colossians 3:1-4](#); [Matthew 28:1-10](#)

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