



# Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023

11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

## A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have given us the promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation through the suffering and death of our Savior on the cross. We thank You, too, that You continue to demonstrate these promises for us in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Forgive us where we have sinned; strengthen our faith; and cause us to live lives that show forth Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER

This day is known as Maundy Thursday which means, "The Thursday of the Commandment," referring to the new commandments of love given by Christ in the Upper Room the night before He died. He commanded His disciples to love one another as He had loved them. He then demonstrated His love in His gift of Himself in Holy Communion, and commanded His disciples to eat and drink.

The liturgical color for today is white. White is used on the "joy days" of the church year, symbolizing the purity, glory, and holiness that the Lord our God brings His people.

Holy Communion is part of the way God comes and cares for us, His disciples of today. It is a way in which we experience the presence of Christ – in, with, and under the bread and wine. It is also a way in which we proclaim to one another our faith in Christ Jesus our Savior until He comes again.

## PRELUDE

"The Power of the Cross/Lead Me to Calvary"

arr. by Carol Tornquist

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

*Please stand*

## **OPENING HYMN**

**623**     Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

- 1    Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
      That we may feast on You today;  
      Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
      Enrich us with Your grace divine.**
- 2    Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
      Your body broken and Your blood,  
      The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
      The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.**
- 4    One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
      Rejoicing in our unity,  
      Proclaim Your love until You come  
      To bring Your scattered loved ones home.**
- 5    Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
      O keep us steadfast till that day  
      When each will be Your welcomed guest  
      In heaven's high and holy feast.**

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## INVOCATION / CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together intending to receive our Lord Jesus Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. The Sacrament provides comfort for troubled hearts and freedom from the wrath we deserve.

When we look at our lives and conduct, though, we find sin and rebellion. Worse, we cannot free ourselves by our own strength. "But when Christ appeared as a high priest . . . He entered once for all into the holy places . . . by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption." (*Hebrews 9:11-12*)

Let us therefore confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**People: O almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I am a poor, miserable sinner. I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I deserve Your punishment here in time and hereafter in eternity. In Your boundless mercy, hear my sincere repentance and for the sake of Your Son's giving Himself over to suffering and death on my behalf, be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN

570 Just As I Am, without One Plea vv. 1, 5 & 6

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Holy Lord, You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son Jesus Christ into death for us. Nourish Your Church through the sacrament of His body and blood. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Him who gives life to the world, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ✂ WORD ✂

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup> If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup> The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup> Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire--head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup> Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

<sup>12</sup> "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD--a lasting ordinance."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. <sup>32</sup> When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

"Behold The Lamb"

Getty & Townend

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us: and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.*

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*The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.*

*The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.*

*And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.*

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*Please stand*

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

<sup>1</sup> It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

<sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

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<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

"Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please stand*

## **NICENE CREED**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

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

## **OFFERING**

**“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”**

setting by Johann Pachelbel

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:  
For courage to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,  
and our neighbor as ourselves, that we may be obedient to the  
command of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

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Pastor: For strength to love others after the pattern of Jesus Christ, that our love may not be self-serving, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that it may be faithful to the proclamation of the Gospel for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our remembrance of Jesus Christ as we celebrate the foretaste of the feast to come, that as we receive His very body and blood our faith may be strengthened by the forgiveness of sins and we may be empowered to love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our observance of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection, that we may more fully appreciate the great sacrifice of love on our behalf, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who are in need of special gifts from God; the lonely, the ill, the troubled, that they may know the love of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.*

### PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

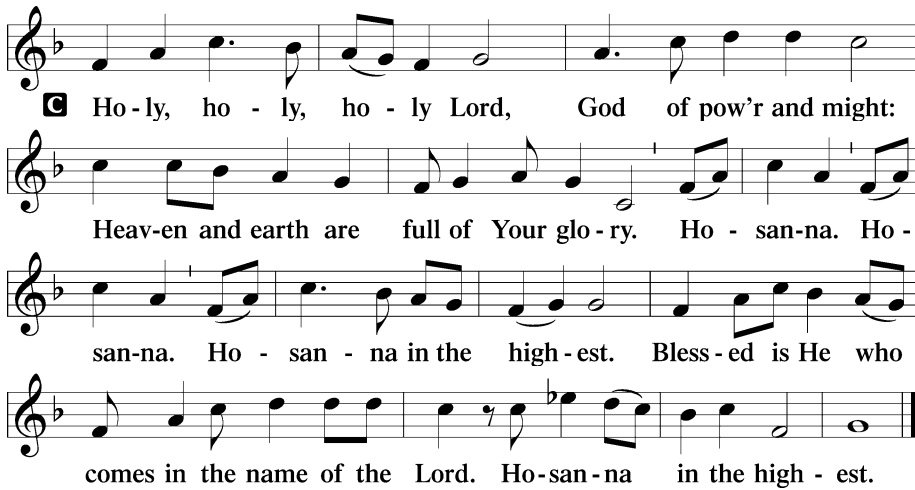
**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is indeed good and right to give praise to You, holy Lord, heavenly Father, everlasting God. You sent Your only Son, Jesus to hang on a cross to give salvation to all mankind. Through Your holy supper, You offer to us life and salvation through Your Son's very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Therefore with all the angels and the multitude of saints in heaven, we join that everlasting chorus evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS



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.

## 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the Disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

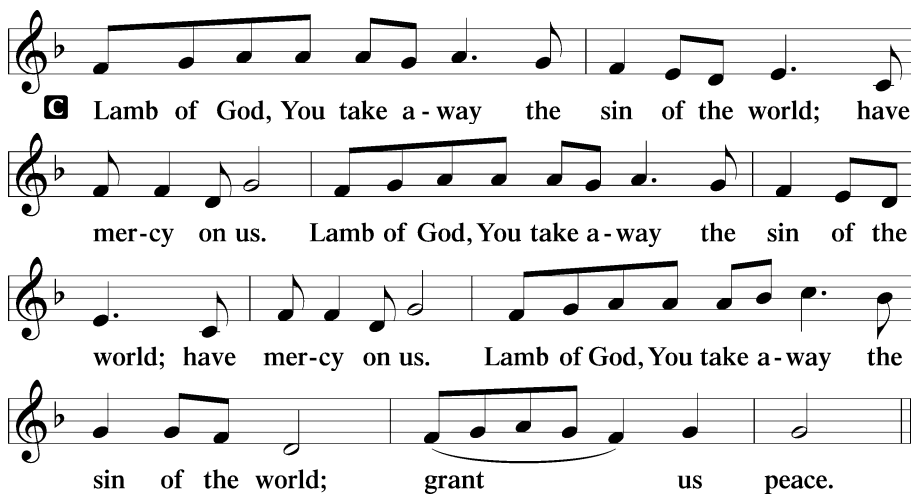
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

## PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI



□ 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.

*If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.*

*When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.*

*Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning

437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, gracious God, for this gift of forgiveness and life, a foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift, that we may love as we have been loved, and serve You with cheerful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



11:00 a.m. only

## **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:**       The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
                  The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**People:**       **Amen.**

*Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**423**    Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

- 1   Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
     Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:  
     Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
     Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.**
- 2   Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,  
     Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
     Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
     Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.**
- 3   Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;  
     May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew  
     Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,  
     Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

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## **POSTLUDE**

**"Solemn March"**

**N. Johnson**

*Stripping of the altar (removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments) is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.*

**PSALM**

*The Psalm is spoken during the stripping of the altar.*

Psalm 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

<sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

<sup>9</sup> Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup> From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

<sup>13</sup> Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

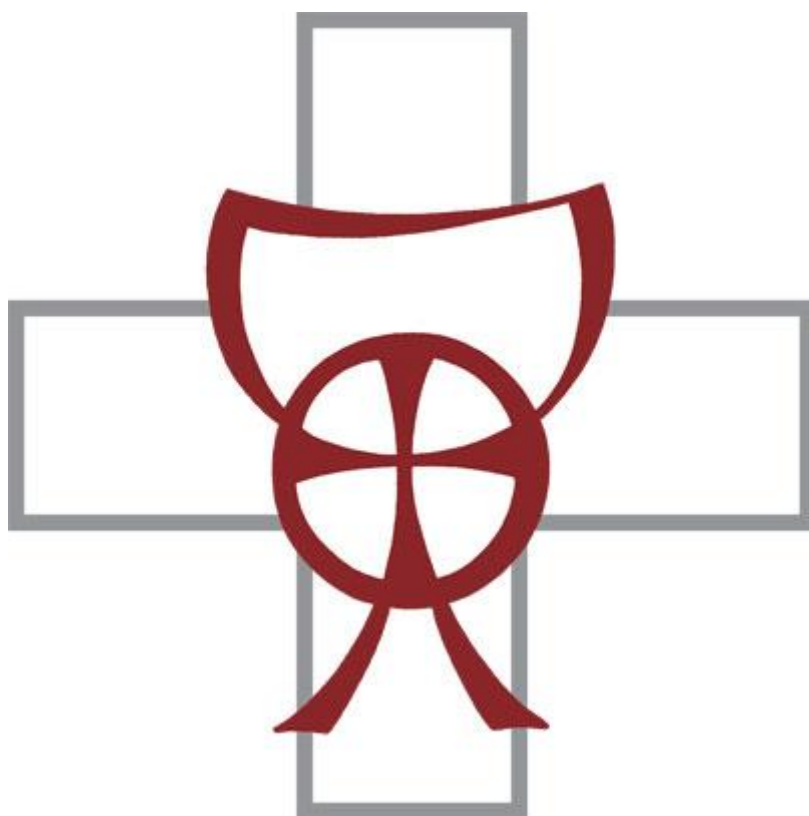
<sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.

<sup>18</sup> They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

*(Upon completion of the Psalm, all may leave the church silently)*



## **Serving at Chapel**

Preacher & Liturgist:		Theodore Laesch
Acolyte:	6:30 p.m.	Nyla Hill
Soloist:		Ted Laesch
Accompanist & Organist:		Ryan Meyer
Pianist:		Marilyn Kreitner

### **Good Friday Services**

**12:00 noon & 6:30 p.m.**

### **Easter Vigil Service**

**Saturday – 5:00 p.m.**

### **Easter Services**

**Sunday – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

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