

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

28 MARCH 2024

WELCOME - TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER!

For baptized Christians (Matthew 28:19) who have been instructed in the faith (Galatians 6:6), The Lord's Supper is our participation in the body and blood of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16), as the one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:17), to receive forgiveness of sin (Matthew 26:28) and to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

So that those who partake of the Lord's Supper do so in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27) and not to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:29), let us each examine ourselves (1 Corinthians 11:28):

- Do you believe that you are a sinner? That you have sinned in thought, word and deed?
- Are you sorry for your sin?
- Do you trust that Jesus Christ gives forgiveness of sin through His Supper?
- Do you believe that the body and blood of Jesus are present in, with and under the bread and wine?
- Do you seek to lead godly lives by the power of the Holy Spirit?

Please speak to a pastor or usher if you have questions. Gluten-free wafers are provided upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is provided in the center of each communion tray. Those who are not communing may come forward for a blessing from the pastor

Series Theme

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) That was John the Baptist's powerful witness to Jesus at the Jordan River when the Savior came to be baptized by him. The image of a lamb is used frequently in both the Old and New Testaments to describe the Messiah as well as the sinful people He came to save. This Lenten season we gather to examine and to meditate on some of these Biblical pictures of...

"The Lamb"

As We Gather

Nothing was more central to the yearly Passover celebration than the lamb that was sacrificed and eaten by God's people. In Egypt it had been the blood of the lamb, painted on the doors of the Israelites, that saved their first-born from death. Today it is still the Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, that frees us from sin and death. His Body and Blood are offered to us in the Meal of Holy Communion, our "often" celebration

+ Preparation +

Bell

Prelude

"O mensch beweine dein Sünde groß"

J.S. Bach

Bell

Welcome

stand

Invocation and Call to Worship

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

C **Amen.**

P Jesus said, "I did not come to invite virtuous people, but sinners."

C **Merciful God, we do not dare to come to this Holy Supper trusting in our own goodness and virtue. We come because we are sinful people and need to be fed.**

P We come because Christ has invited us sinners. We come in gratitude and wonder to offer our very selves to You in worship and adoration.

C **Father, accept our praise through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

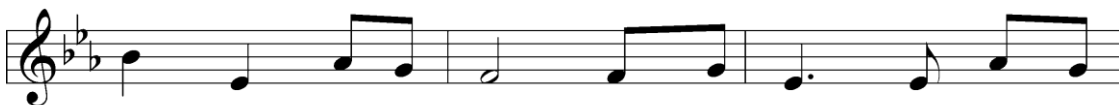
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445 When You Woke That Thursday Morning



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
 3 What was there that You could give them That would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



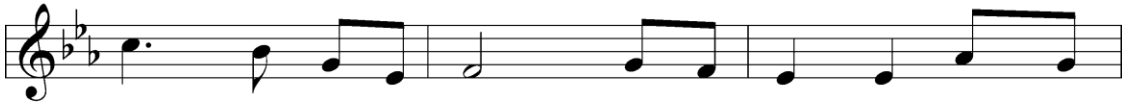
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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Stand

Psalm 116:12-19

God's servants respond to His gracious benefits.

P What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?
C **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**
Men **I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**
Women **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**
P O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
Men **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.**
Women **I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**
All **Praise the LORD!**

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a memorial of Your Passion in a wonderful sacrament, grant that we may so use this sacrament of Your Body and Blood that the blessings of Your redeeming work may continually be shown forth in us;

C **for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

sit

+ Word +

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-14, 21

Reader The Old Testament reading for Maundy Thursday is from the twelfth chapter of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then 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 flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.” ...

Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:24-32

Reader The Epistle is from the eleventh chapter of First Corinthians.

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.” In the same way also he took the cup, 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.

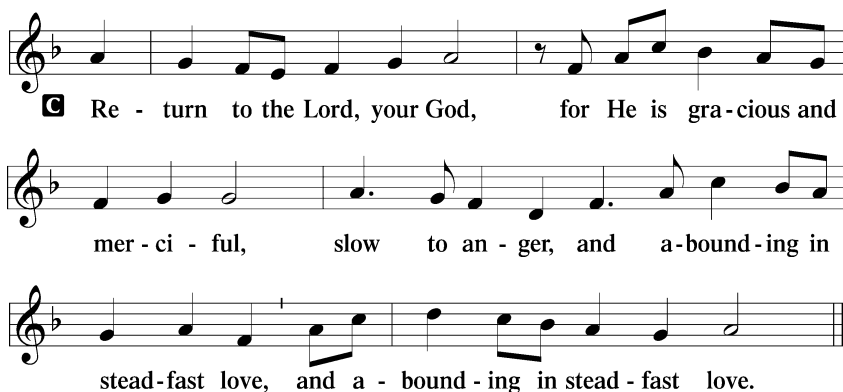
Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Theme Hymn

547 The Lamb

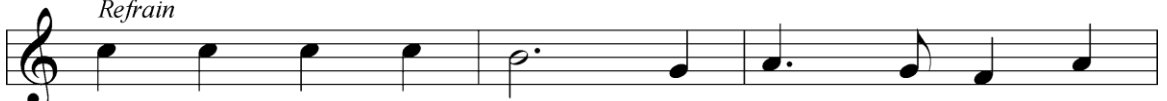


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Sermon

"The Passover Lamb"

Exodus 12:21

*Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them,
"Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb.*

Children's Message

Stand

Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed

All 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people as they have need.

Brief silence

P As the people of old pledged to keep faithfully all that the Lord had spoken, we pray the guidance and blessing of God upon us, that we may daily rejoice in His mercy, walk obediently in His Word and show forth in our lives what we receive with our lips this day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As our Lord began the days of His suffering by gathering His disciples together to institute the Holy Supper of His presence, so we pray to enter into the contemplation of the cross strengthened and supported by this Holy Communion in His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As God has blessed His Church with faithful pastors and church workers, we pray for faithful pastors, teachers, missionaries and all professions to the same, that those who serve may be faithful and the Spirit may bless all their efforts for His good purpose.
Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P As we have known God's protection and care of old, we pray now for those who serve His people in His name in government, in the military and for all emergency personnel, that they may serve nobly and wisely for our protection and our good.
Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

- other petitions may be offered here -

P As we have come to receive this holy Sacrament of the Altar, we pray that with repentance and a living faith we may receive our Lord's body and blood. In response, lead us to return to You what is already Yours, our very selves, with the tithes and gifts we bring, as part of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P As our Lord has promised to hear and answer the prayers of His people, we pray in the name of Jesus and for the sake of His holy, innocent suffering and death, that the Lord would grant us all things according to His fatherly wisdom and mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

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Music During Offering

"Christ For Us Became Obedient Unto Death"

Gerald Near

Stand

Offertory

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The final note of the piece is a whole note on a G4, followed by a double bar line.

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The Confession and Absolution

- P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C **The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness and remission of all your sins. Amen.**
- C **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness and remission of all your sins. Amen.

+ Sacrament +

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P Almighty Father, on the night before He suffered, Your dear Son instituted the Sacrament of His body and blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

All 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/The New Covenant

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

All may share a sign of God's peace

Music During Distribution

"Aus Liebe will mein Heiland sterben"

*Out of love my Savior wants to die.
He knows nothing of a single sin;
so that the eternal destruction
and the punishment of judgment
would not remain upon my soul.*

J.S. Bach

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

arr. Karen Kuehmann



618 | Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



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



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



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

Refrain



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

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Hymn of Thanks

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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Post Communion Prayer

P Lord God, 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.**

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Stripping of the Altar

Ben Witte, Cantor

The stripping of the altar and chancel furnishings is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers. As the linens, paraments, communion vessels and candles are removed, Psalm 22, a Psalm of Lamentation and Thanksgiving, will be chanted.

There is no benediction to conclude the service. The omission of the benediction at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the celebration of the Resurrection.

Following the psalmody and the stripping of the altar, worshippers leave the sanctuary in silence.

"Maundy" is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. On the night of His betrayal, our Lord told His disciples: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Jesus' love is demonstrated both in His example of servanthood, and in His gift of Himself in Holy Communion. Maundy Thursday takes on special significance when we recommit ourselves to a sacrificial love for others.

Good Friday

"The Lamb for Daily Sacrifice"

Despite man's best efforts, even those of God's Christians, we all sin much and we sin daily. God required a daily sacrifice for Israel's sin so His people would have a daily reminder of their need and His great mercy. Daily sacrifice. It was a twice a day, day after day, 365 days per year thing. Then Jesus came and changed all that on one momentous day we call "Good Friday." Today we remember and give God thanks for that once-for-all sacrifice of the Lamb of God in our place.

Easter Sunday

Jesus' revelation to St. John in exile has always fascinated people. It is unusual, it is moving, and it is powerful. And it involves a tremendous reversal. A Lamb that was brutally slain ends up triumphant and in charge. He is sitting on His Father's throne, ruling the nations and loving His blood-bought people for eternity. To Him we sing our glad "Alleluias!" of joy and gratitude.

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Mrs. Christina Lass-Moore, Flute
Mr. Ben Witte, Voice
Mr. Gregory Ceurvorst, Director of Music

Mission Notes

SUNDAY SCHOOL
TRUTH TRAVELERS (JR HIGH)
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP
WOMENS' SMALL GROUP
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
CHOIR PRACTICE
CONFIRMATION CLASS
PICKLEBALL
TRIP ORDER

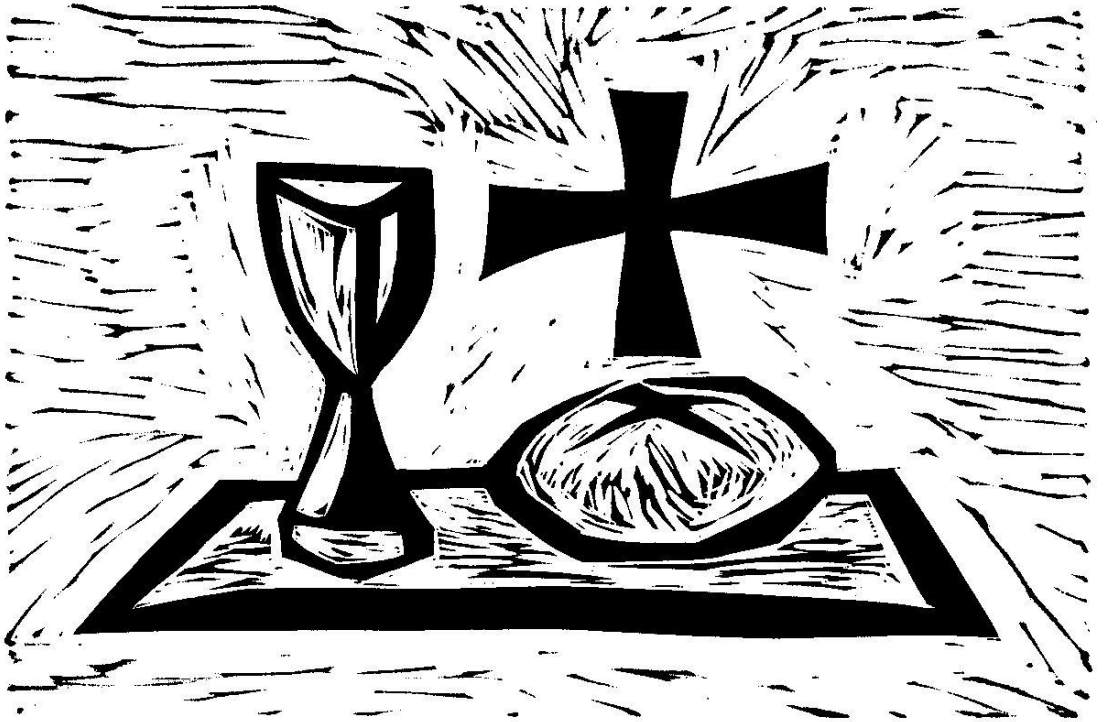
Sundays, 9:25, Music Rm (Second Floor)
Sundays, 9:25AM, Youth Rm (Basement)
Sundays, 9:25AM, Heritage Rm
Sundays, 6PM, Offsite
Mondays, 7PM, Zoom
Tuesdays, 8:45AM, Heritage Rm
Wednesdays, 9AM, Heritage Rm
Wednesdays, 7pm, 2nd Floor, Music/Choir Rm
Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Heritage Rm
Thursdays, 6:30PM, Gym
April 8 & 22

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00PM
Good Friday, March 29, 12:00PM; 7:00PM
Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00AM; 10:45 AM

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