

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

THE LAMB



GOOD FRIDAY

29 MARCH 2024

The Service of the Tenebrae

This service is an adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae service dating from the 8th century. It commemorates the suffering and death of Christ. The literal translation of the Latin word "Tenebrae" is "shadows." In more recent years it has been presented as a service progressing from light to darkness. As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. It also portrays the fading light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

Seven candles are used. They are extinguished one by one as the service progresses. The lights in the nave and chancel are also dimmed step by step.

At the end of the service one candle remains lit but it is taken from view. Then it is restored to sight reminding us that even though Christ lay in His tomb, He rose on the third day.

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

When the service has concluded, please leave the building in silence.

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

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.

Enter and Sit in Silence

Bell

Lighting of the Candles

Stand

Invocation and Confession of Sins

P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All: Amen

P We gather before God remembering the cross in sorrow and in shame. We see His forgiveness, strength, and mercy. We remember the day of our Savior's death. We mourn and struggle to understand the depth of Christ's love - that He should suffer and die in our place. Father, our hearts are heavy as we gather in the name of Christ, bearing witness to the terror of His crucifixion, knowing full well that we are guilty sinners, in need of Your forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All: Christ, our Savior has died for our sins.

P At times, we have failed to strive against evil in the world.

All: Christ, our Savior has died for our sins.

P At times, we have denied our Lord.

All: Christ, our Savior has died for our sins.

P At times we have betrayed our Lord.

All: Christ, our Savior has died for our sins. Have mercy on us Lord and grant us forgiveness. Amen.

P Upon this confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior, Jesus Christ, announce His grace and mercy to you. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Sit



440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

Stand

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

P Let us pray

Almighty God, graciously bestow Your favor upon this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed. Grant that we may genuinely cherish Jesus' willingness to be given into the hands of sinners, to suffer torment upon a cross, and even to die, that we may have abundant and eternal life, through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen**

Sit

Children's Message

Theme Hymn

547 The Lamb

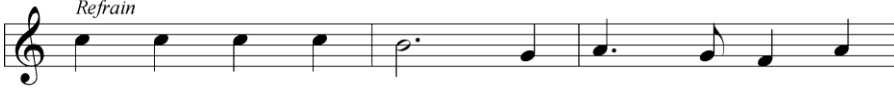


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o -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

Sermon

"The Lambs for Daily Sacrifice" Exodus 29:38-46

"Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old, day by day regularly. One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight. And with the first lamb a tenth seah of fine flour mingled with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering. The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it a grain offering and its drink offering, as in the morning, for a pleasing aroma, a food offering to the LORD. It shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

12:00

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Hassler/Handel
Mr. Ben Witte, Voice

7:00

"O Savior of the World"

John Goss
St. John's Senior Choir

Introduction

Today we would like to turn back time to that first Good Friday to try to relive, in a brief devotion, the emotions that those who lived it once must have had. Recall in spirit how, as the sun climbed toward its zenith that morning, they had fastened Him to the Cross with great nails. It was nine o'clock a.m. At mid-day darkness covered the earth. At three o'clock He yielded up His spirit. Then Joseph and Nicodemus begged His lifeless body from Pontius Pilate. Quickly they took it down from the cross, and carefully laid it to rest in the unused tomb. A watch was established, the Roman seal set on the great stone. "It is finished." "O sorrow dread, God's Son is dead!"

P God has not spared His own Son. (Romans 8:32a)

C **But delivered Him up for us all** (Roman8:32b)

Darkness of Man's Betrayal

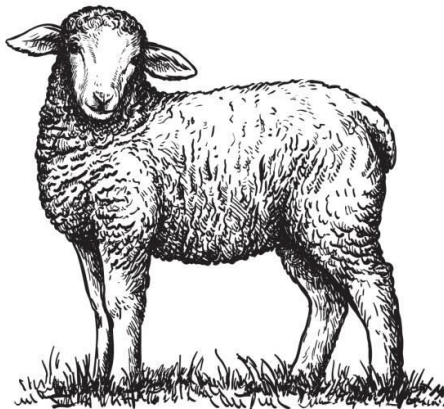
Lesson

Matthew 26:47-50

"Judas, do you betray, the Son of Man with a kiss?" The tragic events of that night began in terms of men, with Judas of Kerioth. Judas was one of the twelve and, in his twisted mind, the Miracle-worker could free Himself. So for thirty pieces of silver, the price of a slave, Jesus was made available to His captors.

Now Jesus is becoming the outcast One. Men have begun to turn on Him. Among men, one of the special pupils gave Him into the hands of the enemy. Is there a greater tragedy in life than to have one, whom one has loved, turn to oppose?

- P He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgressions of my people was He stricken. (Isaiah 53:7, 8)
- C **He has poured out His soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For transgression of my people was He stricken.** (Isaiah 53:8.12)



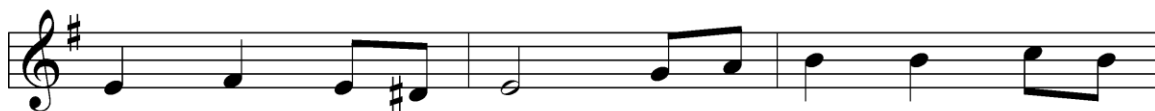
451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

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The First Candle is Extinguished

Darkness of Friends' Desertion

Lesson

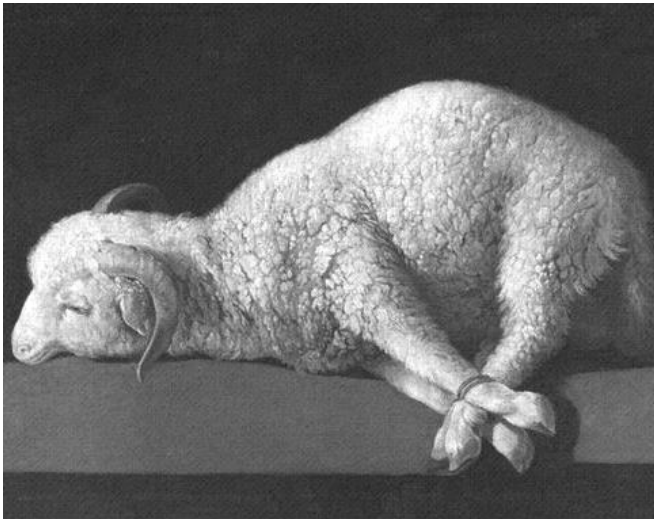
Matthew 26:51-56

"Peter said to Him; 'Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You.' And so said all the disciples." That's what we read His closest friends vowing in the Upper Room. How soon they forgot that, just an hour or two later in Gethsemane. We are embarrassed by their miserable failure.

HOWEVER - on the day of our confirmation we too vowed "to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death." Remember? How faithful have we been? Did not Christ die for all of our denials and desertions of Him?

P Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night; for it is written 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" (Matthew 26:31)

C **All we like sheep have gone astray...and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.** (Isaiah 53:6)



437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
 shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
 His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
 mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
 thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.

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The Second Candle is Extinguished

Darkness of the Church's Rejection

Lesson

Matthew 26:62-68

Then His chosen Church rejected Him. Caiaphas, the High Priest, rose and tearing His garments, cried out, "This man has blasphemed God!" His Church made this accusation against Him.

Can you feel the heartbreak of this? He as God, had nourished, blessed, corrected, helped His Church, against countless enemies. Into her keeping He had placed the sacred trust of the promised Messiah. Now that the Messiah had come, she cries out against Him, "This man has blasphemed God," and makes her preparation to have Him put to death.

P Lament like a Virgin, O my people: Howl you shepherds, in ashes and sackcloth; for the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. (Joel 1:8, Jeremiah 25:34, Joel 1:15)

C Gird yourselves, and lament, you priests, howl, you ministers of the altar. Come lie all night in sackcloth. (Joel 1:13)

436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!
Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

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The Third Candle is Extinguished

Darkness of your Nation's Rejection

Lesson

Luke 23:6-11

Herod would have none of Him. Herod represented "the chosen people," the Jews, being their nominal head. But Herod mocked Him - sent Him back to Pilate.

Has your nation ever declared you an outlaw to it? Are you a man without a country? When you try to feel the awful pangs of the man who has no home, you begin to feel what He felt that night.

P Arise, O Jerusalem, put off your garments of joy; cast up dust upon your head and gird yourself with sackcloth.

C **For in these has been slain the Savior of Israel.**

Hymn of Sorrow

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
her - it, This I do mer - it.

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The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

Darkness of the World's Rejection

Lesson

Luke 23:20-24

Pilate washed his hands of Him. He knew Him to be innocent, but he delivered Him to be crucified.

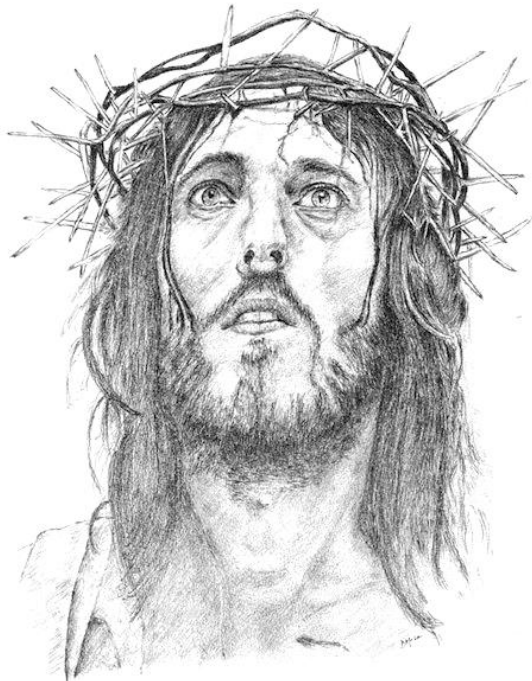
Pilate! - - The World!

The last human straw to which He could cling, the final friend to whom He could turn, His last chance of appeal and it is gone.

Now only the Way of Sorrows lies before Him. The Way of Sorrows - the heavy cross, the wailing women, the taunting multitude, the bitter wine, the thorns, the nails, now only the cross.

P He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. (Isaiah 53:3a)

C **And as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.** (Isaiah 53:3b)



420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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Meditation (7:00)

"O Sacred Head"

arr. John Ringley

The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

Darkness of God's Rejection

Lesson

Matthew 27:45-46

Only once has it happened in all the history of man. Only once has God forsaken a man, and that man was He.

Try, but you cannot imagine what it means to be forsaken of God, for lo, He is with you always, even unto the end of the world.

That's why that cry from the cross is such an agonizing cry. This was the final depth to which He could go that day in which He was our substitute in death.

P My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaved to my jaws, and You have brought me into the dust of death. (Psalms 22:15)

C **But be not far from Me, Lord; O my strength, hasten to help Me.** (Psalms 22:19)

453 Upon the Cross Extended



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
 2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will
 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils
 6 Your cords of love, my Sav - ior, Bind me to



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
 fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.
 You for - ev - er, I am no long - er mine.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
 Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is
 To You I glad - ly ten - der All that my life can



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.
 ren - der And all I have to You re - sign.

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Meditation (7:00)

"The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. Marianne Kim

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

Darkness of Death

Lesson

Luke 23:46

Then, when He had cried with a loud voice. He bowed His weary head and yielded up His Spirit. Forsaken of man and God in His supreme sacrifice, for God and for man, He died. And when the soldiers came, they pierced His side, and forthwith came out blood and water.

P I am counted as one of them that fall down into the pit; And I have been even as a man that has no strength; free among the dead. (Psalm 88:4)

C **You laid me in the lowest pit; In a place of darkness, and in the deep, and I have been even as a man that has no strength.** (Psalm 88:6)

456 Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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The Seventh Candle is Extinguished

Anthem

"Lamb of God"

F.M. Christiansen

The Sound of Thunder

The Sound of the Temple Curtain Being Torn

The sound of the Tomb Being Closed

Removal of the Paschal Candle

Silent Meditation

Return of the Paschal Candle

456 Were You There

4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you
there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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P Christ became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (Philippians 2:8)

C **Wherefore God has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth.** (Philippians 2:9-10)

P Behold, one light still burns. They are not all gone out.

Nor have they forever taken the life of my Lord. The hellish crew, death, the grave, these shall not hold Him, for in three days He will raise up again the temple which they sought to destroy. They are not the victor! It is He who triumphs!

Yes, in the chaos of the elements, through the quaking earth, the rending veil, the opening graves, He lives! Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus unto Thee.

The 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.

*When all have spoken a silent prayer, leave in silence.
The peace of the Lord go with you!*

Serving in Worship

Rev. Ronald Weidler, Presiding
Mrs. Christina Lass-Moore, Flute
Mrs. Dalayne Shinneman, Clarinet
Mr. Dana Shinneman, Piano
Mr. Ben Witte, Voice
The Senior Choir of St. John 's Lutheran Church
Mr. Gregory Ceurvorst, Director of Music

Mission Notes

SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sundays, 9:25, Music Rm (Second Floor)
TRUTH TRAVELERS (JR HIGH)	Sundays, 9:25AM, Youth Rm (Basement)
ADULT BIBLE STUDY	Sundays, 9:25AM, Heritage Rm
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP	Sundays, 6PM, Offsite
BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP	Mondays, 7PM, Zoom
WOMENS' SMALL GROUP	Tuesdays, 8:45AM, Heritage Rm
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	Wednesdays, 9AM, Heritage Rm
CHOIR PRACTICE	Wednesdays, 7pm, 2 nd Floor, Music/Choir Rm
CONFIRMATION CLASS	Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Heritage Rm
PICKLEBALL	Thursdays, 6:30PM, Gym
TRIP ORDER	April 8 & 22

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Please join us for Easter Breakfast between services!

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