

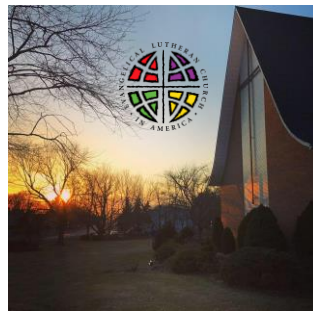


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Topic: The Way of the Cross: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Time: Wednesday, March 24, 2021; 7:00 PM Eastern Time

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays: February 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 - 7:00 p.m.

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LENTEN MEDITATIONS: THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Jesus Dies on the Cross

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Concordia Lutheran, Emanuel Lutheran, Faith Lutheran and St. Mary's Episcopal Churches
Manchester and East Hartford, Connecticut

Concerning the Service

The devotion known as the Way of the Cross is an adaptation to local usage of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death. From the fourteen traditional places where pilgrims went for prayer, (sometimes called "stations") we have selected five scripture readings of our Lord's passion, one each night, for our meditation.

Opening Devotions

Deacon Winzler

Leader: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All: In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood
you have redeemed us:

All: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Sung Response

So the Day Dawns for Me

Kelly Sharp, piano

1. So the day dawn for me, so the day break,
2. Be the day shine for me, be the day bright,

Christ watch - ing o - ver me, Christ as I wake.
Christ my com - pan - ion be, Christ be my light. to vs. 3

3. Be the day dark to me, be the day drear,
4. Be the day swift to me, be the day long,

Christ shall my com - fort be, Christ be my cheer.
Christ my con - tent - ment be, Christ be my song. to vs. 5

5. So the day close for me, so the night fall,

Christ watch - ing o - ver me, Christ be my all.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture—Luke 23:44-46

Reader from Emanuel Lutheran

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Musical Meditation

Faith Lutheran

Lamb of God, Twila Paris, arr. Robert McCrann

Prayer

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing*—ELW 841 Jun Lee, piano and Emanuel Cruz

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

† *The People depart in silence.* †

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