

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Love Jesus and help others love Him through word and actions.

Sunday of The Passion
Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

11:15 a.m.

Welcome in the name of Jesus!



We are happy you're here. We pray that the Lord will bless your time of worship with us and give you peace in the week ahead. Newcomers are our special guests and we ask that you sign the register at the entrance to help us get to know you.

We are on a spiritual journey together. Although we have all traveled different roads, God has met each of us on the way. Jesus has accepted us as we are and we strive to do so with one another – thankful for the past, excited about the present and expectant of a wonderful future as the Holy Spirit guides us to be the people of God.

We welcome and involve all people in the life of the family of faith no matter what their journeys so that they may experience the grace we have received from Jesus Christ. We celebrate our life together in worship, prayer, study of scripture, service and fellowship. If you are looking for a Christian community of diversity that will love you, proclaim the good news of God's unconditional love, offer a place to use your spiritual gifts to the glory of God, and grow with you in God's love through service to the local community and world, we invite you to experience the gospel with those who believe that Grace makes a world of difference.

Service Information

This bulletin contains the complete order of service.

**Please stand as you are able.*

We will gather in the Memorial Garden to process into church waving palms as we celebrate the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem!
If its raining we will gather in the Fellowship Hall.

Acclamation

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P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to Mark the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**



The congregation will follow the choir and pastor as we process into the church. You may come to the altar and then go to the pews, or go straight to the pew.

Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW Hymn344

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be you.

C: And also with you.

P: ...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

Evangelical Lutheran Worship tone 11



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I ¹ am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ¹ and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my ¹ years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹ are consumed.

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances; when they see me in the street ¹ they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, ¹ out of mind;**

I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot. R

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in ¹ you, O LORD.**

I have said, "You ¹ are my God.

¹⁵ My times are ¹ in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant;**

save me in your ¹ steadfast love." R

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

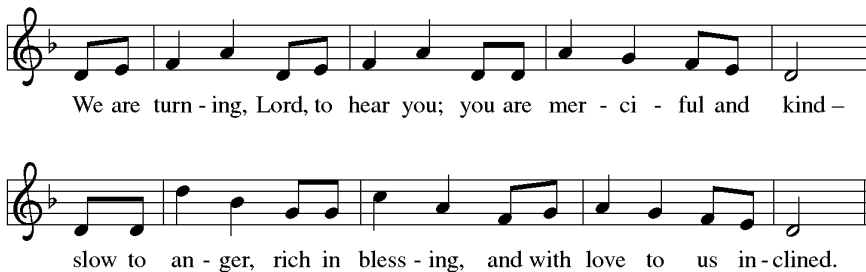
R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Young People's Message

Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 14:1--15:47

P: The holy gospel according to Mark 14th and 15th chapters.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark: Hear the passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Mark: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

Chief Priests: Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Mark: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Crowd: **Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.**

Mark: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus: Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

Mark: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus,

Disciples: **Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

Mark: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

Mark: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

Mark: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

Disciples: Surely, not I?

Mark: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

Mark: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: Take; this is my body.

Mark: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus: This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

Mark: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

Mark: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though all become deserters, I will not.

Mark: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Mark: But Peter said vehemently,

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Mark: And all of them said the same.
They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I pray.

Mark: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

Mark: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

Jesus: Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Mark: Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Mark: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Mark: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

Mark: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: Rabbi!

Mark: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Mark: All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

Crowd: **We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'**

Mark: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Mark: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

High Priest: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Mark: Jesus said,

Jesus: I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'

Mark: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Mark: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

Chief Priests: Prophecy!

Mark: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

Mark: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

Mark: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant Girl: This man is one of them.

Mark: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Crowd: **Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.**

Mark: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know this man you are talking about.

Mark: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

Mark: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Mark: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: You say so.

Mark: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Mark: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Mark: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Mark: They shouted back,

Crowd: **Crucify him!**

Mark: Pilate asked them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Mark: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: **Crucify him!**

Mark: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Mark: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: **Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!**

Mark: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Mark: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Mark: which means,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Mark: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Mark: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

Mark: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Mark: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Thank you to the readers of the Gospel today

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

***Apostles' Creed**

P: Together, let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: ... through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Music

Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!

by Hayes

*Offering Response

Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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 dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. 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 five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of' on the first staff, 'bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that' on the second, 'we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of' on the third, 'all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble' on the fourth, and 'with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.' on the fifth. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*Offering Prayer

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

*** Great Thanksgiving**

***Dialogue**

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 our thanks and praise.

***Preface**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Thanksgiving At The Table**

***Lord's Prayer**

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

**C: 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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

We will commune beginning with those people on the right side of the sanctuary, facing the altar. When the last person in the row in front of you has vacated their pew, please follow behind them. Once the right side has communed, the left side begins and communes as noted above. All are welcome to receive the bread and the cup, or if you prefer, a pre-packaged communion cup is available to pick up on the front pew as you come through the line to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Music

Were you there

ELW Hymn 353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
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 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, 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 pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

***Communion Blessing**

P: ..strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

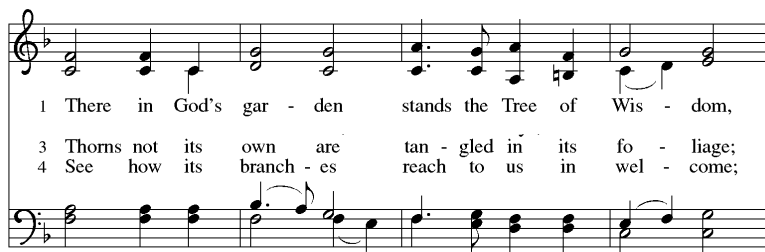
A: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

***Blessing**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.

C: Amen.



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

***Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

Remember in Your Prayers and Visits

Commonwealth Oak Ridge: Joan, June

The Groves: Judy J

Homebound: Sy

If you have a minute — Please send a card to one of our members who is homebound or in assisted living. They've been isolated from family and friends for months, and are struggling with loneliness.

Special Concerns: Mary Ann D, Pam W, Becky B, Valerie H, James, Gayla, Sarah, Caryl T, Annie, Judy, June, Priscilla, Kris, Pr. Steve.

Friends and Family: David E, Wally, Toni, Claire, Grace, Bob, Colette, Christy, Bernice, Kristin and Micah, Steve and Linda, Jennifer, Elizabeth, James, Gloria, Pat, Joan, Alan and Bonnie, Zoe and family, Pr Larry.

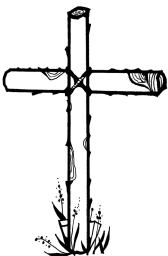
Missionaries: David and Alicia Brondos, and all members of Grace Church.

Our Guatemalan Companion Synod Partners: Pastor Karen, her sister Ms. Beatriz and son Diego.

Military Service: Brady, Thomas, Wade, Cody, Al, Jared, Richard .

For privacy reasons, we have removed last names. If you need the last name of a person on this list please contact the office.

Lenten Prayers Cross



You will notice a cross with wire around it adjacent to a small basket of material in the Narthex. You are invited to “tie your prayers to the cross” this season as a symbol of giving your prayers or burdens to God. Tying more than one piece of material is OK. You may do this before service, after service, during the offering or communion.

“Come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest”. **We invite you to bring fake flowers on Easter Sunday to add to the cross.**

Sunday, March 24

9:00am	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
10:00am	Adult Sunday School	Room 101
10:05am	Sunday School	JL, Room 254
11:15am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, March 25

7:00pm	Poetry Pie	Online
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Tuesday, March 26

9:00-11:00am	ESOL Conversation	Room 101
9:30-11:30am	ESOL Class-Beginners	Room 210
7:00- 8:00pm	Stephen Ministry	FH

Wednesday, March 27

9:30- 11:30am	ESOL Class- Beginners	Room 210
11:00am	Healing Service	Sanctuary
5:00pm	Ringspiration	Sanctuary
6:15pm	Healing Service	Sanctuary
7:00-8:00pm	Chancel Choir	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28

9:00-11:00am	ESOL Conversation	Room 101
9:30-11:30am	ESOL Class-Beginners	Room 210
11:00am	Maundy Th Service	Sanctuary
6:15pm	Maundy Th Service	Sanctuary

Friday, March 29

8:30am	Russian Class	Online
9:30-11:00am	ESOL Class: Advanced	Room 101
10:00am	Food Pantry	Drive-thru
11:00am	Tenebrae Service	Sanctuary
5:00pm	Prayer Time	Invitation
6:15pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30

10:00am	Grace Writers Work Session	Room 101
10:00am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Sunday, March 31 EASTER

7:00am	Sunrise Service	Memorial Garden
8:00am	Easter Brunch	FH
9:00am	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
10:00am	Easter Brunch	FH
11:15am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

Grace's Mission Statement

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to worship God,
Love our neighbors as ourselves, and
Inspire others to seek Jesus and
Experience God's grace in their lives.

Serving Today

Preaching and Presiding Pastor: Rev. Rosalina Rivera

Reader: Nancy Munro

Liturgist: Heidi Joesten

Young People's Message: Judy Goans

Offering Stewards: Loraine Huynh, Pam Williams

Altar Guild: Nahida Jallouk, Donna Hoglund

Flower Guild: Branches

Ushers: Donna Hoglund, Mack Bailey

Invitation

Please join us again in worship and fellowship! You have an open invitation to be a part of our ministries. Speak with the members and pastor to learn more about our family of Grace and visit our website at www.graceoakridge.org.

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