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Wednesday in Holy Week

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Welcome to Worship!

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CORPORATE CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS
April 16, 2025

Introducing Today's Readings

This day was formerly called “Spy Wednesday,” an allusion to the gospel accounts in which Judas is identified as the betrayer of Jesus. This Holy Wednesday is used as day of preparation for the Triduum, or Three Holy Days. We prepare our hearts with a service of confession and forgiveness. As Jesus endured the suffering of the cross, we are called to run the race of life with perseverance, confident of the joy to come. In the Three Days, which begin tomorrow evening, we will journey with Christ from darkness to light, from captivity to freedom, from death to life.

Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Hymn

“God Loved the World”

ELW #323

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom
no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The first readings for Passion Sunday, the weekdays in Holy Week, and Good Friday are the four “Servant Songs” from Isaiah. It is unclear whom the author intended this servant to be – the king, the prophet, or the whole nation, and the passages certainly outline the ministry God intended for Israel. To Christian ears the suffering, redemptive figure of the Servant points to Jesus.

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 wakens— 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. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 (Leader/Assembly; sung)

This psalm expresses the ultimate confidence of the Servant in the first reading, and our own.

¹Be pleased, O God, to de-^liver me;
O LORD, make^l haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame^l and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and^l be
disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat^l over me
turn back because^l of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be^l glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great^l is the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick-^lly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD,^l do not tarry.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

The book of Hebrews was written to encourage Christians who were growing weary of following Christ into service and rejection. This section follows a lengthy reminder of the Old Testament figures who suffered for the faith.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation (*please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable*)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Gospel: John 13:21-32

Like those on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the Gospel readings for the weekdays in Holy Week are stories from John, culminating with his enthronement on the cross. Today's story immediately follows that of Jesus washing the disciples feet at the Last Supper, and immediately precedes his giving the new commandment: that they love one another. We will hear both of those passages tomorrow night.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; ²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. ³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

CONFESSION

Hymn of Confession *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

ELW #599

Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(please kneel or sit as you are comfortable)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living,
and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours,
and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships,
and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations,
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God,
and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

(continued)

For hurtful words that condemn,
and for angry deeds that harm:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

(please be seated)

Anointing

***Those who wish may come forward for the laying on of hands, prayer,
and anointing.***

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.
Amen.

Psalms 57, 70, and 71 may be used for personal devotions during this time.

Hymns

“Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am”

ELW #814

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW #616

(following the laying on of hands please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

Closing Prayer

Let us pray. O God, from who come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments: and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

ELW #609

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ has made you free.
Thanks be to God!

Serving this night

Clergy: Pastor Jason Felici and Pastor Jess Felici

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lector: Donna Showalter

Acolyte:

Ushers: Kasha & Don Loveridge, Susan Vargo



HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 17 - 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday with First Holy Communion

April 18 - 10:00am-2:00pm - Good Friday Family Worship Service

10:00am - 2:00pm - Day Camp

Noon-3:00pm - “Seven Last Words”

7:00pm - Tenebrae

April 19 - Saturday 7:30pm - Easter Vigil
followed by Easterfest

April 20 - Sunday 8:15am & 10:45am
Easter Day Services of Holy Communion

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