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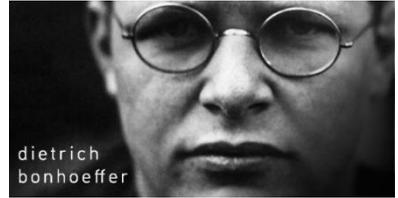


**Maundy
Thursday
March 29
2018**



*Tonight's worship
includes a narrator
to help us pause at certain
points and reflect on
how God is at work
in the liturgy*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was executed in a Nazi prison on April 9, 1945, for his role in a conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler and bring the Second World War to an end. His involvement in the conspiracy was grounded in his conviction that discipleship to Jesus Christ required Christians to stand in solidarity with the oppressed by standing for and with the oppressed against the oppressor.



Life Together puts into words a description of what Bonhoeffer and others set to create in their Confessing Church illegal seminary at Finkenwalde. The retreat-like atmosphere at the seminary built upon an appreciation for the best of the monastic practices. The outcome is a book that raises up the vision of what it means to be the Church, to be disciples of Jesus who are drawn together in Community around God's Word.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. with Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Bob Souza,
Comm./Asst. Elder: Monte Stoltzman
Acolyte: Jeremy Leicht
Narrator: Kelley Dorner

Lay Readers: Al Diercks, Randy Gifford
Ushers: Lance Rasmussen, Scott Mundrick
Greeters: The Leicht Family

Opening Hymn **When You Woke That Thursday Morning**

LSB 445 sts. 1-3



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



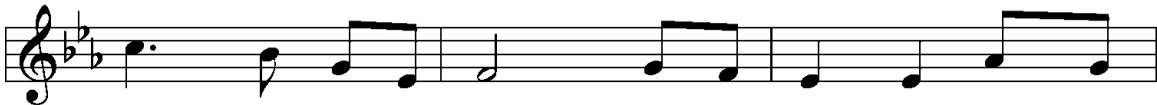
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -



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?



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



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



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."

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

C: **Amen.**

Evening Psalmody

Psalm 141

P: Let us pray.

C: **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P: O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You.

C: **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

What to Watch For

In Martin Luther's Small Catechism, he teaches according to God's Word:

"Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." We come to God confessing our sin in the assurance that we are His baptized children and He has promised to show us His mercy. The pastor speaks the words of forgiveness which are the words of God Himself, giving voice to the Word of God, so that we may hear how God speaks to us and receive assurance of His forgiveness.



Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

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P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

C: *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:8-9

P: We pause in silence to reflect on our personal sins that trouble us.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

LSB 184

C: *I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

John 20:19-23

What to Watch For

The Kyrie Eleison (Latin for “Lord, have mercy”) is “an ancient prayer [that] represents the last remnant of the earliest Christian orders of service, which were in Greek, the language used for Christian worship for the first 300 years of the church.” It begins by remembering that we pray to the Lord because of the peace He has given to us in His Word and our baptism.

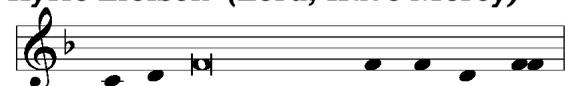
“The prayers [in the Kyrie] focus on the desire for true peace, which Christ alone gives. Each petition asks for a dimension of peace, beginning with salvation and concluding with peace among those assembled as God’s gathered guests.” **Quotations taken from Gathered Guests (CPH).



Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

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Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



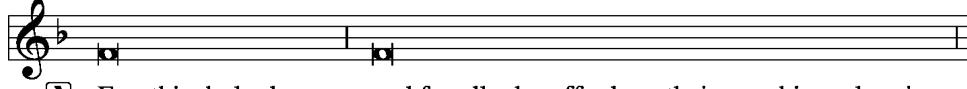
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



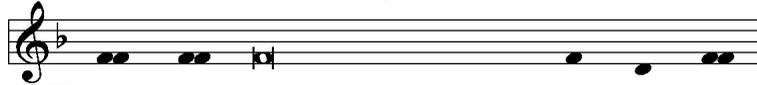
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



G A - men.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:3-11 (ESV)

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” ⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Verses on Meaning of Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Verses on Preparation for Holy Communion

Matthew 5:23-24 (ESV)

²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 14:12–26 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 14th chapter. C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹²And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to [Jesus], “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For 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.”

²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611 sts. 1–4



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



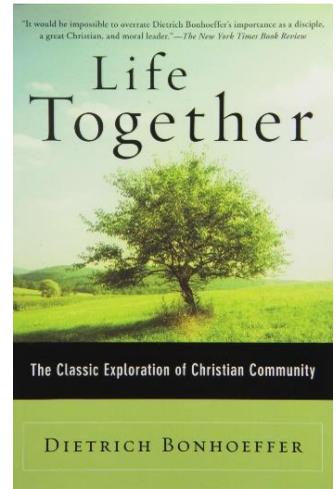
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

**Sermon “I Beg Your Pardon Even As We Go Together
 to Receive the Lords’s Pardon”**

“[Confession of sins] serves the Christian community especially as preparation for the common reception of the holy Communion. Reconciled to God and men, Christians desire to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. It is the command of Jesus that none should come to the altar with a heart that is unreconciled to [his or her fellow believer]. . . . Each will beg the forgiveness of the others for the wrongs committed. . . . All anger, strife, envy, evil gossip, and unbrotherly conduct must have been settled and finished if the [fellowship wishes] to receive the grace of God together in the sacrament. . . . The congregation receives the gift of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and . . . it receives forgiveness, new life, and salvation. It is given new fellowship with God and [brothers & sisters in Christ]. . . . As the members of the congregation are united in body and blood at the table of the Lord so will they be together in eternity. . . . Here joy in Christ and His community is complete. The life of Christians together under the Word has reached its [fulfillment] in the sacrament” (pp. 120-121,122).



Offerings



What to Watch For

“In the Early Church,” after the Prayers, the elements—bread and wine—“would be brought forward and placed on the table” or altar for use in the Lord’s Supper. “The bringing forward of the bread and wine is part of the sacrificial part of the liturgy where we offer our gifts to God. “These gifts are given in response to the hearing of the very words of Jesus in the Gospel and are given in thanksgiving for the gift about to be received in the Lord’s Supper, as we give back to the Lord what He has given us.”

**Quotations taken from Heaven on Earth by Art Just (CPH).

Offering

Offertory (sung as Offerings are brought forward to the altar)

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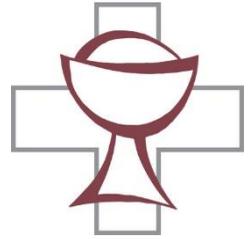
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men."

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

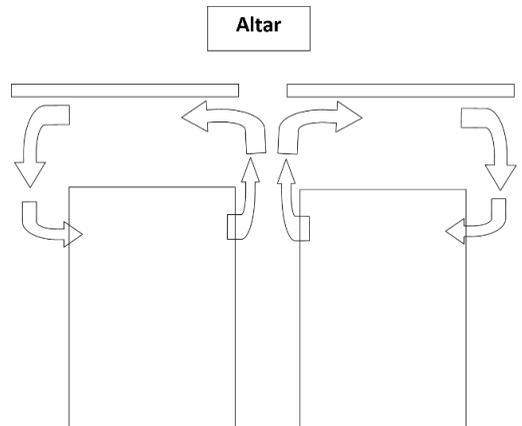
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.

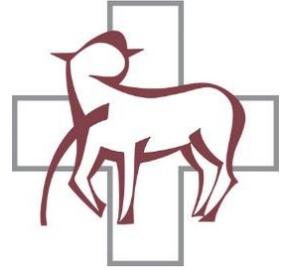


Communion Distribution

- *Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.*
- *Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.*
- *Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.*
- *Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.*
- *Return to your seat using the outside aisle.*
- *Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.*



Order of Holy Communion



What to Watch For

Tonight's Communion liturgy features "Eat This Bread," written by the Taizé Community in France. Taizé is an ecumenical community with the goal of "building a life together in which the gospel of reconciliation would be a concretely lived reality." "Eat This Bread" is a meditative chorus intended to be sung repeatedly with the congregation humming during the leader's part in order to enhance the meditative effect of the singing. In the Lord's Supper, we have been invited into the banquet of the Lord before His holy altar, forgiven by His hand, and see Him bringing us salvation in His body and blood.

Evening Psalmody

Psalm 141

P: Let us pray.

**C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

**C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P: Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;

let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take refuge.

Strip me not of my life.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Amen.**

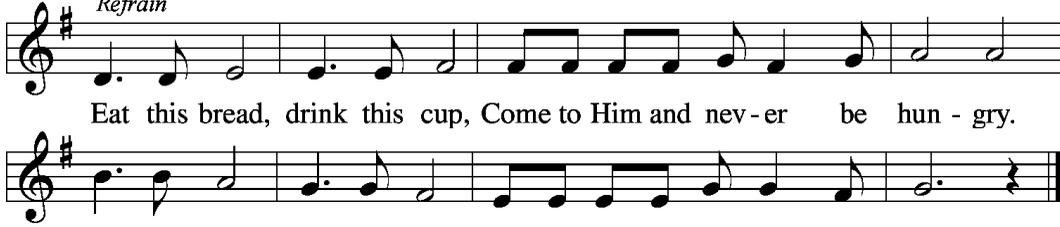
Eat This Bread

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Pastor sings refrain, all join & sing refrain a second time.

Then Pastor sings each verse and the congregation sings the refrain after each verse.

Refrain



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values and concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.' are written below the second staff.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

1 This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.

Refrain

2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again.

Refrain

3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.

Refrain

4 Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

Refrain

5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life.

Refrain

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The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

Lamb of God

LSB 550

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have
 sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and
 sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Anthem

“May They Be One”

Adult Choir

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

O, Holy Father, glorify Your Son. Do this that I might glorify You.

O, Holy Father, I pray for those You gave Me; protect them by the power of Your name.

May they be one as You and I are one, purify them with Your word of truth, Your truth.

May they be one; then the world will know that You have sent Me.

Father, grant these servants the strength to carry on.

Empower them and guide them in this work that We’ve begun.

But My prayer is not for these alone who serve in My place;

I pray for all who will come to know Your love and grace!

Father, may they be one as You and I are one, purify them with Your word of truth.

May they be one; then the world will know that You have sent Me, You have sent Me.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

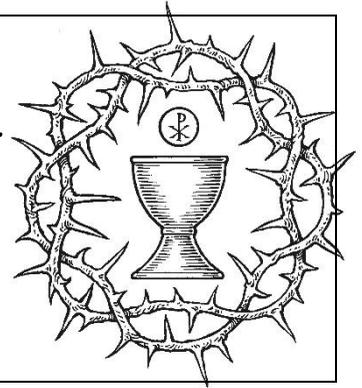
P: Let us pray. Eternal Savior, You have sealed to us the forgiveness of all our sins and offered us reconciliation and peace in the blessed Sacrament You instituted on this day. With the bread and the cup, You have given us Your body and blood for the remission of all our sins. Preserve in Your Church this blessed Sacrament, given on this sacred day. Let thousands and ten thousands find through it the assurance of forgiveness, peace, and salvation. May Your name be glorified, Your will be done, and we at last live with You in Your eternal kingdom forevermore.

LBP

C: Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

The Lord went out that night with His disciples, singing a hymn.
But He went out to be betrayed, arrested, and put on trial.
We remove the altar furnishings in preparation for
Good Friday's stark reminder of His death on the cross for us.



Blessing

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

C: **Amen.**

You may remain in the sanctuary for silent reflection and prayer, exiting at your own pace. We leave in silence out of remembrance of what Jesus set out to do on this night. You may gather in the Fellowship Hall for conversation. Pastor Squires will come there after all have exited if you were hoping to speak with him tonight.

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