



Good Friday March 30, 2018

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Good Friday worship begins without the usual greeting. Pastor and the acolyte enter in silence, the opening words are read, followed by silent prayer before the hymn.

Please complete attendance cards found in the pew and pass them to the center aisle. Leave them there in the pew for the ushers to pick up at the end of the service.

Please note that the service ends in darkness and silence. You may remain in the sanctuary for silent reflection and prayer, exiting at your own pace. The congregation leaves in silence, meditating on the sacrifice of Christ. 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 today.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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

1:00 p.m.

Elder: Jack Warneke,

Comm./Asst. Elder: Mike Bandman

Acolytes: Jude Squires

Lay Readers: Claudine Rayos, Jose Rayos,
Jack Warneke, Mike Bandman, Pat Rasmussen

Ushers: John Schultz, OPEN

6:30 p.m.

Elder: JJ Jones

Comm./Asst. Elder: Mike Bandman

Acolytes: Nathan Faitsch, Lily Erwin

Lay Readers: Tony Young, Sara Pipia,
Jake Stoltzman, Joanne Heidlauf, Dave Ross

Ushers: Lance Rasmussen, OPEN

Acknowledgments

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Opening Words

P: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer;
God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

C: Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430 sts. 1-3



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.

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Sentence and Response

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

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Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C: *The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.*

P: Amen. I thank my heavenly Father for this Good News.

C: *I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.*

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C: *Amen. I thank my heavenly Father for this Good News.*

Gospel Reading – The Arrest

John 18:1-14 (ESV)

¹[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:1-5 (ESV)

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
 and by night, but I find no rest.
³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
⁴In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
⁵To you they cried and were rescued;
 in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

Prayer

P: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn Verse

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440 sts. 1-2



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,



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;



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,



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.

Meditation (Pastor will offer brief meditations after each section of readings)

Gospel Reading – Peter’s Denial

John 18:15-27 (ESV)

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²²When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” ²⁴Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:6-10 (ESV)

⁶But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
⁸*“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”*
⁹Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.
¹⁰On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

Prayer P: Let us pray. Loving God, please continue to have mercy on your human family, for whom Christ Jesus accepted the humility of betrayal, trial, abuse and crucifixion. May we who love him a little, and would hope to love him more, confess our undying faith in him, and before his holy cross renew our promises to him. Then by his grace, and in the power of your holy Spirit, may we worship and serve you, the One true God and unfailing Friend, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Readings Hymn Verse **Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted** *LSB 451 sts. 2-3, alt.*

2 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil

His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its

sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -

wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the

deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Meditation

Gospel Reading – Before Pilate

John 18:28-19:16 (ESV)

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” ³⁰They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.” ³¹Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for

us to put anyone to death.”³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”

³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”³⁷Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”³⁸Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”⁴⁰They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him.²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe.³They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands.⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.”⁷The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.”

⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”¹¹Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”¹⁵They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:11-18 (ESV)

- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
¹²Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁶For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
¹⁷I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Prayer

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

By tangled thorns he
drained himself,
pouring his
grace on
all of
us.

Led to
the slaughter,
bearing our torment,
wearing our guilt,
and crushed
for our
sins.

Behold
the
Son
of God.

C: Amen.

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(1PM) Hymn Verse O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken LSB 439 sts. 1-2



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.

(6:30PM) Anthem "In Pilate's Hall"

- 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.

*In Pilate's hall he stands alone; He will not raise his eyes.
The silence settles like a stone, and Pilate wearily sighs.
"Are you the Christ? Are you a King? I hear that's what they say."
But Jesus answered not a thing. He only turned away.*

*In Pilate's hall he stands betrayed by those he called his own,
In tattered robe and crown arrayed, a king without a throne.
"Are you the Christ? That's what I've heard. Are the Promised One?"
But Jesus answered not a word. The deed was nearly done.*

*In Pilate's hall he stands aware of all that lies ahead.
The chill of death is in the air, and all his friends have fled.
"What have you done? Will you not say? The die is cast, my friend!"
Then soldiers led our Lord away to Calv'ry's bitter end.*

Meditation

Gospel Reading – The Crucifixion

John 19:16b-30 (ESV)

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “*They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.*”

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 22:19-26 (ESV)

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For [the Lord] has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from [the afflicted], but has heard, when [the afflicted] cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Readings Hymn

O Perfect Life of Love

LSB 452 sts. 1-2, 4-5



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,
2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;
4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul
5 In per - fect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.
His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.
O all - a - ton - ing Sac - ri - fice, I cling by faith to Thee.

Meditation

Gospel Reading – His Death and Burial**John 19:31-42 (ESV)**

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Psalm Reading**Psalm 22:27-31 (ESV)**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Prayer

P: Let us pray. O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

Meditation Hymn

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

- Prayers** P: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere and the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase our faith and understanding so that, rejoicing in our new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, we may forever continue in Your family, adopted as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: Father, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have do not know You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, we ask that You would grant us Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly beg You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: Finally, we pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
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.*



The candles are extinguished and the lights dimmed as a reminder that Christ, the Light of the world, gave up His life for us.

The cross (1 pm) and the Christ candle (6:30 pm) exit to the Narthex to remind us that Christ goes ahead of us into death.

They remain in the Narthex until Easter Sunrise.

Responsory

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

C: ***Into Your hands I commend my spirit.***

P: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C: ***Into Your hands I commend my spirit.***

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: ***Into Your hands I commend my spirit.***

The slamming sound reminds us that when Christ died, “the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks were split” (Matt. 27:51).

1:00 PM Service is concluded. You may remain in the sanctuary for silent reflection and prayer, exiting at your own pace. The congregation leaves in silence, meditating on the sacrifice of Christ. You may gather in the Fellowship Hall for conversation.

6:30 PM service continues...

Song of Simeon

P: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

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.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

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