

Holy Thursday
April 17, 2025



HOLY WEEK

Our Mission is to nurture each other in God's Word and spread the
Good News of Christ to all.

Holy Thursday Confessional Rite

783 Abide with Me

Accompanied by Bell Choir 7pm



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
but kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
on to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.

- 5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!
- 6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if thou abide with me.

- 7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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394 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

5pm



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, par - a -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul - re -



by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
 from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
 here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 break his cov - e - nant of blood, signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

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Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this absolution but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant. In Holy Communion, first instituted on this night, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other. As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

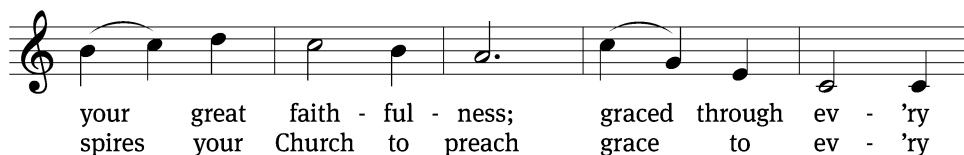
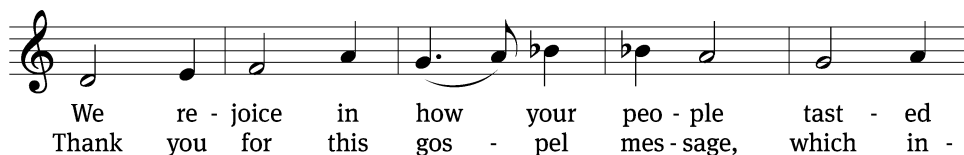
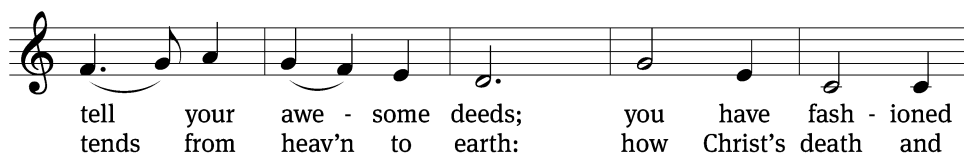
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

911 God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises

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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers,
when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt.

They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days,
declares the LORD.

I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

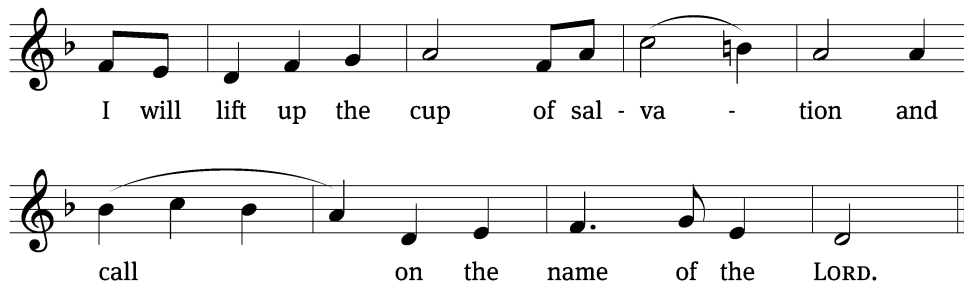
³⁴No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying,
“Know the LORD,” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,
declares the LORD, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

116A I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation

Refrain



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and
call on the name of the LORD.

Tone



I love the LORD, for he / heard my voice;
he heard my cry for / mercy.
Because he turned his / ear to me,
I will call on him as long / as I live.
For you, LORD, have delivered / me from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from / stumbling,
that I may walk be- / fore the LORD
in the land of the / living. *Refrain*

What shall I return / to the LORD
for all his good- / ness to me?
I will lift up the cup of sal- / vation
and call on the name / of the LORD.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading Hebrews 10:15–25

The Holy Spirit also testifies in Scripture to us, for first he said:

¹⁶This is the covenant I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord.
I will put my laws on their hearts
and I will write them on their mind.

¹⁷Then he adds:

And I will not remember their sins and their lawlessness any longer.

¹⁸Now where these sins are forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

¹⁹Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus.

²⁰It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. ²¹We also have a great priest over the house of God. ²²So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

²⁴Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. ²⁵Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 11:26

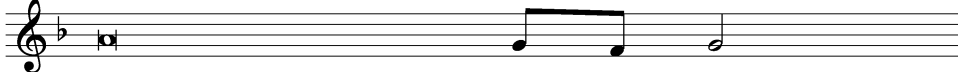


Refrain



Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,

Refrain



you proclaim the Lord's death un - til he comes.

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Gospel Luke 22:7-20

The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb.

⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it."

⁹They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

¹⁰He told them, "Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you.

Follow him into the house that he enters. ¹¹Tell the owner of the house, "The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ¹²He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there." ¹³They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

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

659 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



- 1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, turned a - way God's
- 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, he, this pre - cious
- 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; take heed how you
- 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion if sal - va - tion



wrath for - ev - er; by his bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, gives his bod - y with the bread
 are pre - par - ing, for if you do not be - lieve,
 you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup - pose



he saved us from the e - vil foe.
 and with the wine the blood he shed.
 judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
 you need not him who died and rose.

- 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, and receive my grace and favor;
 those who feel no pain or ill need no physician's help or skill."
- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken that this food is to be taken
 by the souls who are distressed, by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven unto us such food has given
 and, to mend what we have done, gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes and your mouth your sin confesses,
 surely you will be his guest and at his banquet ever blest.

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Sermon The New Covenant Jeremiah 31:31-34

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, pictured in the ancient Passover feast, and you have fulfilled all things by giving your own body and pouring out your own blood on the cross. Just as the Passover lambs assured the Israelites of God's promise to deliver them from death, **strengthen our belief that the bread is your real body and the wine is your real blood, given to us for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.**

Prepare us to receive this sacrament remembering your death and repenting of our sins. **Unite us by our oneness of faith throughout this congregation and our synod, and love us to the end that we may love others as you have loved us.**

We rejoice in our fellow believers who have been instructed in your Word and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, who are now ready to receive Holy Communion. **Equip them with every spiritual blessing for doing your will.**

We pray for those absent from the sacrament because of their own neglect. **Call them in your mercy to return and renew their faith.**

Keep in your care those unable to receive the sacrament often because they are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, serving in the military, or otherwise separated from the fellowship of believers. Encourage them so that they do not lose hope. **Be gracious to us all and nourish us with this feast, that we remain faithful unto death, and become partakers of the wedding feast of the Lamb. Amen.**

Be seated

Offering

The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. The Lord's Supper makes a second statement. It says, "We are one in all that we do." We don't know if this type of bond exists with our guests, so we ask that if you are not a member of a WELS or ELS congregation you refrain from the Lord's Supper today and meet personally with our pastor if you desire to receive the sacrament in the future.

Stand

Preface

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

1047 Sanctus (Ger) - ELLACOMBE

Tune: ELLACOMBE



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

1013 Agnus (Amer) - HAMBURG

Tune: HAMBURG



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled



cross to bleed and die, in per-fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per-fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

677 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



- 1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this



brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
 sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 for us made, and all our debt he ful - ly paid.
 sup - per here we taste his love, so sweet, so near.
 as he said, his ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

- 5 A precious food is this indeed, it never fails us in our need,
 a heav'nly manna for our soul until we safely reach our goal.
- 6 How blest is each believing guest who in these promises finds rest,
 for Jesus will in love abide with those who do in him confide!
- 7 They who his Word do not believe this food unworthily receive,
 salvation here will never find— may we this warning keep in mind!
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe that we may worthily receive
 your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Holy Thursday: Stripping of the Altar

As the congregation sings, the altar is solemnly stripped of its appointments in preparation for the Good Friday service.

783 Abide with Me

Accompanied by Bell Choir 5pm



1 A - bid with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 but kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
 and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
 thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;



help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.
 come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid with me.
 on to the close, O Lord, a - bid with me.

- 5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
 Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
 Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!
- 6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if thou abide with me.
- 7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to
 the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

422 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

7pm



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
 4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,
 God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send
 you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;
 Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,
 to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,
 shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, to slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
 the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren from their dread
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,
 shall ev - er be a cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes
 of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
 de - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong
 your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,
 are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



“Will - ing all this I suf - fer.”
the fruit of your sal - va - tion.”
who built the earth’s foun - da - tion.
your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

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The minister exits in silence.

Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

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Good Friday Worship at 5:00 & 7:00 pm

Easter Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 am

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