# **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Bring your baskets and join us for crafts, stories, snacks and Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30 at 2:00 p.m. We will gather on the St. James Playground to begin the Easter rotations.

We are collecting plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hung. Please make donations by Friday, March 29. There is a container by the portico door to collect your donations!

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross event this year is being coordinated by Teresa Hillie of Grace Lutheran Church. As one way to honor Jesus Christ, on Good Friday, March 29, we will plan to gather at 3:15 p.m. and begin the service at 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Grace Lutheran Church. The church is located at 58 Chestnut Drive, SW in Concord. The walk will take place in the Logan Community. If we experience inclement weather, we will hold the event in the Sanctuary at Grace Lutheran. We hope you will plan to participate.

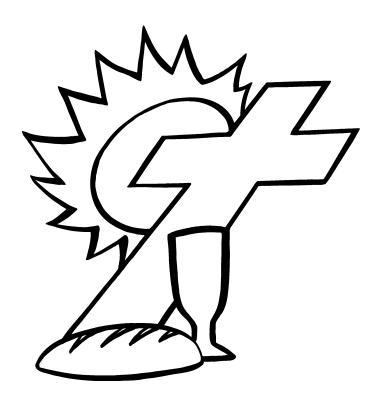
WELCA 2024 Spring Conference Gathering "Called to be Political"
April 13 - St. John's Lutheran, Concord.

To register please call the church office or contact Jean Beasley or Gretchen Walker.

# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Children and Volunteers...Please save the dates July 28-30, 2024 for Vacation Bible School. All volunteers will be required to have a current Safe Gatherings background check. Please contact Debbie in the Church Office to receive instructions as to how to complete this process. She will then give you written instructions as to how to fill out information online.

# MAUNDY THURSDAY THE HOLY COMMUNION SEVEN O'CLOCK



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# Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At St. James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of our city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

**Newcomers and visitors,** we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the Narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns. Please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

**Although there are customary postures** (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

Children are most welcome in worship at Saint James Church. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building (ages o-up to and including ages 5)

First Aid Kits and the Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the Sanctuary, at the bottom of the stairs in the Portico area and in the Narthex. Fire extinguishers are located in the Sacristy and in the Narthex.

**If you are interested in membership** to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

**Restrooms are available** on the first and second floors of the Education Building. **Pew Pads** are on the end of each pew (*near center aisle*), please sign and pass so that we have a record of your attendance and communion.

# St. James Lutheran Church Facebook and Instagram groups

Send Holly Sloop any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted to holly@sjnc.net



# <u>Easter Sunrise Breakfast 8:00 am</u> <u>(following Sunrise Service)</u>

Please sign up for Easter Sunrise Breakfast on pew pads, <a href="mailto:info@sjnc.net">info@sjnc.net</a>, or call the church office 704-786-0166. Please list # in your family that will be attending.

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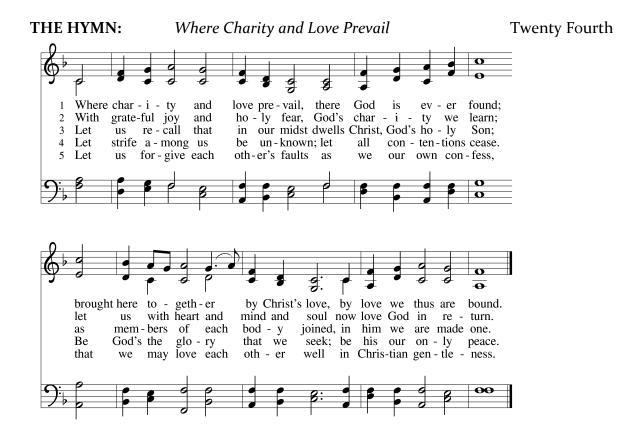


**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** 

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

Please Stand.



# Please sit.

# THE INSTRUCTION

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. 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 community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are 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. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night before his death.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that 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 share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

Please stand.

# THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise the Lord that seek Him. Your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He is the governor among the nations.

29 All they that are fat upon the earth shall eat and worship; all they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him, for none can keep alive his own soul.

30 A seed shall serve Him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

31 They shall come and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this.

# There is no benediction. The people leave in silence.

The omission of benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Vigil of Easter.



16 For dogs have surrounded Me; the assembly of the wicked have enclosed Me; they pierced My hands and My feet.

17 I can count all My bones; they look and stare upon Me.

18 They part My garments among them, and cast lots upon My vesture.

19 But be Thou not far from Me, O Lord; O My Strength, hasten Thee to help Me!

20 Deliver My soul from the sword, My only one from the power of the dog.

21 Save Me from the lion's mouth; for Thou hast heard Me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare Thy name unto My brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.

23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him! All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him; and fear Him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath He hid His face from Him, but when He cried unto Him, He heard.

25 My praise shall be of Thee in the great congregation; I will pay My vows before them that fear Him.

Spirit, that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Almighty God, merciful Father:
- I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.
- P Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Those who desire to receive the laying on of hands come forward.

The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn:

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

# THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Please sit.



# THE FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.]

"This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your

- 5 They cried unto Thee and were delivered; they trusted in Thee and were not confounded.
- 6 But I am a worm and no man, a reproach of men and despised by the people.
- 7 All they that see Me laugh Me to scorn; they shoot out their lip, they shake their head, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord that He would deliver him; let Him deliver him, seeing He delighted in him!"
- 9 But Thou art He that took Me out of the womb; Thou didst make Me hope when I was upon My mother's breasts.
- 10 I was cast upon Thee from the womb; Thou art My God from My mother's belly.
- 11 Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls have compassed Me about; strong bulls of Bashan have beset Me round.
- 13 They gaped at Me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of My body.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue cleaveth to My jaws;

#### C Amen

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray.
- A Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his through the same Jesus Christ our Lord
- C Amen

Silence for reflection.



Please sit.

THE STRIPPING of the ALTAR: "My God, my God, why hast Thou ..." Tonus Perigrinus

Symbolizing Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers' hands, the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, books, and candles are removed from the worship space.

1 My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? Why art Thou so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?

- 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not; and in the night season I am not silent.
- 3 But Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in Thee; they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.

and Thou hast brought Me into the dust of death.staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

MOTET: Ubi Caritas Maurice Durufle

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen. Where charity and love are, God is there. Love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one. Amen.

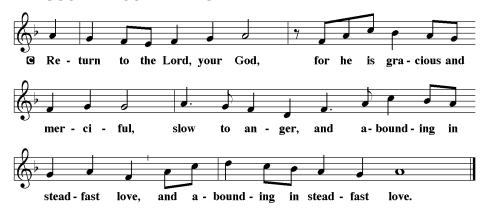
# THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

# THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### THE GOSPEL

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an

- A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.
- Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?
- A: We are told in the words "for you" and "for the forgiveness of sins." By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

-Luther's Small Catechism Part V

Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. Please come by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you need help figuring out where to and when to go, an usher or fellow worshiper will help you. At one time we too were confused. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you are unable to come to the altar, the pastor will bring communion to you at your seat. Please advise an usher.

# **COMMUNION ANTHEM:** Ave Verum Corpus Alexandre Guilmant

Hail, true body Ave verum corpus, born of the Virgin Mary, natum de Maria Virgine, truly suffered, sacrificed vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. on the cross for mankind. Cujus latus perforatum From whose pierced side fluxit aqua et sanguine: flowed water and blood: *Be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly Banquet)* esto nobis prægustatum in mortis examine. *In the trial of death.* O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae. Amen. O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy upon me.

# Please stand.

# THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

- P Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

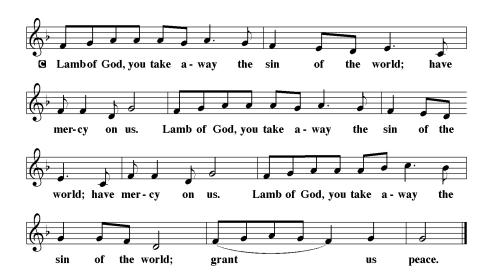
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.



Please sit.

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹6Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹7If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

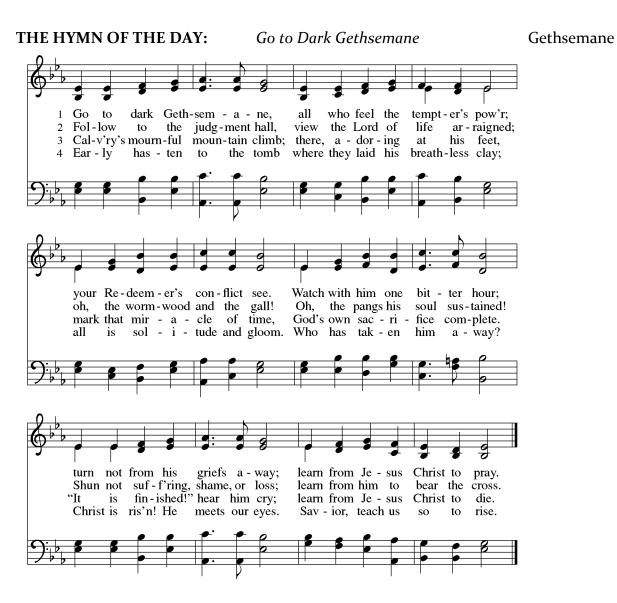
<sup>31b</sup> "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY

Please stand.



# THE SUFFRAGES

A Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy on us.** 

Turn away, O Lord, the fierceness of your wrath, And in pity spare your people:

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

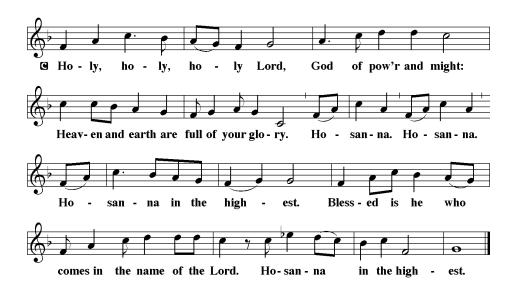
# . Amen

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 him thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



# And have mercy.

Grant a favorable and speedy answer to the prayers of all, we implore you:

And have mercy.

Look, O Christ, upon our groanings, loose the bands of death, and grant us life: **And have mercy.** 

Behold our tears, consider our sighs, and now at length in pity forgive our sins: **And have mercy.** 

Though none of us be worthy to be heard, yet, O Christ, for your own self help us: **And have mercy.** 

We cry to you, O Lord; have mercy on us; **And grant forgiveness.** 

O King of heaven, everlasting Lord, receive the prayers which we pour forth: **And grant forgiveness.** 

Visit the sick, bring forth the captives, help the widow and the orphan: **And grant forgiveness.** 

We have sinned and have departed from you; Redeemer of all, save us: **And grant forgiveness.** 

Have mercy on the penitent, and wash away the stains of sin: **And grant forgiveness.** 

Let us all with one voice cry: Lord, have mercy.

Show us your mercy, O Lord, grant pardon, grant remission: **And graciously have mercy.** 

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins, **Neither reward us according to our wickedness.** 

Enter not into judgment with your servants For in your sight shall no one living be justified.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please sit.



# THE OFFERING

# THE ANTHEM In Remembrance Buryl Red

In remembrance of Me eat this bread, In remembrance of Me drink this wine.
In remembrance of Me pray for the time when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of me heal the sick, In remembrance of me feed the poor,
In remembrance of me open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted, drink and remember too: that this is my body and precious blood shed for you.

In remembrance of me search for truth, In remembrance of me always love. In remembrance of me don't look above but in look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

#### Please stand.

# THE OFFERTORY



# THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Merciful Father,