

S T. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA

MAUNDY *Thursday*



APRIL 2, 2026

7:30pm

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~ CALLED BY CHRIST IN LOVE, TO LIVE IN TRUTH AND ACTION ~

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with Fr. Henry.



The Maundy Thursday Liturgy is one of endings and beginnings. What was begun on Ash Wednesday is brought to a close here tonight. What begins tonight does not end until the resurrection of Easter. It is the ancient Triduum, "The Three Sacred Days," which lead us to Easter: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Our service tonight shows us the messiah who came not to be served, but to serve. Our worship in this sense also plumbs the depths of what discipleship is about: picking up the cross(es) of our lives as servants for Christ's sake. This theme of divine love, our Savior's love for us and all Creation, finds expression in the washing of the feet, a sign of both servanthood and of reconciliation. The work of holy reconciliation continues as we pass the shalom or Peace of God in all its fullness, an act that is a precursor of our Lord's extraordinary love and peace-making on the hard wood of the cross on Good Friday.

The prayers are said. The table is ready. The time of the Lord's Supper arrives, and our Lord is revealed in bread and wine as once he "revealed himself to his disciples." It is a solemn moment, but we cannot linger here. Nor could the Lord. His betrayal was imminent.

Before we know it, the markings of betrayal are seen before us. The symbol of Christ in our midst, the altar, is stripped bare. Christ is stripped of his power and glory. Good Friday is inescapable. The powers of darkness work upon him.

In silence, we depart without benediction.

The Triduum continues tomorrow with Stations of the Cross at noon and the Good Friday liturgy at 7:30 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude: Lord who through these forty days

Grix

Hymn #171

Go to dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854). Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His Mercy endures for ever.**

WLP 838 Kyrie

Kevin R. Hackett

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Music: Kevin R. Hackett (b. 1956), from *Hymn Tunes Mass*; based on *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johan Cruger (1598-1662), alt.
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Lector A reading from Exodus

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. 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. 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 116:1, 10-17

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my
supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called
upon him.

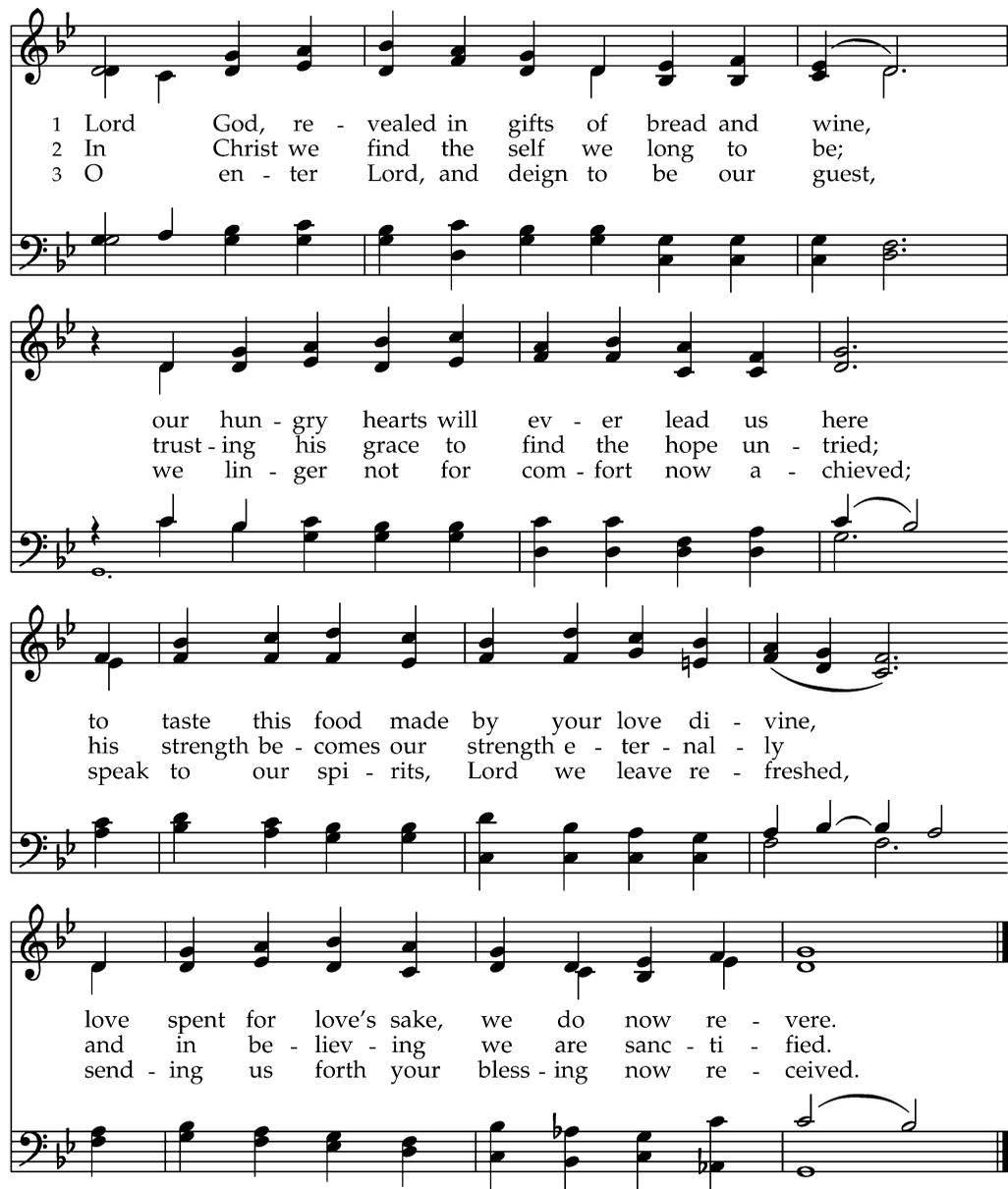
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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



1 Lord God, re - vealed in gifts of bread and wine,
 2 In Christ we find the self we long to be;
 3 O en - ter Lord, and deign to be our guest,

our hun - gry hearts will ev - er lead us here
 trust - ing his grace to find the hope un - tried;
 we lin - ger not for com - fort now a - chieved;

to taste this food made by your love di - vine,
 his strength be - comes our strength e - ter - nal - ly
 speak to our spi - rits, Lord we leave re - freshed,

love spent for love's sake, we do now re - vere.
 and in be - liev - ing we are sanc - ti - fied.
 send - ing us forth your bless - ing now re - ceived.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:1-17, 31b-35)

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

People The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge

At The Foot Washing

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. Remembering his example, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward. Come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you for others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.” Come to wash or to be washed; come forward following in the footsteps of Christ.

We invite you to come forward to participate in foot washing, and you may also wash others' feet.

Ubi Caritas

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider On this night of remembrance and thanksgiving, let us call upon the name of the Lord in the prayers of our community in Christ Jesus.

Deacon That the new Passover made by the Lord Jesus will be the strength of the Church universal, and especially of our bishop, Mariann and all the clergy and people of our diocese, let us pray to the Lord,

People **Lord, have mercy.**

That the reconciliation accomplished by the Lord Jesus will be the goal of civil authorities in every land; we especially remember our President, the Congress, and the Supreme Court, let us pray to the Lord,

People **Lord, have mercy.**

That the banquet prepared by Jesus will be the consolation of those who suffer in mind, body and spirit, let us pray to the Lord,

People **Lord, have mercy.**

That the new covenant sealed by the crucified Lord will be the salvation of all peoples everywhere as it is for us who worship here this night, let us pray to the Lord,

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Blessed are you, our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. By the precious and life-giving Cross of your beloved Son, answer our prayers for the salvation we find in Him. Let our life in Jesus be our strength in the service of your kingdom, both now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel as you are able.

Celebrant and people.

**Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
To the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

After the peace, the people are seated.

Anthem: Humbly I Adore Thee

Schweizer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR THE SEASON

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Meek and majestic God, you set aside the perfection of your Trinitarian life to create the universe, and you called the children of Abraham to be your priestly kingdom.

You gave your people freedom in the parting of the sea and marked them for life with the blood of the Lamb.

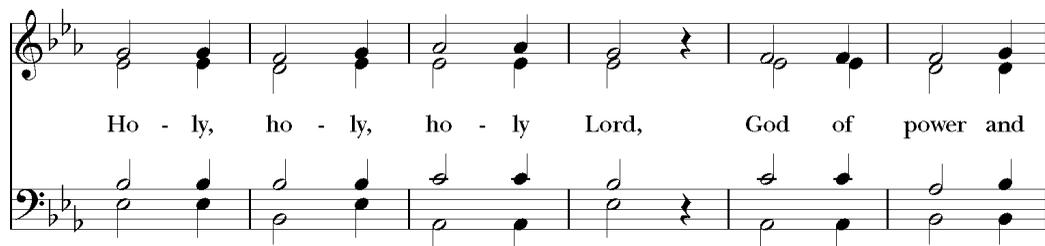
In Jesus you laid aside the robe of your majesty and knelt among your children, facing humiliation and rejection.

In his agony in the garden and suffering on the cross you showed the world the extent of your love and your longing to bring us home to the throne where we shall join angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, praising your holy name in the unending hymn.

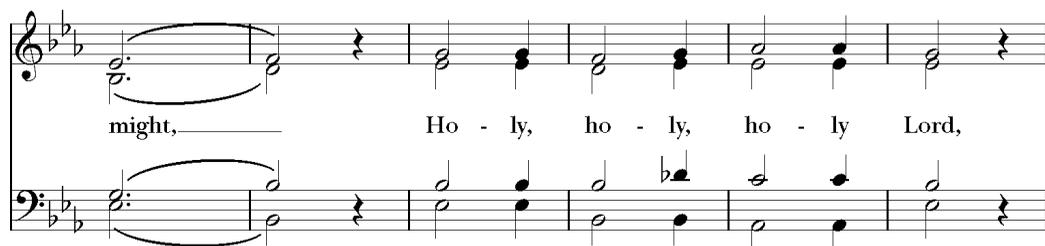
Celebrant and people.

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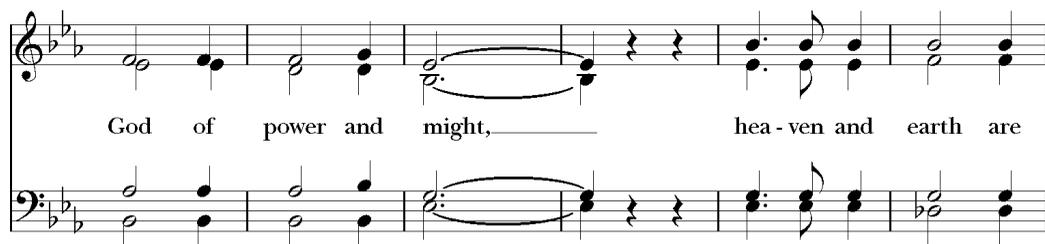
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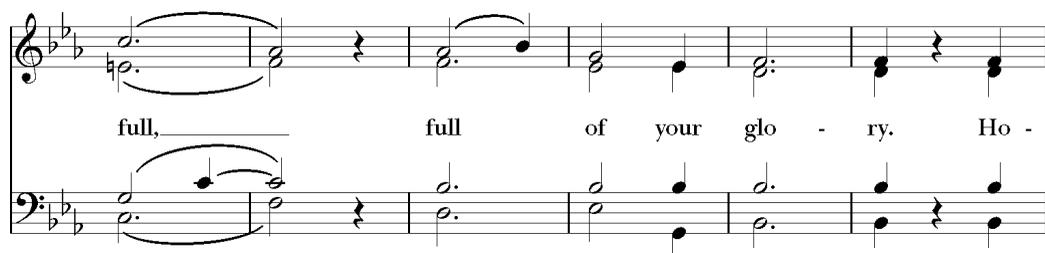
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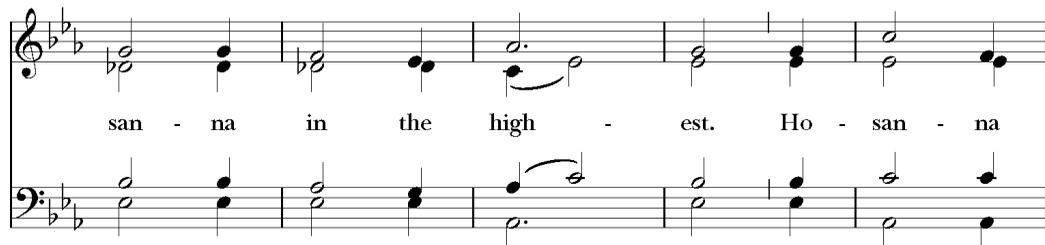
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Self-giving God, in Jesus you became the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world, and the living bread, broken for the life of your children.

Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people, as fragile and fitful as your disciples, may become your temple, and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Celebrant and people.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

Blessed and broken God, be among your people who taste the bitter herbs of slavery and oppression; be close to your children who are poured out in grief and despair; remake the church, your Son's body, where it is broken by discord and dispute; and renew your creation in the joy of thanksgiving.

Spread your table in the face of friends and enemies, that all may know your peace and gather in the company of your saints, where you, in the presence of Christ and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, are all in all, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre Nostro, che sei nei cieli,
Sia santificato il tuo nome.
Venga il tuo regno,
Sia fatta la tua volontà,
Come in cielo, così in terra.
Dacci oggi il nostro pane
quotidiano,
E rimetti a noi i nostri debiti
Come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri
debitori.
E non ci indurre in tentazione,
Ma liberaci dal male.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung:

WLP #871

Lamb of God

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/2 time signature. The first staff is for the voice, and the second and third staves are for the piano. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the". The score includes a repeat sign and a fermata over the final measure. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket in the final measure of both the voice and piano parts.

world: have mer-cy on us. — Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This is God's table; communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread, and wine, or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. For health reasons, we do not intinct (dip) the bread. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

The people are seated.

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and to serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

As the solemn ritual of Stripping the Altar begins, the congregation is invited to pray with the choir in singing of "Jesus remember me".

When the stripping of the altar has been completed, we invite those present to observe a brief time of silence and personal prayer. Please continue the silence while exiting the worship space and until reaching the parking lot.

Jesus, Remember Me

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Je-sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.' The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system also ends with a repeat sign.

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You are invited to sit with Jesus at the Altar of Repose in the prayer room for time of silent reflection. The Prayer Room will be open until 10pm.

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org

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If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

HOLY WEEK

Worship with US...



➤ **FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd**

Stations of the Cross @ 12pm

Join us for Stations of the Cross, tomorrow at 12 Noon for a summary of events between Jesus' sentencing and His death.

Good Friday Service @ 7:30pm

Gather in the Sanctuary at 7:30pm for the Good Friday Liturgy to pray and reflect together at the foot of the cross.

➤ **SATURDAY, APRIL 4th**

Easter Vigil @ 8pm

Begin the evening in darkness moving into light, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with readings, prayers, and sacraments.

➤ **SUNDAY, APRIL 5th**

Family Interactive Easter Service @ 9am

Family oriented service with whistles, wands, and egg shakers.

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt @ 10am

For Children age 12 and under

Easter Service @ 11am

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection with traditional Festive Easter morning worship and special music.

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- **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

The nursery is transitioning from having a paid nursery worker to a rotating volunteer nursery team during the 10:30am service. If you are interested in being a part of a rotation of four primary volunteers (older teens/adults) and four helpers to provide safe and consistent care for our youngest members, please speak with Mo. Shivaun.

Clergy will be out of the office April 6 through April 11

The Church Office will be closed through April 7.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call the office and leave a voice message.

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