



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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March 27, 2024

Holy Wednesday

6:30 pm

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SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



This day was formerly called “Spy Wednesday,” an allusion to the gospel reading, in which Judas is identified as the betrayer of Jesus. As Jesus endured the suffering of the cross, we are called to run the race of life with perseverance, confident of the joy to come. In the Three Days, which begin tomorrow evening, we will journey with Christ from darkness to light, from captivity to freedom, from death to life.

✝ Please stand as you are able. Congregational responses in **Bold**.

PRELUDE

✝ **GREETING**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,

2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,

3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.

you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, “He died for all.”

and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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 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 our Redeemer.

C Amen.

READING Psalm 103:10-14

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

¹⁴For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.

READING Ephesians 4:31-32

L A reading from the fourth chapter of Ephesians.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

✠ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us make confession to God.

C 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.

All are invited to come forward to receive this Absolution.

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

HYMN

Thy Holy Wings

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PRAYERS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

(Petitions conclude: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.

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.

P Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord has made you free. Go in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR SCHEDULE for the remainder of Holy Week/Easter Day

Mar. 27 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Mar. 28 6:30 pm Good Friday Service

Mar. 31 7:00 am Easter Worship-Sunrise Service

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 am Traditional Festival Worship Service

Nursery Provided for all Worship Services

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.