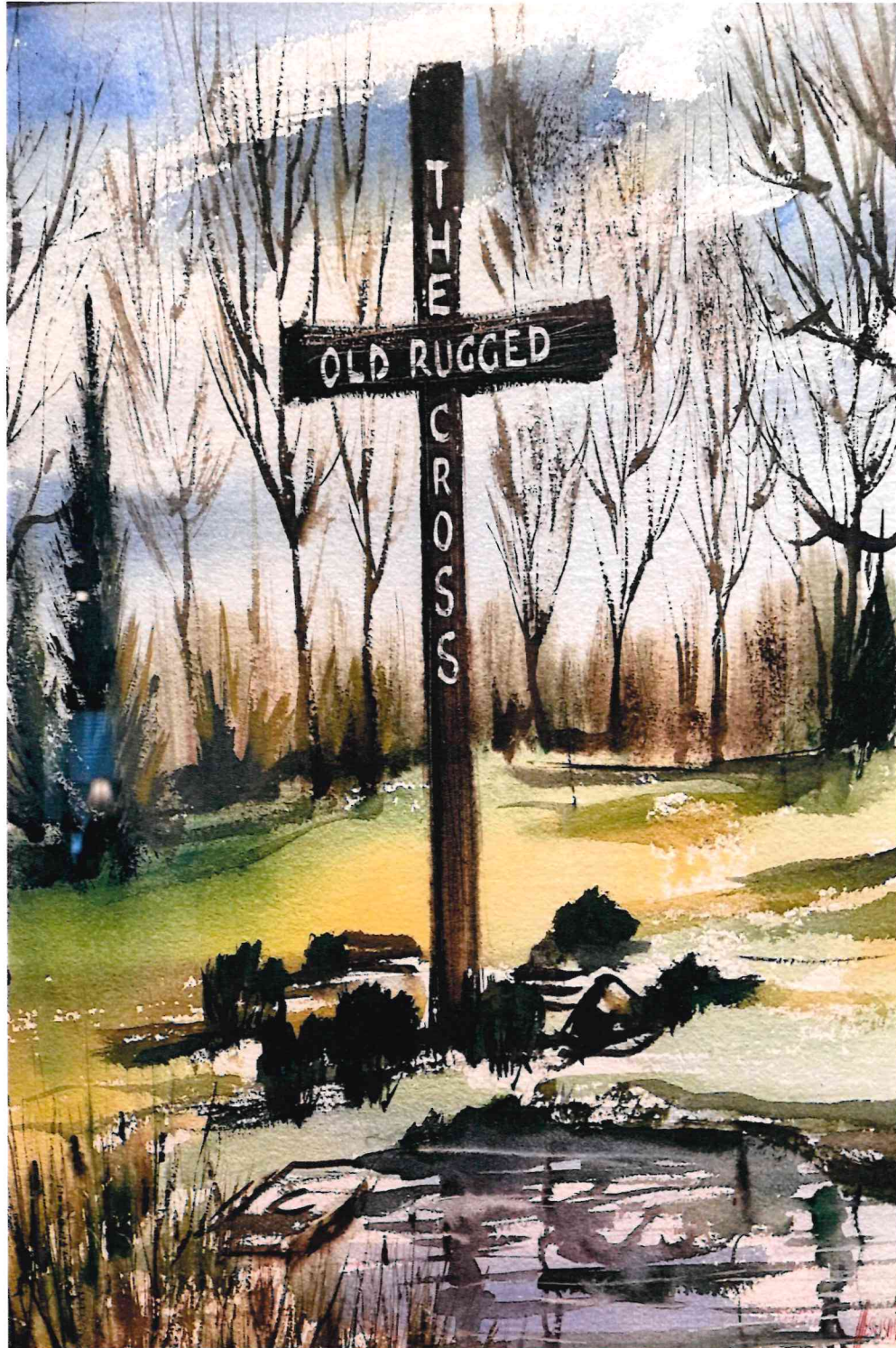


**HOLY / MAUNDY THURSDAY  
AND  
GOOD FRIDAY  
COMBINED SERVICE  
Friday, April 3, 2026**



## GATHERING TOGETHER

**WELCOME** - Make a special effort to welcome our visitors!! Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus. We share Joys, News, and Concerns.

### INTRODUCTION

**P** Our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. We celebrate Jesus' Last Supper meal with His disciples, but the central focus is His commandment that we live out the promise embodied in His Holy Communion Banquet. As Jesus washed His disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to Jesus and to one another. Formed into a new Body in Christ through the power of The Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism and in Jesus' Holy Communion Banquet, we are transformed by His grace, mercy, and salvation that we receive and then we carry into His ministries and missions for all of God His Father's people and world. We continue worship contemplating Jesus' life and death as part of Good Friday worship. In St. John's Gospel passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of His Father, even as He is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with Jesus' disciples at the foot of His cross, we pray for all of His Father's people and world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Jesus' death and subsequent resurrection offers eternal life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that Jesus' cross around which we gather is indeed an eternal Tree of Life fulfilled in His glorious resurrection. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days on Easter Sunday resurrection morning.

### PRELUDE

*We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of GOD our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### CONFESSION

**P** Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord Jesus' call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God His Father and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at Holy Baptism. Within the community of the holy catholic church, Jesus never wearies of forgiving sin and granting His peace of reconciliation with His Father. On this day let us confess our sin against God our Father, † Son, Holy Spirit, and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God our Father, † Son and Holy Spirit and with one another. **C Amen**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P** Most merciful God our Father,

**C** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. At times we sin against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do and by what we do not do. At times we do not love you with our whole heart, mind, and soul; at times we do not love our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen

**P** God our Father, who is rich in grace and mercy in His Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, loves us even when we are dead in sin, and makes us alive together in

the Body of Christ. By grace we are saved. In the Holy Name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God our Father strengthen us with power through The Holy Spirit, that Jesus lives in our hearts through faith.

**C** Amen

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, in the sharing of His Holy Communion Banquet your Son Jesus established a new covenant for all of your people, and in the washing of His disciples' feet Jesus teaches us the dignity of service for His ministries and missions. Grant that by the power of The Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. Continue to look with loving grace and mercy on all of your people and world, for whom our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on His cross; who now lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

### PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Let us pray for all victims of any forms of violence, terror, human trafficking, and all displaced peoples; all victims of ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, political, and religious discrimination and violence; all victims of natural disasters or human made disasters; all victims of war or warlike activity, conflict, oppression and strife including in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine; and for Jesus' Gospel to reach the Hindu Kurmi People in India. Gracious GOD our Father of healing and wholeness, through the power of The Holy Spirit, bring relief in every way you see fit for those impacted by natural disasters, human made disasters, conflicts, persecutions and wars. Empower all peoples to reach out to those impacted through the healing power of Jesus Christ. GOD our Father, ✝ Son and Holy Spirit, we admit our human frailties and recognize we live in a fallen creation. Restore us each and every way as you see fit so that your will is done. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen



ANTHEM/SCRIPTURE HYMN

HOLY WEEK, THREE DAYS

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Were You There

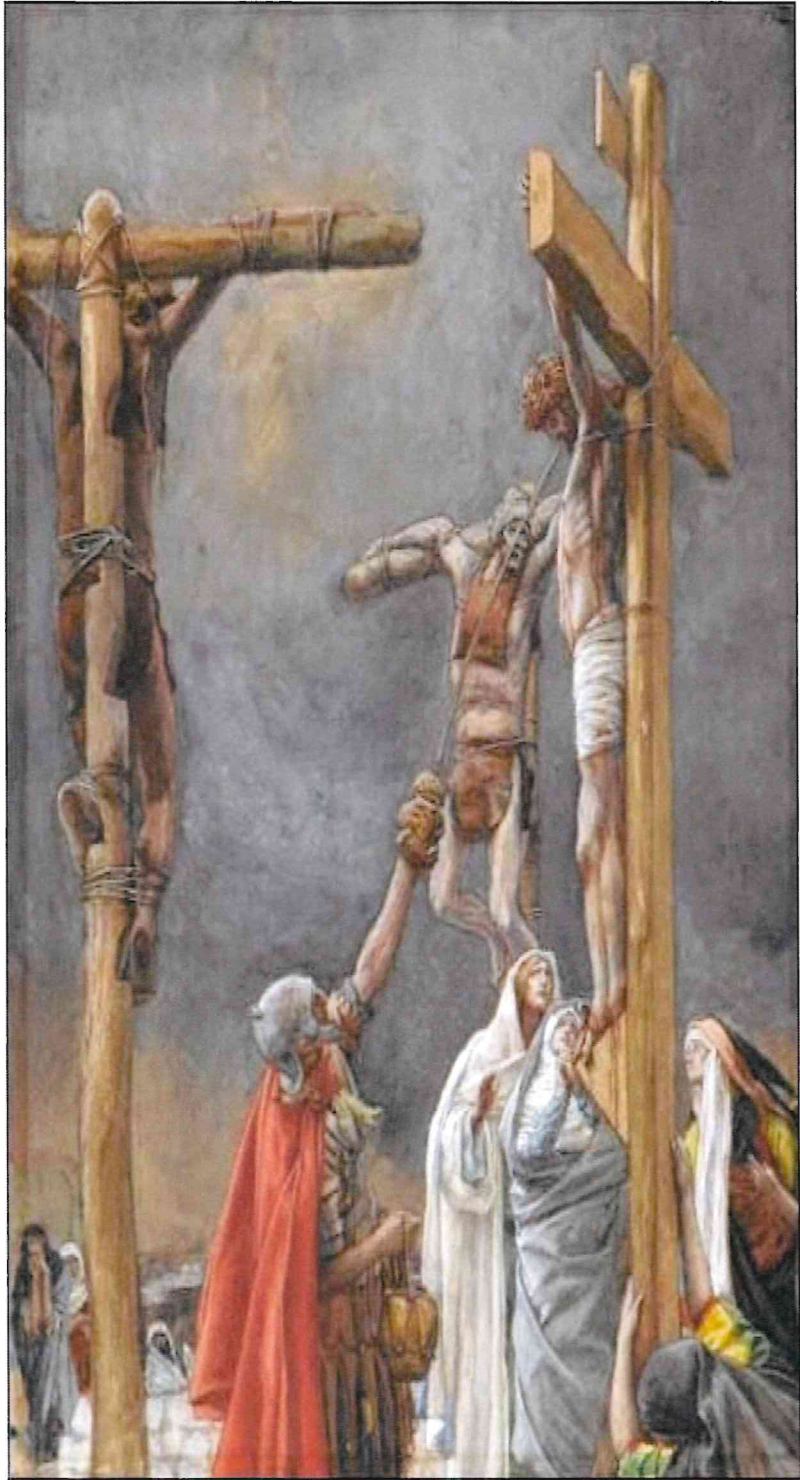
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*Refrain*

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

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## SHARING THE WORD

### HOLY THURSDAY GOSPEL: St. John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**L** The story of the Last Supper in St. John's Gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of His disciples and commanding them to do the same for one another.

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 13th chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**L** <sup>1</sup>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 example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If 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."

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE BANQUET

### COMMUNION LITURGY

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

- In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

- Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

- Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory.

- Pour out The Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the Body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

- Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of The Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C** Amen

### LORD'S PRAYER - SING

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. You are also invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup from the cup stand. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.*

### TABLE BLESSING

**P** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever.

**C** Amen



## **GOSPEL FOR GOOD FRIDAY: St. John 18:1-19:42**

**L** On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from His arrest to His burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of St. John.

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 18th & 19th chapters.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**L** <sup>18:1</sup> Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" <sup>5</sup> They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup> Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" <sup>12</sup> So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. <sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup> Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. <sup>19</sup> Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret." <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" <sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. <sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." <sup>26</sup> One of the slaves 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?" <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock

crowded. <sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit. <sup>19:1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." <sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor." <sup>13</sup>When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they

crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." <sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. <sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. <sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." <sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." <sup>38</sup>After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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



## SERMON

### BIDDING PRAYERS

*Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.*

**P** Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for Jesus' holy catholic church throughout God His Father's world.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, you show your glory to all of your nations in your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to guide Jesus' holy catholic church and gather it throughout your world. Guide it to persevere in faith, proclaim your Holy Name, and bring the Good News of salvation in Jesus to all of your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray for all leaders and servants of Jesus' holy catholic church, and for all of God His Father's people.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, by The Holy Spirit's power continue to guide Jesus' holy catholic church and make it Holy. Strengthen and uphold Jesus' church leaders and servants. Keep them in health and safety for the good of Jesus' church, and guide each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which Jesus calls us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray for those preparing for Holy Baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, you continue to bless your Son Jesus' holy catholic church. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to increase the faith and understanding of all of your people preparing for Holy Baptism. Grant them new birth in Jesus as the Body of Christ as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of Jesus' holy catholic church. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, you grant your Son Jesus' holy catholic church unity. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to look with favor on all who follow Jesus and serve His ministries and missions. Make all of His Holy Baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of His love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Holy Word of God our Father.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, long ago you gave your covenant promise to Abraham and Sarah and your commandment teachings to your prophet Moses and the Israelites. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to hear and answer our prayers that your people you called and elected as your own receive the fulfillment of your covenants' promises. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, gather into your embrace all of your people who call out to you under different names. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love and service made known to us in your Son Jesus. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who do not believe in God our Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, you created your humanity so that all of your people long to know you and find peace in you. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to grant that all of your people recognize the signs of your Son Jesus' love, grace, and mercy in your world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the One True God. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray for all of God our Father's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, you are the creator of your magnificent universe. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to hold all of your creation in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, you are the champion of your poor and oppressed. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to grant your wisdom to all of your people in authority, so that all of your people enjoy your Son Jesus' freedom, justice, and peace, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in need.

*Silent prayer.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, you grant strength to your weary and new courage to all of your people who have lost heart. By The Holy Spirit's power, continue to heal your sick, comfort your dying, grant safety to your travelers, free all of your people who are unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from evil, falsehood, oppression, hunger, and disease. Hear and answer the prayers of all of your people who call on your Son Jesus in any trouble, that they have the joy of receiving His healing and wholeness in their times of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

**P** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord and Savior Jesus would have us ask.

**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

### REFLECTION ON THE CROSS

**P** Behold Jesus' life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior and Lord of God His Father's people and world.

**C** Oh, come, let us worship Jesus.

*After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.*

**P** Almighty and Eternal God our Father, you prepared a cross for your Son Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

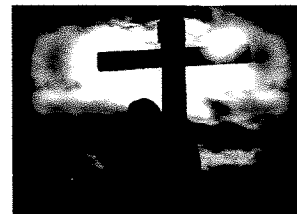
**C** Holy God our Father, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

*After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.*

**P** We adore you, our Savior and Lord Jesus, and we worship you.

**C** By your Holy cross you have redeemed all of your Father's people and world. Amen

All depart in silence. Worshipers may remain in reverent silence to reflect on Jesus and His cross before they depart.



## **FIRST HOLY THURSDAY LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14**

**L** Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect the Lord God's people from the threat of death. The early holy catholic church described the Lord's Supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the Holy Lamb who delivers God His Father's people from sin and death.

**L**<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <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.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **HOLY THURSDAY PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has <sup>1</sup>heard my voice,  
and listened to my <sup>1</sup>supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given <sup>1</sup>ear to me  
whenever <sup>1</sup>er I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- <sup>1</sup>pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has <sup>1</sup>done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup <sup>1</sup>of salvation  
and call on the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your  
handmaid;

you have freed me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

### **SECOND HOLY THURSDAY LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**L** In the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Jesus and with one another because it is His new covenant in His Holy Body given for us and His Holy Blood shed for us. Faithful participation in His Holy Communion Banquet is a living proclamation of Jesus' death and resurrection until He returns.

**L** <sup>23</sup>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.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **FIRST GOOD FRIDAY LESSON: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

**L** The prophet Isaiah's fourth suffering servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The servant pours himself out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early holy catholic church saw as important keys for understanding the death, and ultimate resurrection, of Jesus.

**L** <sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—<sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. <sup>53:1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in

his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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**C** Thanks be to God.

### **GOOD FRIDAY PSALM: Psalm 22**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Ps. 22:1)

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for-<sup>1</sup>saken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words<sup>1</sup> of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>**My God, I cry out by day, but you<sup>1</sup> do not answer;  
by night, but I<sup>1</sup> find no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the<sup>1</sup> Holy One,  
enthroned on the prais-<sup>1</sup>es of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>**Our ancestors put their<sup>1</sup> trust in you,  
they trusted, and you<sup>1</sup> rescued them.**
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and<sup>1</sup> were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not<sup>1</sup> put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>**But as for me, I am a worm<sup>1</sup> and not human,  
scorned by all and despised<sup>1</sup> by the people.**
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh<sup>1</sup> me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they<sup>1</sup> shake their heads.
- <sup>8</sup>**"Trust in the LORD; let the<sup>1</sup> LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so de-<sup>1</sup>lights in him."**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,  
 and kept me safe on my | mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;  
 you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,  
 and there is no | one to help.

<sup>12</sup>**Many young bulls en- | circle me;  
 strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their | jaws at me,  
 like a slashing and | roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>**I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;  
 my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**

<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;  
 and you have laid me in the | dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;  
 they pierce my hands | and my feet.**

<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones  
 while they stare at | me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup>**They divide my gar- | ments among them;  
 for my clothing, | they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not | far away;  
 O my help, hasten | to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>**Deliver me | from the sword,  
 my life from the power | of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the | lion's mouth!  
 From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>**I will declare your name | to my people;  
 in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.  
 Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
 neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;  
 but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.  
 Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
 all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
 who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the  
 LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
 whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
 saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

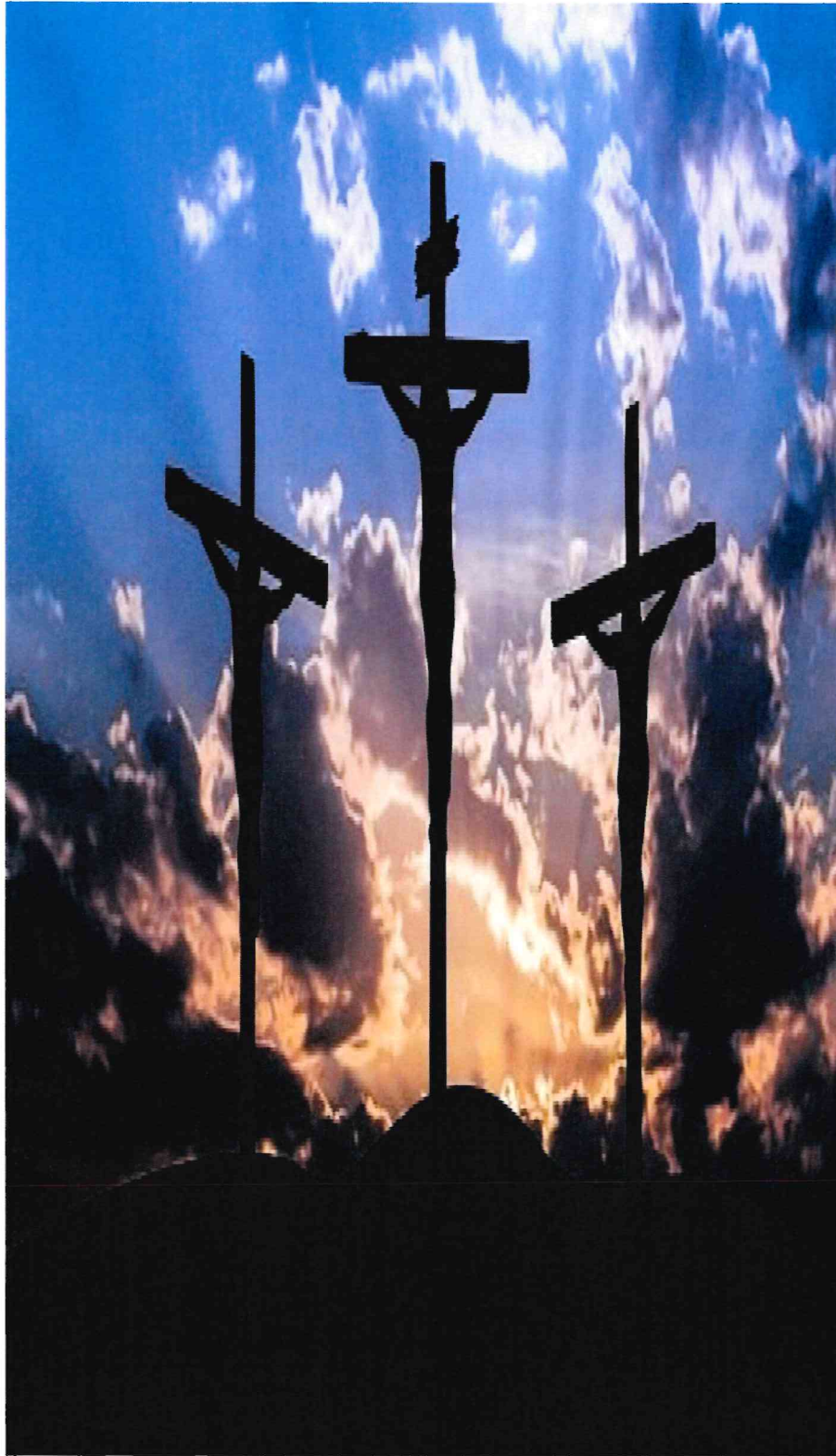
## **SECOND GOOD FRIDAY LESSON: Hebrews 10:16-25**

**L** In the death and resurrection of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is granted and reconciliation with God His Father is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and service for Jesus' ministries and missions, and when we love others, we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death and resurrection.

**L** After the Holy Spirit says, <sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," <sup>17</sup>he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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## **HYMNS FOR GOOD FRIDAY, April 3, 2026**

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- 4. They Crucified My Lord ELW 350**