

*Welcome to Worship*

*March 29, 2024*

*Maundy Thursday/Good Friday*

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER



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**Prelude – Mario Barbosa**

*Welcome*



# Opening Hymn

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*Where Charity and Love  
Prevail*

**red** hymnal, ELW #359

*Where Charity and Love Prevail, ELW #359, Verse 1*

***Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.***

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*Where Charity and Love Prevail, ELW #359, Verse 2*

***With grateful joy and holy fear,  
God's charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love God in return.***

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*Where Charity and Love Prevail, ELW #359, Verse 3*

***Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;  
as members of each body joined,  
in him we are made one.***

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*Where Charity and Love Prevail, ELW #359, Verse 4*

***Let strife among us be unknown;  
let all contentions cease.***

***Be God's the glory that we seek;  
be his our only peace.***

*Where Charity and Love Prevail, ELW #359, Verse 5*

***Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.***



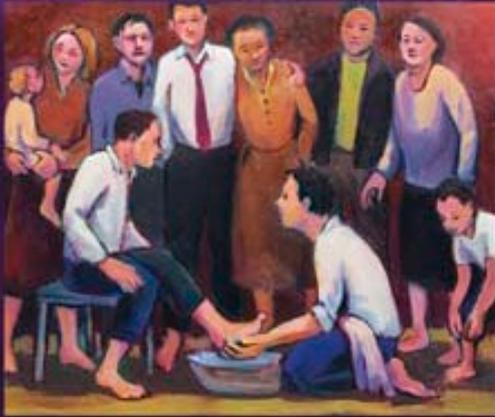
# Greeting

**P:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** Amen.

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## Scripture Reading

### John 13:1-17, 31b-35

<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."

# Hymn

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*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With  
Your Love*  
**ELW #708**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, ELW #708, Refrain*

***Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.***

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*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, ELW #708, Verse 1*

***Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.***

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*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, ELW #708, Refrain*

***Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.***

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*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, ELW #708, Verse 2*

***Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are near us and far away.***

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*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, ELW #708, Refrain*

***Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.***

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*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, ELW #708, Verse 3*

***These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.***

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*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, ELW #708, Refrain*

***Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.***

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*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, ELW #708, Verse 4*

***Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.***

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*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love, ELW #708, Refrain*

***Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.***



# Prayer of the Day

- A:** Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

# FIRST Communion



*Melinda Svenkerud, Director of  
Children, Youth & Family  
Ministries:*

Today is a special day for the young people who are sharing the bread and cup for the first time. As your names are read, please come forward with your family.

Victoria Rose Nottingham  
August Gordon Peters

P: Do you believe that in Holy  
Baptism God accepted you as  
his child?

**Young People: I believe.**



P: Do you believe that you should share in the Lord's Supper with joy because in it Christ comes to you, forgives your sins, and strengthens you to trust him and to love one another?

**Young People: I believe.**

**P:** Do you promise to come to the services of God's house, come to the Lord's Supper as often as you can, and take an active part in the work and life of the church knowing that God will help you?

**Young People:** I do, with the help of God.

P: Families and members of St. Philip: You have heard the confession of these young people and the obligations they have accepted. Will you on behalf of the church, help them to fulfill their promise?

**Congregation: We will, with the help of God.**

P: I now invite you to the Lord's Table to receive with us God's gracious presence in this Sacrament. Let us pray: We thank you gracious God, for these young people who come to their first Communion, and for their parents, families, sponsors, and friends who have loved them, cared for them, taught them, and set them a good example.

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Bless them as they come to the table of your blessed Son by showing them your love and by giving them joy in your salvation. Keep them faithful to the covenant of their Baptism, and bring them to that great feast which today we are privileged to taste. We ask it in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

# 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 God thanks and praise.**

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## Preface

# **Holy, Holy**

**ELW p. 144**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are  
full of your glory.***

***Hosanna. Hosanna.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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## Words of Institution

# **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# Communion & Offering

*You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children not receiving communion are encourage to come forward and receive a blessing.*

*As you come up for communion, we also invite you to put your offering into the offering plate.*

**All are welcome,  
for it is the Lord's Table.**



# **Lamb of God**

**ELW #481**

***Come to the table of mercy,  
prepared with the wine and the bread.***

***All who are hungry and thirsty,  
come, and your souls will be fed.***

***Come at the Lord's invitation;  
receive from his nail-scarred hand.***

***Eat of the bread of salvation;  
drink of the blood of the Lamb.***

# Communion Hymn

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*One Bread, One Body*

**ELW #496**

*One Bread, One Body, ELW #496, Refrain*

***One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

*One Bread, One Body, ELW #496, Verse 1*

***Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.***

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*One Bread, One Body, ELW #496, Refrain*

***One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

*One Bread, One Body, ELW #496, Verse 2*

***Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.***

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*One Bread, One Body, ELW #496, Refrain*

***One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

*One Bread, One Body, ELW #496, Verse 3*

***Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all.***

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*One Bread, One Body, ELW #496, Refrain*

***One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

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*I Am the Bread of Life*

**ELW #485**

*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Verse 1*

***“I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the  
Father beckons.”***

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*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Refrain*

***“And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up  
on the last day.”***

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*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Verse 2*

***“The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever,  
you shall live forever.”***

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*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Refrain*

***“And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up  
on the last day.”***

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*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Verse 3*

***“Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.”***

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*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Refrain*

***“And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up  
on the last day.”***

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*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Verse 4*

***“I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live forever.”***

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*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Refrain*

***“And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up  
on the last day.”***

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*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Verse 5*

***Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who have come into the world.***

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*I Am the Bread of Life, ELW #485, Refrain*

***“And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up  
on the last day.”***



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*Here is Bread*

**ELW #483**

*Here is Bread, ELW #483, Verse 1, Refrain*

***Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine,  
Christ is with us here.***

***In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.***

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*Here is Bread, ELW #483, Verse 2, Refrain*

***Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace,  
feast on Jesus here.***

***In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.***

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*Here is Bread, ELW #483, Verse 3, Refrain*

***Here we are, joined in one,  
Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes  
Jesus crucified.***

***In this bread there is healing,  
in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.***



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*For the Bread Which  
You Have Broken*  
ELW #494

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken, ELW #494, Verse 1*

***For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.***

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*For the Bread Which You Have Broken, ELW #494, Verse 2*

***By this promise that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heav'n above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.***

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*For the Bread Which You Have Broken, ELW #494, Verse 3*

***With the saints who now adore you,  
seated at the heav'nly board,  
may the church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.***

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*For the Bread Which You Have Broken, ELW #494, Verse 4*

***In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

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# Post-Communion Blessing

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

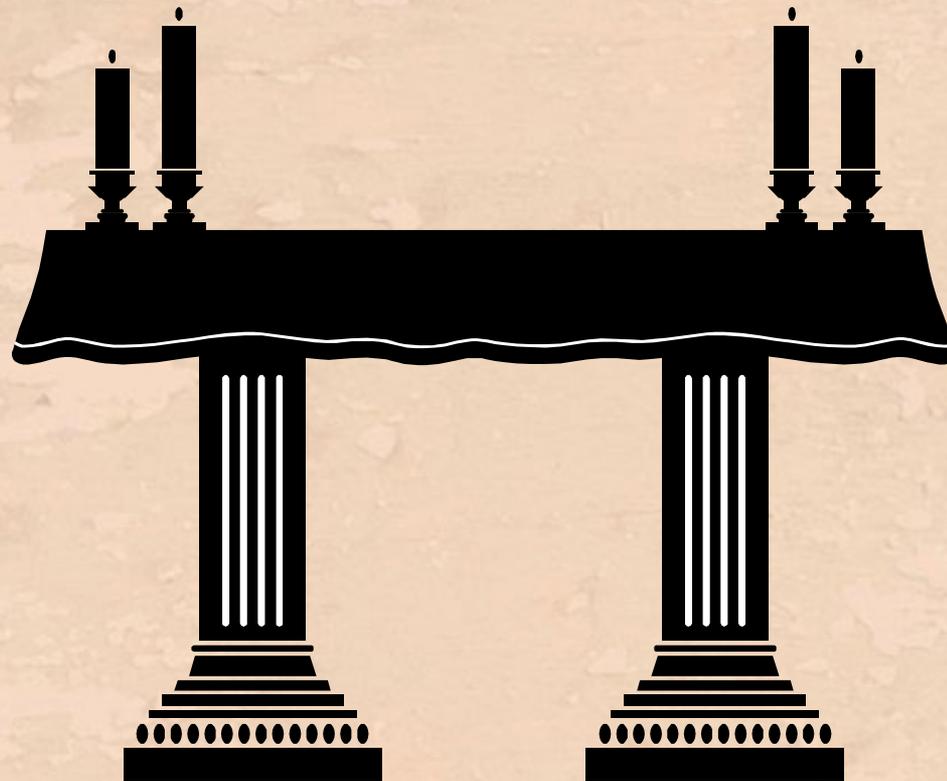
**C: Amen.**

# Post-Communion Prayer

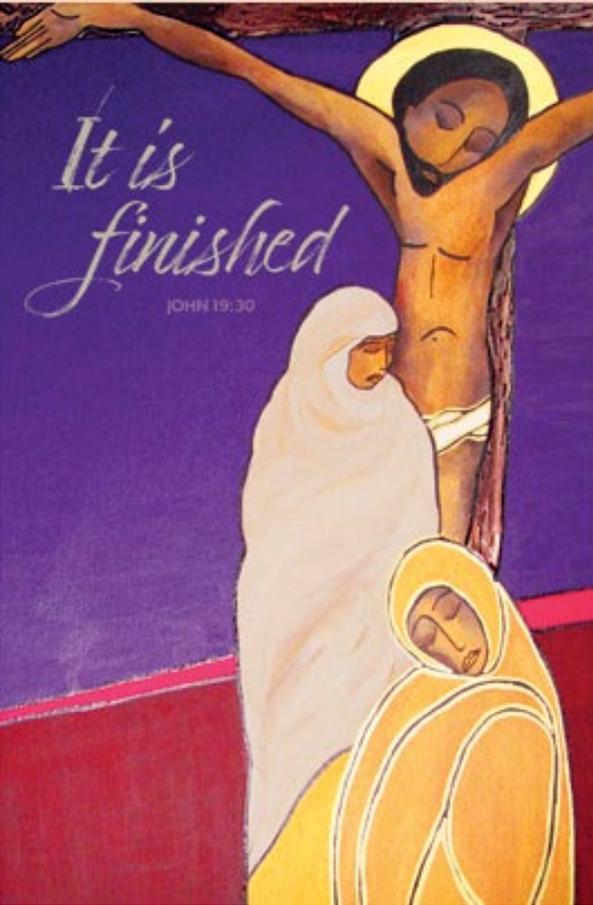
**A:** Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Stripping of the Altar



# Hymn



***O Sacred Head Now  
Wounded  
ELW #351***

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded, ELW #351, Verse 1*

***O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.***

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded, ELW #351, Verse 2*

***How pale thou art with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish,  
which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion  
were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.***

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded, ELW #351, Verse 3*

***What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever,  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.***

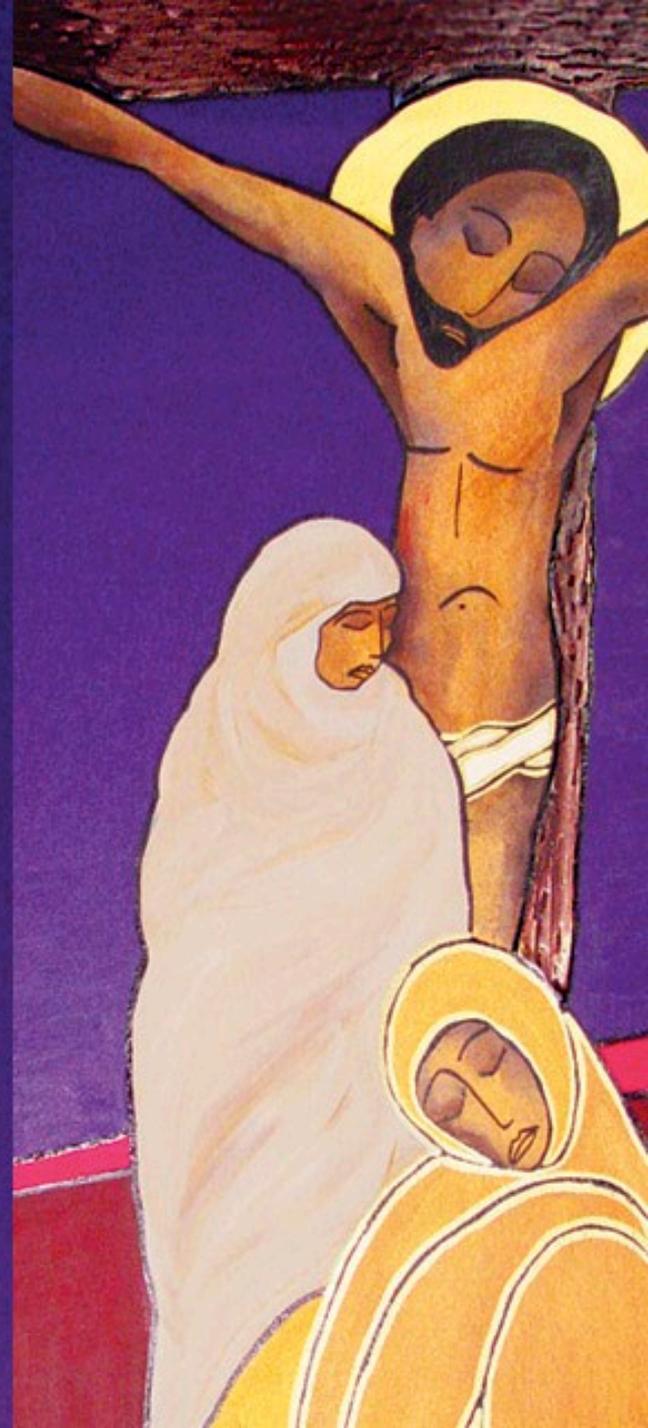
*O Sacred Head Now Wounded, ELW #351, Verse 4*

***Lord, be my consolation;  
shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion  
when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving,  
from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing  
die safely in thy love.***



*It is  
finished*

JOHN 19:30



# Prayer

**P:** Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Confession

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

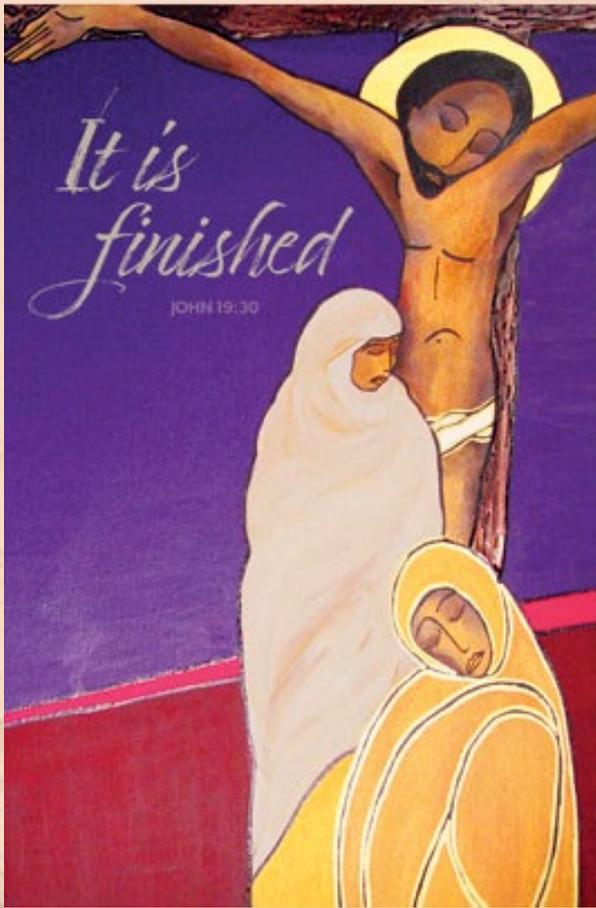
**C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

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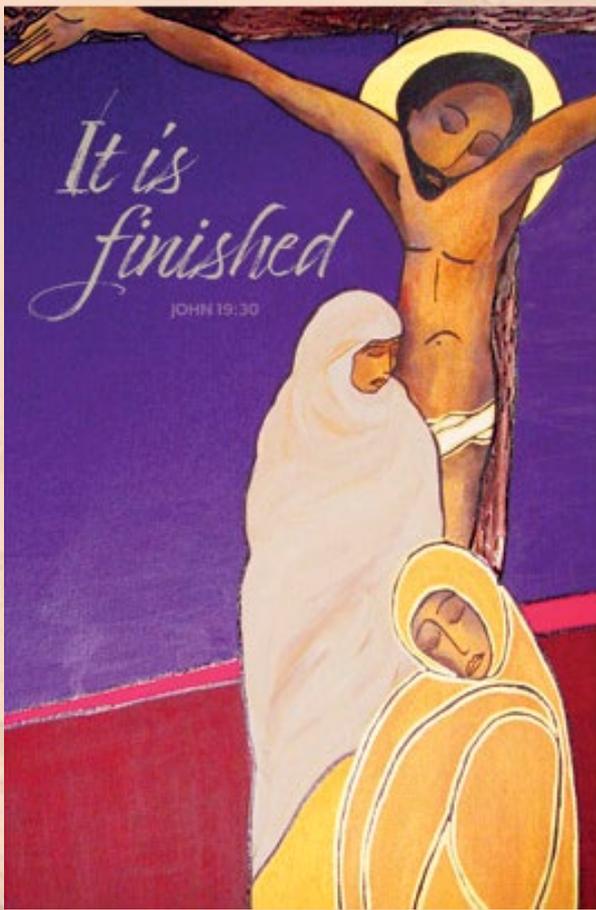
# Procession of the Cross



# Anthem



## *Guilty of Innocence* Sanctuary Choir



# Scripture Reading

## John 18:1-19:42

<sup>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.

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<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 crowed.

28 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. 29 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.

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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;

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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,

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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.”

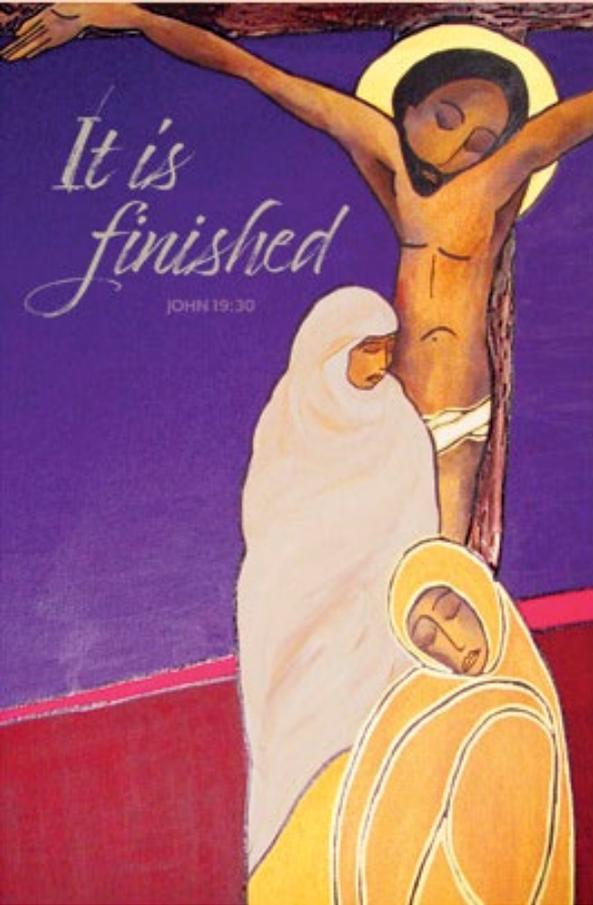
<sup>38</sup>After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.

<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.

# Hymn



*Were You There?*

**ELW #353**

*Were You There?, ELW #353, Verse 1*

***Were you there when  
they crucified my Lord?***

***Were you there when  
they crucified my Lord?***

***Oh, sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.***

***Were you there when  
they crucified my Lord?***

*Were You There?, ELW #353, Verse 2*

***Were you there when  
they nailed him to the tree?***

***Were you there when  
they nailed him to the tree?***

***Oh, sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.***

***Were you there when  
they nailed him to the tree?***

*Were You There?, ELW #353, Verse 3*

***Were you there when  
they pierced him in the side?***

***Were you there when  
they pierced him in the side?***

***Oh, sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.***

***Were you there when  
they pierced him in the side?***

*Were You There?, ELW #353, Verse 4*

***Were you there when  
the sun refused to shine?***

***Were you there when  
the sun refused to shine?***

***Oh, sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.***

***Were you there when  
the sun refused to shine?***

*Were You There?, ELW #353, Verse 5*

***Were you there when  
they laid him in the tomb?***

***Were you there when  
they laid him in the tomb?***

***Oh, sometimes it causes me to  
tremble, tremble, tremble.***

***Were you there when  
they laid him in the tomb?***

# Prayers

**A:** Almighty and merciful God, we approach your cross with sorrow over sin.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A:** Remind us of the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus made in his suffering and death.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

A: Rekindle in us a deep appreciation for the pains that he bore for us and for our salvation.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Reconcile us by the blood of Jesus so that we may dwell with you in righteousness.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**A:** Restore to us the image of Christ through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**A:** In view of your mercy, move us by your Spirit to respond to Jesus' death by living for him, to the glory of your holy name.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and glory and blessing.**

A: For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the  
glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

# Benediction

**P:** May the merciful God, who sent his Son to suffer death on a cross for you, grant you grace to take up your cross and follow him, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold those who gather here, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to suffer death on the cross.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** And the tomb was sealed.

*Please depart in silence.  
Join us Sunday for our Easter  
services at 8am & 10am.*

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