

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Good Friday at 7pm

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marc Sweet
and the peace that transcends all understanding.
Given by the Sweet family.

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Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



PROCESSION

(ELW p. 256)

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSION HYMN

“ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR”

ELW 344

- Refrain
- 4
- To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.* Refrain
- All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*
- 1
- You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.* Refrain
- 2
- The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.* Refrain
- 3
- The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.* Refrain
- Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(ELW p. 257)

As we now... one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NOISY OFFERING

Chronological, narrative book series called “The Story” by Max Lucado, Randy Frazee and Karen Hill. & Noisy Offering: The Center for Community Transitions.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

(NRSV OT p. 833)

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷ The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

CHIOR Anthem “Hosanna” by Craig Courtney

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

(NRSV NT p. 240)

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

STORY SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN”

ELW 343

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

...in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

ORGAN ANTHEM

OFFERING RESPONSE

ELW 181

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...God of mercy and grace, you give us so much: our days, our loved ones, our passions and talents, the food we eat, the homes we know, a place to worship. God, you pour out an abundance of goodness. Receive the gifts we offer back to you today. Bless them and bless us, that we will give generously, love boldly, and share widely, our offering reflecting your joyful gift. Amen

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.