

# HOLY COMMUNION

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Thursday, April 18, 2019 + 7:00 p.m.



*On this day the Christian community gathers to share in the holy supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family. In the actions of this liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word, washing our feet, and giving us his body and blood. From this gathering we are sent to continue these actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed those who are hungry.*

*This first liturgy of the Three Days has no ending; it continues with the worship of Good Friday and concludes with the Celebration of Easter. Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us together as the people of God*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS GATHERING MUSIC**

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of the Spirit to amend our lives and continue to be with us because of God's love for each and every one of us in Christ Jesus, our Savior. Within the community of the Church, God never tires of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive forgiveness of our sins from God. This absolution we should never doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for the forgiveness of our sins comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant and to love the world.

It is however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in Christ's love. Remembering our Jesus' last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the gift of Jesus and participate in that new covenant which makes us one with God. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Christ Jesus returns, and claims us in God's eternal kingdom. We share in prayer and support of one another, as the body of Christ.

*Arise in body or spirit*

### **OPENING HYMN**

*"There in God's Garden"  
Stanzas 1-4*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Most merciful God,

☞ **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

☞ Almighty God in great mercy has given Jesus to die for us and, for Christ's sake, forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit we are cleansed and given power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of holy light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by God's 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.

☞ **Amen.**

## The GREETING

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ **And also with you**

Let us pray,

*The assembly prays the Prayer of the Day.*

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us.

☞ **Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



**THE FIRST READING****Exodus 12:1-14**

*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 God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

**📖 A reading from Exodus:**

<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.

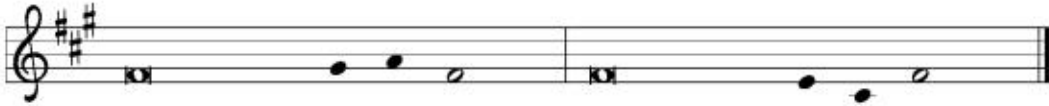
<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.




I will lift the cup of sal-va-tion and call on the name of the LORD.



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

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**

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

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

## THE SECOND READING

## 1st Corinthians 11:23-26

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

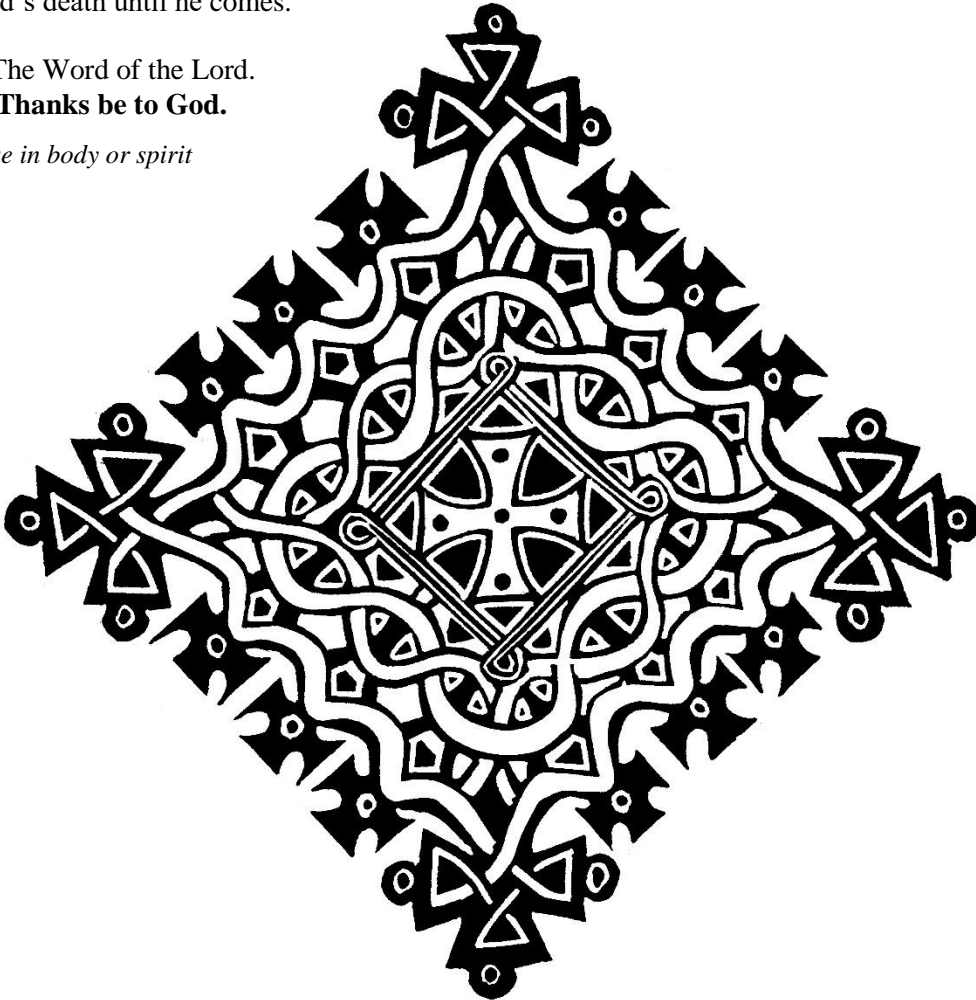
**A** A reading from **1 Corinthians**:

<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** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Arise in body or spirit*





- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
 Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
 To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
 God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
 We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
 one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
 By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 14:3-9, 17-25**

*Jesus is anointed by oil and shares the last supper, so that we too might receive everlasting life through the gift of healing oil and life sustaining bread and wine.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>3</sup>While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor

with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

<sup>17</sup>When it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” <sup>19</sup>They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” <sup>20</sup>He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **Message**

*Silence for reflection*

*Arise in body or spirit*

## **Litany of Healing**

**P** Merciful God, constant source of all healing.

**G We give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life.**

**A** We thank you for the gift of your Son,

**G through whom we have health and salvation.**

**P** As we wait for that day, when there will be no more pain.

**G Help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives.**

**A** Help us to trust in your eternal love.

**G Revealed through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**P** We give you thanks, loving God, for our human bodies and the gifts of life on earth.  
God of mercy.

**G Renew us in your healing power.**



**A** Merciful God, bring your saving health to all people.  
God of mercy.

**G Renew us in your healing power.**

**P** Holy Spirit, renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection.  
God of mercy.

**G Renew us in your healing power.**

**A** Mighty God, bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain.  
God of mercy.

**G Renew us in your healing power.**

**P** Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.  
God of mercy.

**G Renew us in your healing power.**

**A** Almighty God, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.  
God of mercy.

**G Renew us in your healing power.**

**P** Loving God, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.  
God of mercy.

**G Renew us in your healing power.**

**A** God of Wisdom, Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.  
God of mercy.

**G Renew us in your healing power.**

**P** Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

**☩ Amen**

*You may be seated.*

*People may come forward and stand or kneel for the laying on of hands.*

*The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn.*

**☩** Receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

*Response:* **Amen.**

*Hymns during the laying on of hands and anointing of oil:*

*Great God, Your Love has Called Us*      **ELW 358**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*      **ELW 612**

*Arise in body or spirit*

**▲** Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

**The CREED**

**☩** With the whole people of God, let us confess our faith.

**☩ 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.**

*We sit or kneel for prayer*

## **The PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION**

**A** On this holy night, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy.

A brief silence.

**A** By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of your church. Where there is division, grant healing. Where there is fracture, grant unity. Where there is indifference, grant passion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the creation. Put an end to destruction and renew our commitment to the fullness of life you intend for every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,

**C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the human family. Bring understanding and a spirit of cooperation to nations and communities in conflict. Dissolve distrust into understanding and transform disregard into profound care for one another. Lord, in your mercy,

**C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. Feed those who hunger, give shelter to those without a home, heal the sick, and grant rest to the dying. Lord, in your mercy,

**C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of this community. Help us seek not so much to be served, but to serve; not to be loved, but to love; not to be forgiven, but to forgive, for the sake of the gospel.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**A** By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness within us. Cast out all fear of separation from you, and join us to the communion of saints who celebrate at your eternal banquet table. Lord, in your mercy,

**C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

**P** Into the arms of your tender embrace, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who, on the cross, opened his arms to all: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**The PEACE**

☐ The peace Christ be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

**The OFFERING** (Our Offerings *Give hands & feet to our Faith*)

**The SETTING THE TABLE**

*Arise in body or spirit*

**The OFFERTORY***Create In Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the



joy of your sal - va-tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## The OFFERTORY PRAYER

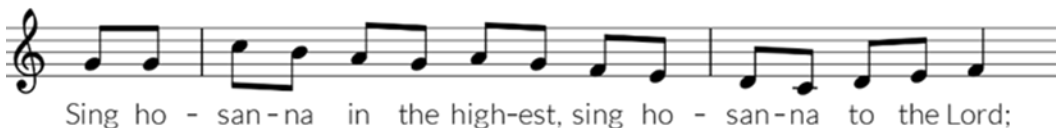
- A** Let us pray . . . God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.
- C** As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## The GREAT THANKGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them unto you.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

- ☞ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
- ☛ **We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.**
- ☞ 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- ☛ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- ☞ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able.
- ☛ **We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine.**
- ☞ Let us who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
- ☛ **To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☞ Lord teach us always to pray:
- ☛ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

- ☞ Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.
- ☛ **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Tonight, we commune by gathering in a large circle. We stand together in one body side by side. We make a circle, reminding us of God's never-ending love. Each of us in turn will receive the body of Christ. After you receive the body of Christ, please give the next person to your left the bread, saying, "The body of Christ." After you receive the bread and have consumed it, be prepared to receive the blood of Christ. After you receive the blood of Christ, please give the next person to your left the wine, saying, "The blood of Christ."*

### Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ 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. Amen**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us into mission*

## The BLESSING

- ☑ The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, + be among you and remain with you forever.
- ☑ **Amen**

*Please sit or kneel*

## The STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The congregation may be seated as linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed from the altar and chancel. You are invited to follow the sequence of readings and ritual actions as the altar is stripped. The Psalm used during the stripping of the Altar is Psalm 22.*

***After the Stripping of the altar, there will be a piano reflection on the upcoming events for Good Friday. It is entitled:***

*Petite Suite: I. Adante Religioso by Alexander Borodin*

We thank Chris Bush for sharing her talent with us.

**All leave in silence after the musical offering that helps us reflect on the sacrifice of Christ Jesus for each and every one of us.**

