

# SUNDAY OF THE PASSION



## PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna!  
Blessed is the one who  
comes in the name of  
the Lord!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MARCH 24, 2024 | 8:30 AM

### ***The Sunday of the Passion***

*This day, the last Sunday in Lent, is a hybrid. Palm branches in hand, we join a procession of children and their elders singing sweet hosannas. This process, begun centuries ago in Jerusalem, encircles the earth with ceaseless praise and now winds around our worship space. We are part of a long line of people in need of God's saving grace who rejoice as Christ comes to open the gates of justice and bring heaven's peace.*

*The procession leads us, in a striking contradiction then, to the cross of Christ and into the mystery of his passion. The one we praise as Savior is the servant who suffers our betrayal, denial, cruelty, and fear. Through these mortal wounds flow streams of mercy, filling the death-bound world and bringing it to life.*

*We proceed from the passion reading into the meal that, as always, holds together Christ's death for us and his life for us, feeding us with both. "Hosanna!" we sing again. Blessed is the One who comes in gifts of bread and wine. Blessed is Christ Jesus, the infinite love of God.*

*The Sunday of the Passion is the only Sunday during the year set aside for a complete reading of the passion narrative. For many Christians, there is no other occasion during the year on which they will hear the entire synoptic passion read. The centrality of this story to the Christian faith makes this reading profoundly important.*

A nursery room is available with an audio/visual of the service. Please consult with an usher if you need assistance.

This service is being recorded and livestreamed to our Facebook page.

The service will also be uploaded to our YouTube channel.

***"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you."***

***Romans 15:7***

***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.***

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

**MARCH 24, 2024**

*8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion*

\*You are invited to stand

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### GATHERING

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### \*GREETING

**P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.

##### \*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

**P** The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Mark 11:1-11**

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

*At conclusion of reading*

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

##### \*BLESSING OF PALMS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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. 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.

**C** Amen.

##### \*PROCESSION

**A** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of Christ. Amen.

*The assembly follows the ministers into the church, holding our palm branches high.*

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1. You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3. The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4. To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5. Their prais - es you ac - cep - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

**\*CONCLUSION OF PROCESSION**

**P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**G** Hosanna in the highest.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G Amen.**

WORD

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## GOSPEL

📖 The Passion of our Lord, according to Mark.

Mark 14:1-15:47

👤 Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; <sup>2</sup>for they said, **👤 “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”**

<sup>3</sup>While he 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>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. <sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples

said to him,

**👤 “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”** <sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

<sup>16</sup>So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. <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."

<sup>26</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." <sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." <sup>31</sup>But Peter said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

And all of them said the same.

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

<sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

<sup>37</sup>He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? <sup>38</sup>Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And

once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup>He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>43</sup>Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

<sup>45</sup>So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

<sup>50</sup>All of them deserted him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. <sup>53</sup>They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup>Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found

none. <sup>56</sup>For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ☩ <sup>58</sup>**“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”**

<sup>59</sup>But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

<sup>61</sup>But he was silent and did not answer. Again, the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

<sup>62</sup>Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

<sup>63</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, ☩ **“Prophecy!”** The guards also took him over and beat him.

<sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” <sup>68</sup>But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.”

And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. <sup>69</sup>And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

“This man is one of them.” <sup>70</sup>But again he

denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, ☩ **“Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.”**

<sup>71</sup>But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” <sup>72</sup>At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

<sup>15:1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate who asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

He answered him, “You say so.” <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the

insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

<sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

☩ **“Crucify him!”** “Why, what evil has he

done?" **☩ (louder) "Crucify him!"**

<sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. <sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him,

**☩ "Hail, King of the Jews!"** <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. <sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, **☩ "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!"** <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

**☩ "He saved others; he cannot save**

himself. <sup>32</sup>**Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."** Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**☩ "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."** <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, **☩ "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."** <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

"Truly this man was God's Son!" <sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the



centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen

cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the

*At conclusion of reading*

📖 The Passion of our Lord. 📖 Praise to you, O Christ.

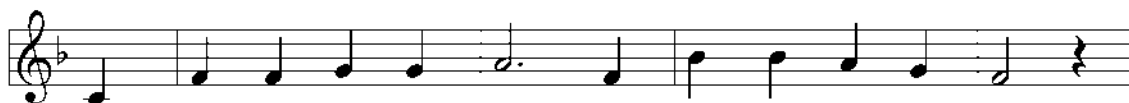
## MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

### \*HYMN OF DAY

### "My Song Is Love Unknown"

LBW #94 vs. 1-4



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know,  
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they  
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry,  
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

## **\*APOSTLES' 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**

*The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "Hear us, O God." worshippers respond with the words, "Your mercy is great".*

## **\*PEACE**

**☞** The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **☞ And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)*

## MEAL

## **OFFERING**

*The "Who's Who in the Pew" pads are passed as the offering is received.*

## **OFFERING ANTHEM**

## **"Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode"**

*-Carl P. Daw, Jr. Arr. Alfred V. Fedak*

**Chancel Choir**

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**☞** Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**☞ Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

🎵 It is indeed right...praise your name and join your unending hymn

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

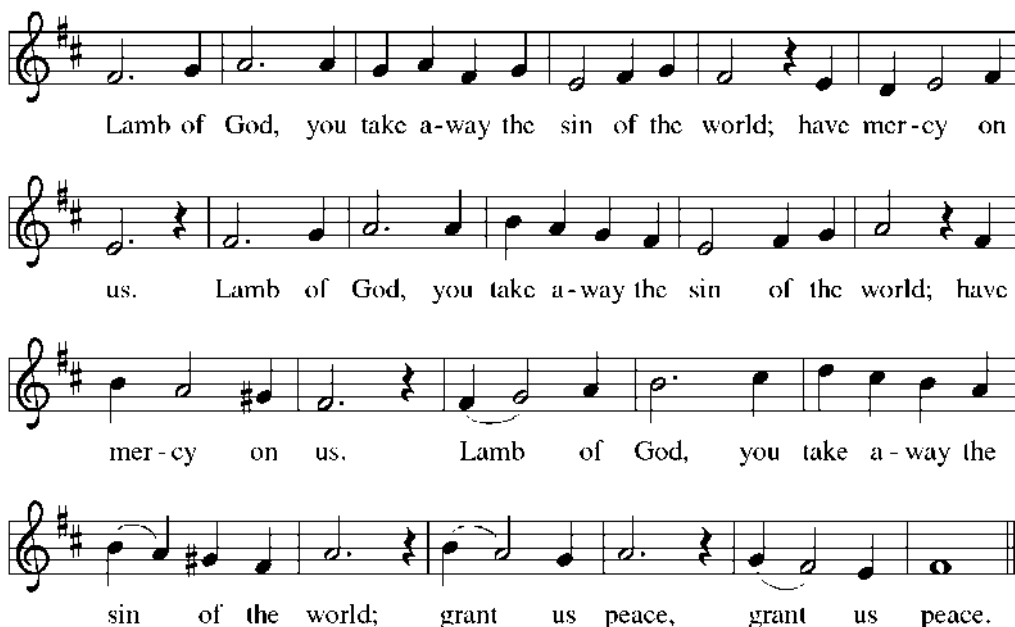
## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

☑ Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

ELW #351

“Now Behold the Lamb”

ELW #341

## \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

☐ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ☑ Amen.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** 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. **G Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

**P** Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and **†** give you peace.  
**G Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**                      **“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**                      **ELW #337**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**G Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**                      **“Now All the Woods Are Sleeping”**                      **Gay Lyn Ferry**

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AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

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## Come and Experience Our Holy Week Services

### ***Maundy Thursday (March 28th, 12 PM | 7:30 PM)***

*The term “Maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum”, meaning “to give” or “to order” — command. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper, Jesus taught them a new commandment — “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34).*

*Our worship service that day will be experiential, with a set of love filled rituals enacted by the church for centuries. We will include corporate confession and forgiveness then the individual laying on of hands and absolution of sins. We will remember Jesus who, illustrating his humility, performed the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging us to do the same for one another. We will share a meal, using the freshest of breads and wine. Finally, we will strip the altar to symbolize the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. The altar will be empty, draped in black, with a crown of thorns resting on top. We will depart in silence.*

### ***Good Friday (March 29th, 12 PM | 7:30 PM)***

*It’s “Good” Friday because the events that led to Jesus dying on that cross were primarily about God – God acting in such love for the world that he allowed his beloved son to die. We will enter in silence into the empty room, the unfolding story, the widening hour, and the mystery of faith. We will enter in silence and the shadows of darkness. We will hear the seven last phrases spoken by Christ during the time of his crucifixion, revealing both the divinity of Jesus as well as his humanity. A cross will enter into our space, and we will repent our sins, those known and left unknown, nailing them into the cross. We leave in silence. In darkness. Prepared for the celebration of Easter.*

### ***EASTER SUNDAY (March 31st, 8:30 AM Traditional | 10:45 AM Praise | Easter Brunch between services)***

*Finally, join us for **Easter Sunday** when God’s love in Jesus transformed the cross, an instrument of terror and death, and made it a symbol of life, hope and forgiveness.*

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