

AT HOME WORSHIP BOOKLET

For use during Holy Week and the Season of Easter



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The Schedule for Observing Holy Week

Palm Sunday, 10:30 AM (In-person and over Zoom/Phone-in) *ELW pgs. 256-257*

- **Holy Communion**
- Also referred to as “The Sunday of the Passion,” where we read through the passion narrative of Christ’s journey to the cross.

Wednesday, 7 PM (Zoom/Phone-in only) *ELW pgs. 309-319*

- The mid-week services and study conclude

Holy Thursday, 7 PM (In-person and over Zoom/Phone-in) *ELW pgs. 258-261*

- **Holy Communion**
- This occasion is also referred to as “Maundy” Thursday, originating from the Latin word for “command,” and refers to Jesus’ commandment to “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34; John 15:12).
- Normally, this service would include the opportunity for people to come forth to receive individual absolution from the minister who lays his or her hands on each person’s head (“the laying on of hands”). Also, it could include foot washing, remembering Christ’s display of humility recorded in John 13:1-17. Unfortunately, this year, neither will be done.



Good Friday, 10:30 AM, (In-person and over Zoom/Phone-in) *ELW pgs. 262-265*

- Similar to Maundy Thursday, we won’t have all the normal symbolism of a Good Friday service this year, and no Tenebrae service in the evening, for several reasons. But the importance isn’t in the symbols,

or traditions, however significant they made be, but that we gather (in whatever way we can) to remember the work our Savior did on the Cross to grant us the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

Saturday Easter Vigil (*Individually or in groups at home) **ELW pgs. 266-270**

- Easter Vigil may be unfamiliar for some of you, but in the history of the church this is an important occasion (especially for baptizing those new to the faith as the first service of Easter). For us, this year, we'll observe this first official celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord in the evening our homes, mostly by reading the story of salvation in the Old Testament, beginning with "The Beginning.". A special booklet for this service (perhaps more like the "Worship Notes" distributed previously) is included in your materials, and I encourage you to at least read through some of the Scriptures and prayers in preparation of Easter Sunday worship. Hopefully, next year, we'll be able to observe this service in the right way, together, with a "new fire" to light the Christ Candle, experiencing the Scripture readings together, and sharing in the Sacrament.

Easter Sunday, 8 AM (In-person), 10:30 AM (In-person and over Zoom/Phone-in)

- **Holy Communion at both**

Congregational responses are in the **bold typeset*

**Hymns will be announced during service: Please contact the church if you need an Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal (ELW/Cranberry)*

**Services are subject to change, and probably still include mistakes, but this will hopefully provide the basics for people to follow along at home.*

Palm Sunday Liturgy (March 28th)

ACCLAMATION

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. *[A brief silence is kept.]*

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.

C: **Amen.**

PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace,

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

PROCESSIONAL *Prepare the Royal Highway*

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

The service continues with the Prayer of the Day (page 10)

Good Friday Liturgy (April 2nd)

The order of service for Good Friday differs from the others included in the booklet. The service is simply as follows:

GATHERING

All gather in silence.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. [*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*]
Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

PSALM 22

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:16-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (*Heb. 12:2*)

GOSPEL READING: John 18:1—19:42

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

BIDDING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All leave in silence

Liturgy of the Word

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 Jn. 1:8)* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his 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.

C: Amen.

(On Maundy Thursday, the service continues on page 10)

GATHERING HYMN

Palm Sunday (March 28th)

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The Resurrection of Our Lord (Apr 4th)

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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



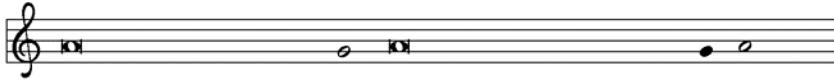
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



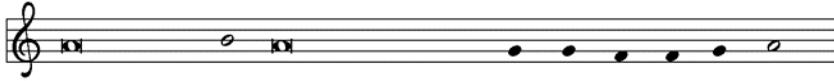
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by the Pastor/Service Leader only*).

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

READINGS

Palm Sunday (Mar 28th)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1—15:47

Maundy Thursday (Apr 1st)

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Cor. 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday (Apr 2nd)

Isaiah 52:13--53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1—19:42

The Resurrection of Our Lord (Apr 4th)

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Cor. 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

Easter 2 (Apr 11th)

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 133

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19-31

Easter 3 (Apr 18th)

Acts 3:12-19

Psalms 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Easter 4 (Apr 25th)

Acts 4:5-12

Psalms 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Easter 5 (May 2th)

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31

1 John 4:1-21

John 15:1-8

Easter 6 (May 9th)

Acts 10:44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-8

John 15:9-17

Easter 7 (May 16th)

Acts 1:12-26

Psalms 1

1 John 5:9-15

John 17:6-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lent



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Easter



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

P: The holy gospel according to St. _____, the ___ chapter.

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

SERMON

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THE APOSTLES' CREED *(for Lent/Holy Week)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

THE NICENE CREED *(for Easter)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.** *(A sign or word of peace shared with your neighbours)*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lent/Holy Week

Create In Me A Clean Heart

ELW #186

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

Easter Season

The Doxology

ELW #884

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all
crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye
heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lent/Holy Week

P: What can we render to you, Lord, for all your benefits to us? All we have is yours. Our lives are in your hands. Receive, bless, and use our time, talents, and treasures, for the love of your Son and the benefit of those he came to save.

C: Amen.

Easter Season

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (the Proper Preface is spoken by the Pastor before the Sanctus)

SANCTUS



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (*The Words of Institution*)

The presiding minister continues using this or another appropriate form.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. . .

(the presiding minister continues)

. . . With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
 Breathe new life into us.
 Send us forth,
 burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
 with the earth and all its creatures,
 with sun and moon and stars,
 we praise you, O God,
 blessed and holy Trinity,
 now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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

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

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

C: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

LAMB OF GOD



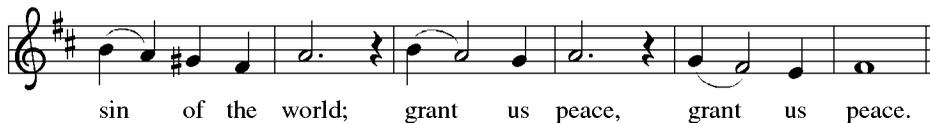
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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



[PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*(*I invite those at home to pray this prayer during Holy Communion.)*

C: ***Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***

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

Lent/Holy Week

P: You have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life. Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavor to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Easter Season

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Maundy Thursday Liturgy (April 1st)

After the Post-Communion Prayer, the service concludes with the stripping of the altar, during which Psalm 88 or Psalm 22 may be said.

All depart in silence.

BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and † the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Easter Season adds:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.