

## A SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE

April 3, 2026 6:00pm



*We have the closed hearing loop system.  
You may be able to turn your hearing device to the "T" setting.*

*To allow all worshippers to reflect and prepare for the service,  
please observe silence during the prelude.*

### + Good Friday +

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE O Sacred Head, Surrounded J. S. Bach

#### CALL TO WORSHIP AND REMEMBRANCE

Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.

**We come to receive from Christ the bread of life,  
the cup of blessing;**

Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;

**We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment,  
a call to service, that we love one another.**

Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us to deny and betray the trust of a suffering God.

**We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross.**

Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ,  
**that we might remember what discipleship may cost,  
and what it may reap.**

#### HYMN #289 Ah, Holy Jesus

#### PRAYER

**God most gracious, from the busy-ness of our lives we have paused  
and come here on a day that is different from our regular worship  
to remember a truth that is not so different in our fallen world. We  
have come to share a story of love and betrayal, love and injustice,  
a story of humility in the face of power wielded to bring down that  
which would threaten it, a story of love unto death. May we hear  
the story anew, embracing the truth it reveals about the world, and  
even more about the God who so loved us, and who loves us still.  
Amen.**

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH #881 The Apostles' Creed**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #70**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## REMEMBERING THE LAST SUPPER

#### INVITATION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

**We confess to You, o God, our Savior, that we have betrayed and  
denied you, forgotten and doubted you. When our faith is tested, we  
wonder where you are. When we see injustice in the world, we often  
stand by. We turn our backs. We ignore the cries of others. We confess  
that again and again we deny you and betray you with our silence  
when we fail to proclaim your Good News, when we fail to live out your  
teachings and fail to love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, O God,  
and help us to truly repent. Help us to remember your sacrifice, your  
love, and to receive your forgiveness. We pray earnestly, humbly, and  
out of the depths of our hearts in the name of the One who lived, who  
was crucified, died, and was buried, and yet who defeated the darkness  
and lives and loves us still, Jesus the Messiah. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

Even in the face of betrayal and rebellion, even in the face of death and denial,  
even in the face of fear and despair, God's Grace knows no bounds. Christ does  
not condemn; even from the cross, Christ forgives. In Christ, we ARE forgiven,  
we ARE called back into relationship, we ARE set back on the path that leads to  
God. **In the name of Christ who gave himself for our salvation,  
we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(Please respond with words in bold)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks and remembers God's acts of salvation, concluding: "...and so,  
with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join  
their unending hymn":*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.*

*The pastor concludes: "...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus  
Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union  
with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith":*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity,  
concluding: "...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever." Amen.*

#### LORD'S PRAYER

#### BREAKING THE BREAD

#### GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

## COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN #286 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

### THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

*(You may follow by reading in the Pew Bibles, pp. 29-33, New Testament.)*

- READING #1 Judas plans his betrayal of Jesus.**  
Matthew 26: 14-30 Beth Holiman
- READING #2 Peter defends his loyalty.**  
Matthew 26: 31-35 Don Henderson
- READING #3 Jesus prays as the disciples sleep.**  
Matthew 26: 36-46 Susie Rush
- READING #4 Judas betrays Jesus. The disciples flee.**  
Matthew 26: 47-56 Randy Rush
- READING #5 Jesus is questioned by the high priest.**  
Matthew 26: 57-68 Stephanie Taylor
- READING #6 Peter denies knowing Jesus.**  
Matthew 26: 69-75 Kim Dodson
- READING #7 Jesus is handed over to Pilate. Judas hangs himself.**  
Matthew 27: 1-10 John Lefler
- READING #8 Barabbas is released. Jesus is flogged and condemned.**  
Matthew 27: 11-26 Kay Johnson
- READING #9 Jesus is mocked.**  
Matthew 27: 27-31 Jim Ditzel
- READING #10 Jesus is crucified.**  
Matthew 27: 32-44 Barb Kline
- READING #11 The death of Jesus.**  
Matthew 27: 45-56 Scott Walter
- READING #12 Jesus is buried. Guards are set.**  
Matthew 27: 57-66 Marcus Dodson

## HYMN # 288 Were You There

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

## DEPART IN SILENCE



# Holy Week

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