



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,
live with love, and go to serve.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the green LBW and blue WOV hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us online at graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

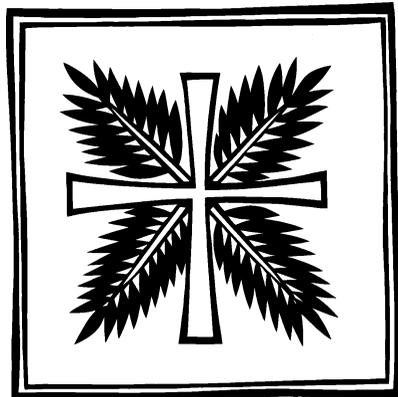
Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.



✠ GATHERING ✠

This morning's service begins in the Atrium.

Those who wish to do so may find a seat in the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE: Lamb of God, Pure and Holy, BWV 656

Johann Sebastian Bach

We stand to face the cross in procession.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

G Hosanna to the Son of David!

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1–11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

THANKSGIVING

- Ⓟ The Lord be with you.
- ☒ **And also with you.**
- Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☒ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We raise our palms during the Thanksgiving.

- Ⓟ We praise and thank you, O God,
for the great acts of love by which
you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph,
and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings
by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.
We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them,
and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King
and follow him with perfect confidence;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
- ☒ **Amen.**



ENTRANCE HYMN: All Glory, Laud and Honor

(green) LBW #108



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 is 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 - cept - 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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635



GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

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.**

P Let us pray.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race
you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross.
In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

The choir introduces the Antiphon; we join in singing each time thereafter.



- L Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;*
 my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
- C **For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;*
 my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones |
 are consumed.**
- L I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
 a dismay to those of | my acquaintance;*
 when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- C **I am forgotten like a dead man, | out of mind;*
 I am as useless as a | broken pot. ANTIPHON**
- L For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;*
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.
- C **But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.*
 I have said, "You | are my God.**
- L My times are | in your hand;*
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who |
 persecute me.
- C **Make your face to shine up- | on your servant,*
 and in your loving- | kindness save me." ANTIPHON**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5–11

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

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Philippians 2:8b

Michael D. Costello

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 27:11–54

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

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

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor David R. Lyle
Matthew 27:11–54

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: There in God's Garden

(blue) **WOV #668**

Stanza four is sung by the choir.



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
high/treble voices 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
low/bass voices 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
Choir 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

The Voluntary serves as the introduction to the Offertory Hymn.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Michael D. Costello

At the conclusion of the Voluntary we stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (*stanza 1*)

(*green*) **LBW #115**

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

I Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpinus, 1570–1615

OFFERTORY PRAYER

☐ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

☑ **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C 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.

☐ Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us
through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary
and rose again to make us living branches,
drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world.

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.

Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power,
to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord
who comes to us in his body and blood.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ **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.**

☐ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

☐ Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,



have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -



est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,



grant us thy peace! A - - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown

Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES. *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

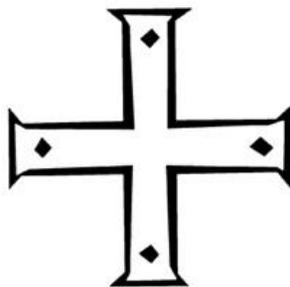
ANTHEM: *Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt*, SWV 380

Heinrich Schütz

*Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt
daß er seinen eingebornen Sohn gab
auf daß alle die an ihn glauben
nicht verloren werden
sondern das ewige Leben haben.*

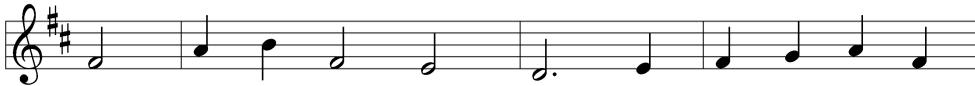
**For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.**

John 3:16



HYMN: My Song Is Love Unknown

(blue) WOV #661



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their
 way; a mur - der - er they save, the prince of life they



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suff - ring goes



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 who at my need his life did spend!
 and for his death they thirst and cry.
 them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.
 that he his foes from thence might free.

- 6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683

Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland, 1879–1962

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G **Amen.**

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;
and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another;

G **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

G **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed
4. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, your -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
squad - rons of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



road pur - sue, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt;

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Marking the solemnity of this Holy Week, we depart from worship this day in silence.

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The birth of **Samantha Jeanne Walter** (*daughter of Abigail Lyons and Ryan Walter, granddaughter of Susan Krout and William Lyons*)

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, MARCH 29

Library Open (self-service).....**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
4th Grade White Garment Presentation (Sanctuary)..... **9:00 a.m.**
No Sunday School or Confirmation

Worship – Holy Communion..... **10:00 a.m.**
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room) **3:00 p.m.**
Bach Cantata Vespers **3:45 p.m.**

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Holy Week Devotions (Responsive Prayer) **8:30 a.m.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Holy Week Devotions (Responsive Prayer) **8:30 a.m.**
Seven Last Words of Christ (Sanctuary)..... **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Holy Week Devotions (Responsive Prayer) **8:30 a.m.**
No Cornerstones
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room)..... **5:30 p.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Music Room) **7:00 p.m.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday Worship – Holy Communion **8:30 a.m.**
Grief Share (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**
Maundy Thursday Worship – Holy Communion **7:00 p.m.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Good Friday Worship (Journey to the Cross)..... **8:30 a.m.**
Good Friday Worship (Adoration of the Cross) **12:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, April 4

Easter Vigil Service – Holy Communion **7:00 p.m.**
Easter Vigil Reception (Fellowship Hall) **9:00 p.m.**

SUNDAY, April 5

Library Open (self-service, coffee)..... **8:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.**
Easter Worship – Holy Communion **8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**
(Prelude music at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.)

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