

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 7, 2019 ♦ 9:00 am



“Mary. . . anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair.”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism)

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

☒ **Amen**

☞ In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God’s promise of mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ God at the margins,

☒ **We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.
We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.
We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.
Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows.
Amen.**

P Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care.
 Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy.
 Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day,
 forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ,
 leading you from death into life.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
 prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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.**

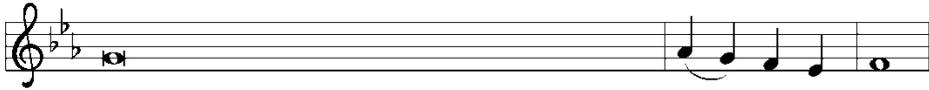
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



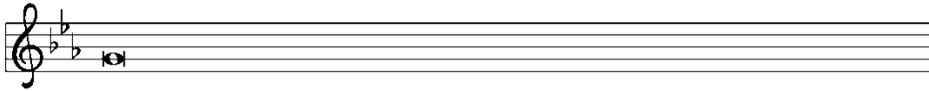
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



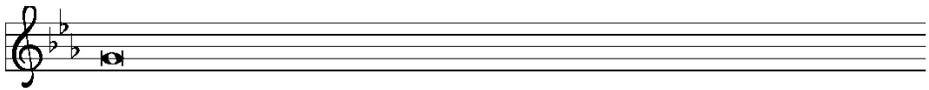
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert.**

Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

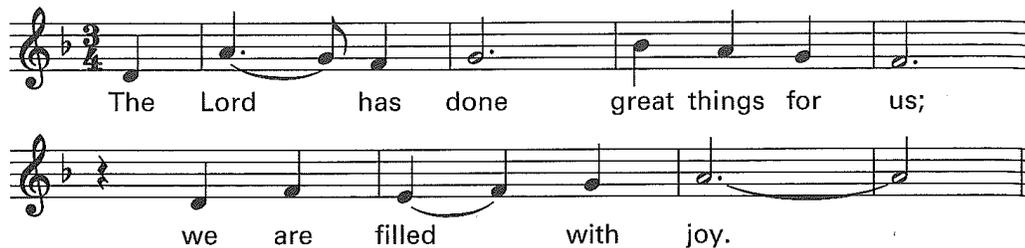


PSALMODY Psalm 104 “The Lord Has Done Great Things”

(Note: the Psalms cry out to God for mercy and help. They serve as our “songbook” for our journey through Lent . . . and life.)

L refrain

AI refrain



L When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like people dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

AI refrain

L Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”
The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

AI refrain

L Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

AI refrain

SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

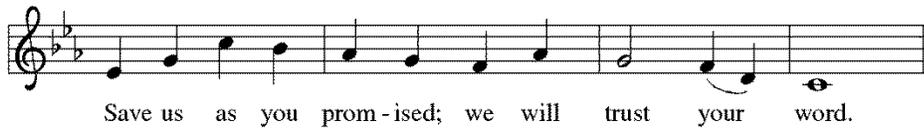
⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one

that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL VERSE

Cantor alone first time; all sing the second time



HOLY GOSPEL John 12:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter.

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

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this

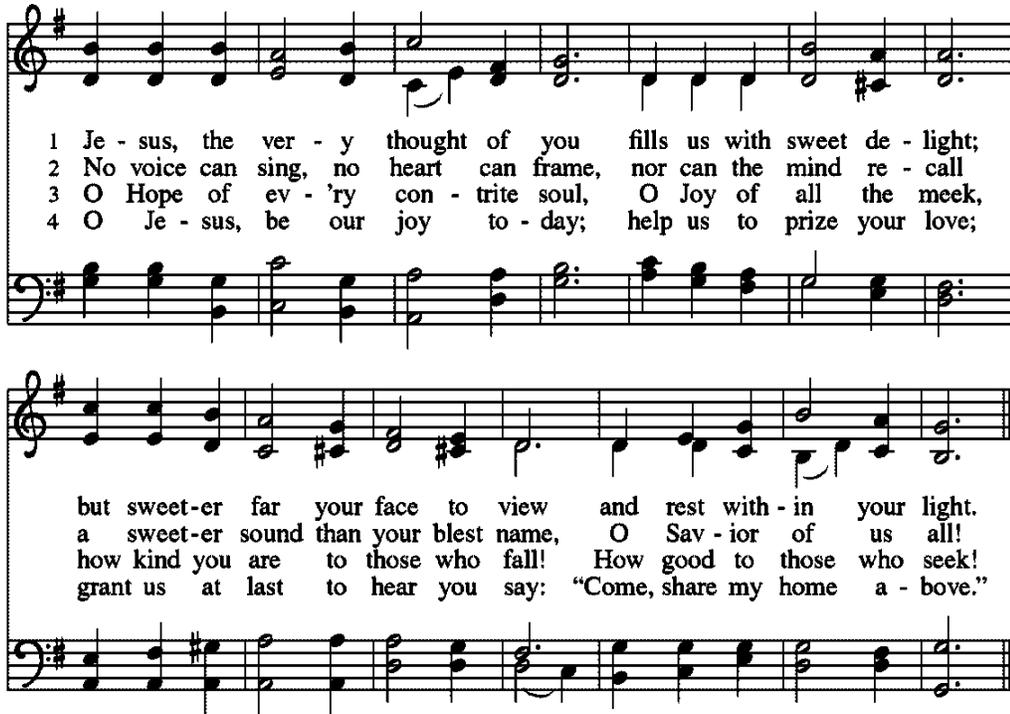
perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus, the Very Thought of You”



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: “Come, share my home a - bove.”

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** 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

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. God, our provider,
A **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

- P** If anyone is in Christ,
C **There is a new creation.**
- P** We give thanks to you O, God, for the salvation you have accomplished for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and return to you for you are gracious and full of compassion. 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:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P** 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

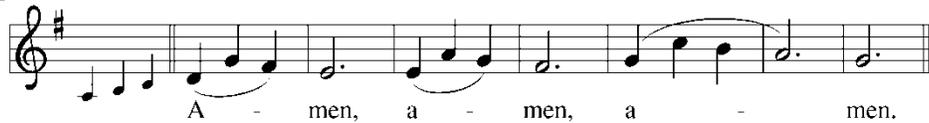
- P** For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

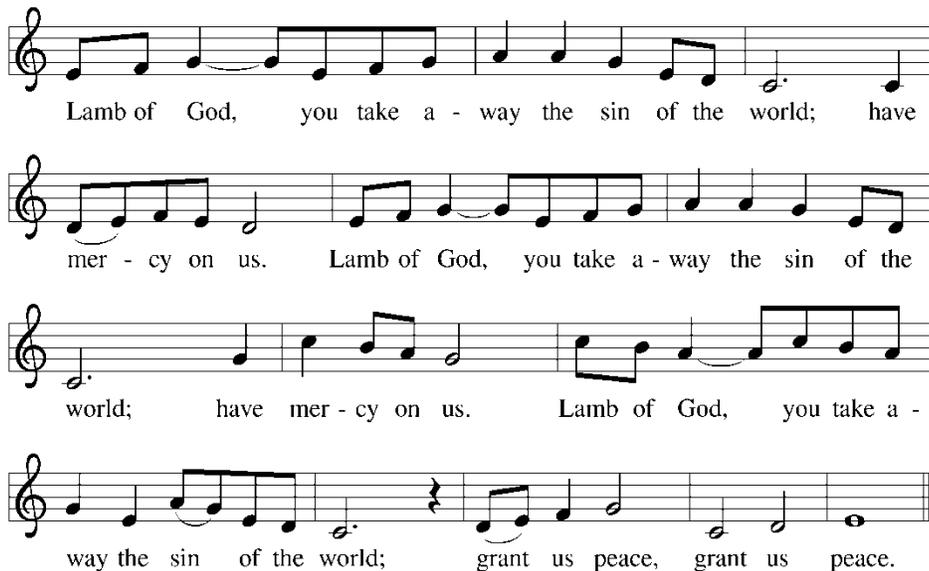
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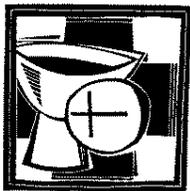
LORD'S PRAYER

All **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**

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." I Corinthians 11:26. Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who have been instructed in this confession of faith and who share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

As you approach the table down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart.

- Proceed to the left or the right and gather around the altar.
- After each gathered group has communed, they are dismissed in peace.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.
- **Gluten-free** (and dairy-free and nut-free) **wafers** are offered in the small white bowl on the communion cart for those who prefer this option.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS "Just As I Am"

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed. blind: sight, rich - es. heal - ing

5 shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 6 one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 7 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 8 of the mind, yea, all I need in thee to find,

9 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 10

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
 has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"Amazing Love"



1 My Lord, what love is this that pays so
2 And so they watched him die, de - spised, re -
3 And now this love of Christ shall flow like



dear - ly, that I, the guilt - y one, may go free?
ject - ed; but, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.
riv - ers; come, wash your guilt a - way, live a - gain.

Refrain



A - maz - ing love, oh, what sac - ri - fice, the Son of God giv'n for



me; my debt he pays and my death he dies, that



I might live, that I might live.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

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

Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

Amen

Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship leader	Jon Marxhausen
Elder	Allen Warren
Piano	Jill Olofson
Cantor	Dawn Marxhausen
Lector	Tom Schoenberg
Ushers	Bob & Rita Usselman
Acolyte/Crucifer	Maren Sletten
Greeters	Janice Henderson / Angie McMorrow

DON'T FORGET YOUR 3-MINUTE MINISTRY
Your love and attention can help gather God's dear children together.

Welcome Friends!

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the basket on the table in the entryway.
Help yourself to a welcome packet that will tell you more about the ministry at Grace of God.

You are always welcome at Grace of God.



GRACE OF GOD MISSION STATEMENT

Grace of God is a Christ-centered community gathered around Word and Sacrament, preaching Christ crucified, serving our neighbor and discovering what it means to live under the grace of God

SMALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

“Busy bags” for young children are available in the classroom adjacent to the worship space near the doors. That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.

CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

April 11 – April 13	TEAM 3 Roxanne Cleary/Jeff & Jill Olofson/ Allen & Sally Warren
April 18 – April 20	TEAM 4 Randy & Janice Henderson/Janice Roth/ Bruce & Audrey Gilman
April 25 – April 27	TEAM 5 Paul & Cami Hartleben/Tom & Karen Schoenberg

SERVING IN WORSHIP

DATE	ELDER	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	USHERS	GREETERS
4/7/19	Allen Warren	Maren Sletten	Tom Schoenberg	Bob & Rita Usselman	Janice Henderson / Angie McMorrow
4/10/19	Allen Warren	George Zetterwall	Franklin Hotzel	Darrel & Noel Smith	George & Kathy Rehbein
4/14/19	Allen Warren	Kiernan Benson	Dan Evenson	Randy Henderson & Tom Schoenberg	Errol & Cindy Bartz
4/18/19	Allen Warren	TJ Richter	Jill Olofson	Becky Vigstol / Jenny Hanson	Lori Ruppel & Pat Randall
4/19/19	Errol Bartz	Jake Richter	Heidi Zetterwall	Allen & Sally Warren	Shirley Muelken / Eileen Ocone
4/21/19	Errol Bartz	Ella Fahey	Kathy Rehbein	Bruce Gilman / Jerry Corson	Allen & Sally Warren

PASSOVER SEDER DINNER

Maundy Thursday, April 18

5:00 pm

The celebration of the Lord's Supper has its roots in the Old Testament commemoration of God's great deliverance from slavery to freedom marked by the blood of the lamb. Our Passover Seder is a Christian observance of this Old Testament festival that shows the fulfillment that Christ brings by being the Passover Lamb who was slain for us. All are invited to participate in this special dinner experience. The cost is \$11 a person or \$45 for immediate family (parents and children). Sign up at the bulletin board by the kitchen door.

grace happens

April 7 - 14, 2019

Sunday, April 7

9:00 am FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, April 9

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 10

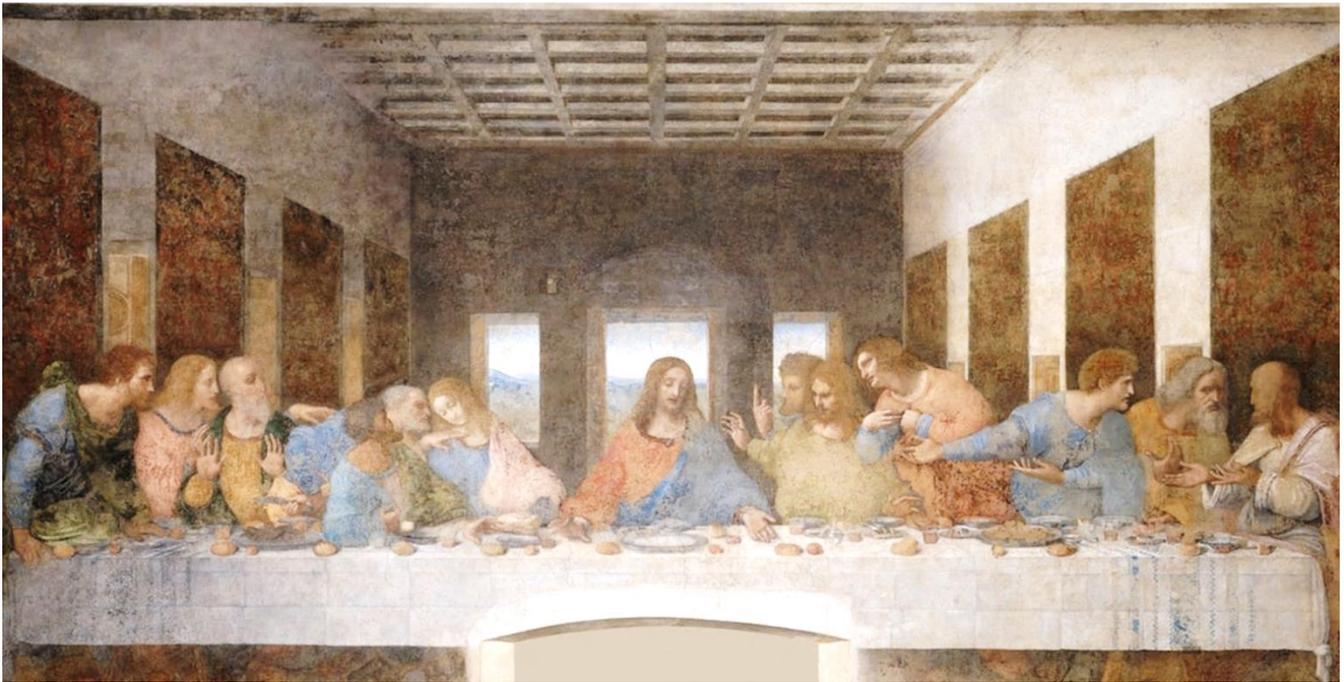
5:30 pm Handchime practice
7:00 pm EVENING PRAYER
Fellowship time afterwards

Sunday, April 14

9:00 am SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/Palm Sunday
Fellowship time after worship
10:15 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

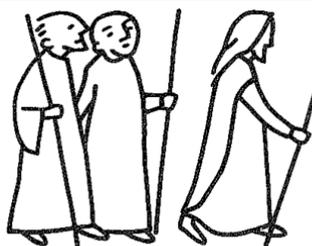
LORD, IS IT I?

A “living Last Supper” series for Lent



**EVENING PRAYER THIS WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 10 at 7:00 pm**

Come experience the dramatic conclusion to our Lenten series.
Bring a friend!



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

A Bible study about 12 men who answered the call

NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TODAY at 10:15 am



Grace of God is adding a new team – our Welcome Team! When we have a group that would like to use our space, a Welcome Team member will be assigned to the group. Would you enjoy being the friendly person who will help our visiting group while they are using our space? Please consider joining our Welcome Team! See or call (651-226-4255) Sally Warren for details!!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14

9:00 am Worship

(Procession with Palms and Reading of the Passion)

Maundy Thursday, April 18

5:00 pm Passover Seder Dinner

7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 19

7:00 pm Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday, April 21

9:00 am worship with Holy Communion

(light breakfast after worship)

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