



The Order of Worship

**March 29, 2024
8:00 p.m.**

**GOOD FRIDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
AND THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Vor deinen Tron tret' ich hiermit, BWV 668 J. S. Bach

*I Come Before Your Throne
(from the Leipzig Chorales)*

Chorale text: I come before your throne, O God, and humbly ask you not
to turn your gracious countenance from me, a poor sinner.

Bodo von Hodenburg, 1646
literal trans. Mark Bighley

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

One: Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

All: **We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings
Of the day Christ died.**

One: Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

All: **But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.**

One: From this day forward we know that
there is nowhere we can go
where God is not with us.

***HYMN NO. 221 (Glory to God hymnal)** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)*

One: The cross that held the Savior of the world.

All: **Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy on us.**

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One: My people, my people,
why have you forsaken me?
Answer me!

I delivered you from captivity
through the water of baptism;
but you handed me over to my captors,
giving me up to die;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

One: I fed you in the wilderness
with the bread of life from heaven;
but you are consumed with desire,
biting and devouring one another,
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

One: I spoke to you my Word,
the promise of my love for all;
but you silence my prophets,
refusing to hear my voice;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

One: I offered you my peace
and clothed you with compassion;
but you divide my garments,
tearing apart what I design;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

One: I came to dwell among you
as the Word made flesh;
but you ignore neighbors in need,
failing to recognize my face;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

One: The cross that held the Savior of the world.

All: **Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy on us. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The
Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange, by words and touch, signs of reconciliation with one another.

THE WORD

WASHING THE DISCIPLE'S FEET

John 13:1-7,31-35

ANTHEM Tantum ergo

Maurice Duruflé

(from Four Motets on Gregorian Themes, Op. 10)

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui, Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui, Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, genitoque Laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et
benedictio, Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*At the altar humbly bending we adore what Christ has brought. By its new-made
grace transcending all the ancient law had wrought, And by faith now apprehending
what the senses vainly sought.*

*Glory let us give and blessing To the Father and the Son, Honor, thanks, and praise
addressing, While eternal ages run; Ever too his love confessing Who from both with
both is One. Amen.*

St. Thomas Aquinas

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)**

Leader: God of the long night,
Thank you for being a God not just of solidarity but of deep and raw
emotion.

People: **A God who did not endure violence in silence but who spoke and
cried as your body was broken on the cross.**

Leader: Help us to understand that our memory of you becomes more whole
when we remember you alongside the injustices with which you
suffered in solidarity: the hunger, the abuse, the loneliness of the world.

People: **Today let us grieve the path of the cross - illness, violence, alienation,
the degradation of land, and all pain unspoken. Let us weep and rest.**

Leader: Reveal yourself to us, remind us of a God who knows the weight of
oppression, and help us believe that truly you are with us. That your
cause is our cause - no less than justice and liberation in life and death.

(The Lord's Prayer)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Leader: When the time arrived for Jesus to be lifted up he took bread. And after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying,
People: When you eat this bread, remember me. This is my body broken for you.
 Leader: When the meal was finished, the Lord took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to the disciples, saying,
People: When you drink this cup, remember me. This is my blood shed for you.
 Leader: Now, as we gather at this table, we eat bread; we drink the cup; and we remember the one who died to bring us life.
People: And we will keep sharing this meal until He returns. Amen.

COMMUNION

The congregation will be ushered to the Table, beginning with the first pews on either side of the aisle. All bread is gluten free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde groß, BWV 622 J. S. Bach
O Man, Bewail Your Great Sins
 (from the *Orgelbüchlein*)
 Chorale text: O man, bewail your great sins for which Christ left his Father’s bosom and came to earth. He was born here of a virgin pure and tender for us; he wished to become the mediator. He gave life to the dead and took away all sickness until the time came that he was sacrificed for us. He bore the heavy burden of our sins, indeed, long upon the cross.
 Sebald Heyden, 1525
 literal trans. Mark Bighley

UNISON PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Christ. You poured out your life for a world that caused you suffering and death. You offered your disciples friendship and love when they were discouraged and full of grief. You strengthen us with this meal and give us life. May we leave this table ready to follow you in the way of love, that we may also share in your promised resurrection. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Please remain seated throughout.

JESUS PREDICTS HIS BETRAYAL Matthew 26:20-25
 *HYMN NO. 218 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Ah, Holy Jesus (*Verse 1*) *Herzliebster Jesu*
THE DISCIPLE’S PROMISE Matthew 26:30-35
 *HYMN NO. 218 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Ah, Holy Jesus (*Verse 2*) *Herzliebster Jesu*
JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN Luke 22:39-46
BETRAYAL AND DENIAL Luke 22:47-62
 *HYMN NO. 218 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Ah, Holy Jesus (*Verse 3*) *Herzliebster Jesu*
ARREST Mark 15:1-20
CRUCIFIXION Luke 23:32-43
 *HYMN NO. 213 (*Glory to God* hymnal) In the Cross of Christ I Glory *Rathbun*
THE DEATH Mark 15:33-39

SPIRITUAL Were You There? *Were You There*
 arr. Harry T. Burleigh
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
 African-American spiritual
 Chancel Choir

SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT Isaiah 53:3-6
EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT
STREPITUS (THE DEATH OF OUR LORD)

**Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession adapted from Feasting on the Word: Lenten Companion, edited by David L. Bartlett, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Kimberly Bracken Long. Great Prayer of Thanksgiving adapted from Cole Arthur Riley, Black Liturgies.

Note: The litany of the Prayer of Confession is modeled after the Solemn Reproaches of the Cross, a Good Friday tradition that can be traced back to the Middle Ages.

PLEASE DEPART THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE

SERVING TODAY

LITURGISTS: Deborah Phillips, Bill Wieseuegel, Julia Whipple, Dick Ray
ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION: Jaclyn Beeler, Melanie Lewis, Cindy Spangler, Kathryn Oakes, Brenda Seip, Scott Brunger
GREETERS: Renee Wieseuegel and Carl Whipple
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

THIS EVENING’S MUSIC DURING COMMUNION comes from Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), a collection of chorale preludes intended to cover the entire liturgical year. Though not completed, it contains a number of his most well-known and beloved works, among them *O Mensch, beweine*. This chorale prelude features the chorale melody in a highly ornamented and florid style accompanied by extremely expressive supporting harmonies. In the closing measures one can almost sense the last footsteps of Christ and his intense suffering, and even a glimpse of our salvation to come.

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<p>Easter Sunday Schedule</p> <p>Worship 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt:</p> <p>Children up to age 10 are invited to participate in our Egg Hunt in the courtyard. There will be three different areas for the egg hunt based on age groups. Bring your basket or use a provided paper bag.</p> <p><u>EASTER BREAKFAST</u> If possible, please bring an item to share on a ready-to-serve platter. Ideas include breakfast casseroles, fruit, biscuits, breads, donuts, pastries, bacon, sausage balls, etc. You may place your item on the tables set up in the Schilling Gallery prior to the 9am service or when you arrive at 10am for the breakfast. Tables and chairs will be set up in the Lisa Kaufman Hall McKinnon Room.</p>

THE SESSION

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Josh Birdwell	Ed Babelay	Bill Farnham
Gloria Borum	Wendy Collins	Lee Ingram
Melanie Lewis	Janet Drumm	Lucy Johnson
Lisa Oros	Stephen Fortney	Kathryn Oakes
Chris Van Beke	Barbara Froula	Richard Ward
Youth Elder: Arthur Collins	Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram	

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