

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent Rite Two, Year A

Sunday, March 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Holy Nativity!

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together" (arr. Dale Wood)

John Durgan, organist

**Opening Hymn** "Christ who's glory fills the skies"

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Hymn #7



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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#### The Word of God

#### Children's Time

All children are invited to come up for children's time. After, they will follow the cross out to participate in children's church, to return during announcement time.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

The following song of praise is sung, all standing

Trisagion Hymn #S-102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The people sit.

#### The Lessons

## Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by, And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.

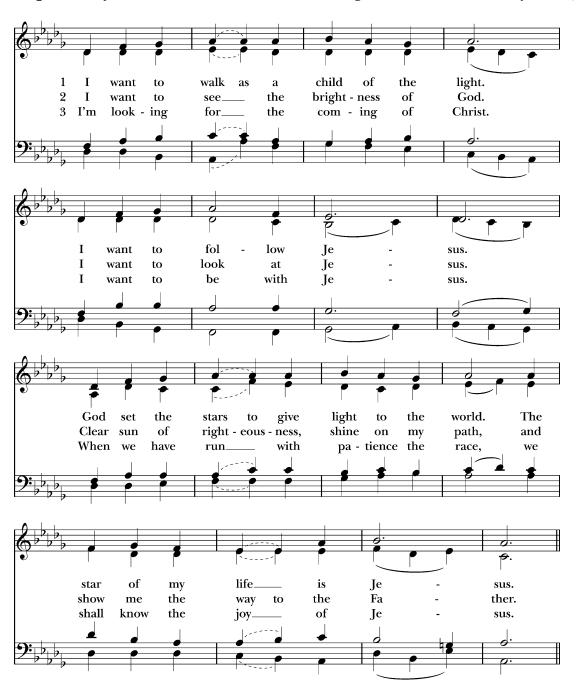
- 3 He revives my soul \* and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*
  for you are with me;
  your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*
  and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## The Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you." The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (9:1-41) *People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

## John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." *The Gospel of the Lord*.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** The Rev. Steve Bates

 $On \ Sundays \ and \ other \ Major \ Feasts \ there \ follows, \ all \ standing$ 

#### The Nicene Creed

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.

## The Prayers of the People: Form III

People may remain standing, kneel, or sit reverently.

The Leader and People pray responsively In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.** 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.** 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.** 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **That they may be delivered from their distress.** 

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

#### **Remember in Prayer**

(Names stay on the list for 3 months. If someone needs to stay on longer, contact Madge Smith at madge@holy-nativity.org or 747-4000. Always get permission from the person before you add them.)

**From our congregation:** Alice Kinney, Carl Harris, Mary Troxell, Sarah Mason, Hannah Davis, Inge Churchill, David Burris, Liz Robin, Terry Jangula, Ursula Hixson, Jeannette Tremaine, Edyth Brown, Gerhard Klaassen, Florence Fortier, Corey and Brianna Kelly, Sue White, Tim Phillips, Dianne Hawthorne.

**For our friends:** Earl Leavins, Ted Haney, Randy, Rosemary Martin, Lee Hardy, Brenda Wikins, Lauren Godwin, Zach Baird, Robert Shell, Connie Gillis, John and Barbara Daniel, Sandra Roose, Jason Moss, Rosa Kulik, Bob and Debbie Snuggs, Charlie Mann, Dylan Wood.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Patrick's in Panama City.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of South Africa.

We pray for all active duty in the Armed Forces serving in Bay County and throughout the world: Wes Eberhard, Stacey Holliday, Marcus Duffy, James Cowart, Austin Johnson, Michael Darrah, Robert Ice.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays: Mar. 19: Boyd Faison, Mar. 21: Laney Lee, Mar. 23: Ryan Cox, Mar. 24: Nancy Breland, Georgie Hartzog, Scarlett Jernigan, Mar. 25: Mike Hauser.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: Mar. 22: Gene and Kathleen Wicker, Mar. 23: Brent and Lori Faison.

The Deacon or Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or suitable collect.

## The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## **Greetings and Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture

**Offertory** "Allein Gott in der Höhe sei Ehr" (J. S. Bach)

John Durgan, organist

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures, here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

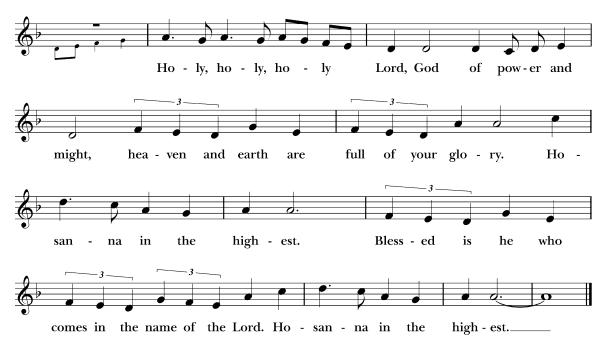
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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#### Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, then we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

#### The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.** 

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Communion Songs**

#### **How Great Thou Art**

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

- 2. When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (*Refrain*)
- 3. And when I think that God, His son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. (*Refrain*)
- 4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. (*Refrain*)

#### **Bread of the World**

- 1. Bread of the world I mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
- 2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

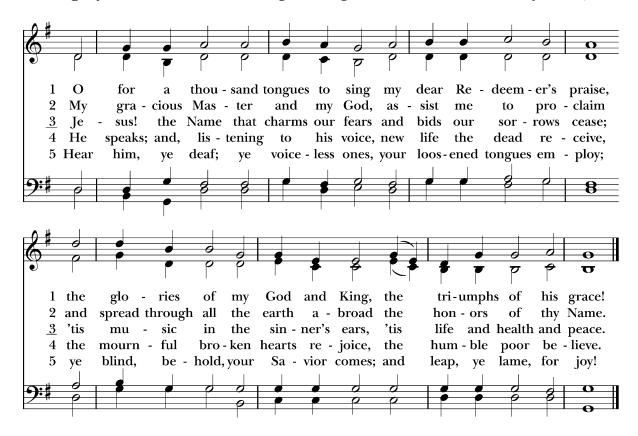
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Benediction and Blessing**



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people. The People respond **Thanks be to God** 

**Postlude** 

John Durgan, organist

#### **Today's Ministers**

Preacher/Celebrant The Rev. Steve Bates

Organist/Choir Dir. John Durgan

Chalice Bearers Nancy Breland and Ian Crelling

Lector Michael Lovchuk

Acolytes Tyler Shores, Isaac and Evan Ward, Wyatt Syfrett

Ushers Charles and Mary Bonham

Greeter Lyn Weick

Altar Guild Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland, Boopie

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# SAINTS ALIVE This Week at Holy Nativity

Please check our website at www.holy-nativity.org for the latest information about programs and events. Go to www.diocgc.org to check out everything about the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

## Lenten Program 2023 on Wednesdays in Lent The Way of Love in Lent

Worship • 5:30

Soup Supper • 6:00

Program • 6:30

This Lent, you are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Utilizing brief videos and discussion questions we will examine the 7 components of the Way of Love program developed by our Presiding Bishop.

Note: There will be no Wednesday program on March 15th due to Spring Break.

**Lenten Soup Suppers:** We need your soup! The signup sheet is on the Welcome Table.

**Confirmation Classes** for Adults and Youth have been scheduled for April 16 and April 30, with a makeup class on May 7. If you or your youth would like to be confirmed into the Episcopal Church on May 21 when the Bishop is visiting, please contact the church office at madge@holynativity.org or 850-747-4000.

**Steak and Bake for Wilmer Hall has been scheduled for April 30**<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets are on the welcome table. This fundraiser is for our Diocesan Children's Home located in Mobile, AL. Go to wilmerhall.org to find out more about Wilmer Hall.

**Palm Sunday Spruce Up is April 2<sup>nd</sup>!** Join us after the 10:30 am service to spruce up our church grounds. Bring your work gloves!

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#### Reflections on a Ministry: Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Join us for this special ecumenical event featuring the life and ministry of Archbishop Desmond Tutu on Sunday, March 26, at 4pm in the First Methodist Church Community Life Center, Dinner will be provided so registration is a must! Participating congregations are Family of God Baptist Church, First Methodist, Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, and Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Sign up is no later than Monday, March 20th, Call the church office, 747-4000 to make reservations.

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## **Apr 2 Palm Sunday** (service begins in the courtyard)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One **Adult Sunday School** 9:15 am

Holy Eucharist Rite Two with Children's 10:30 am

Chapel (also live-streamed on Facebook)

#### Apr 3-5 Morning Prayer at 7:30 am

Join us in the church Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning for Morning Prayer. A great way to start your day during Holy Week.

#### Apr 5 Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm

A devotion consisting of prayers and meditations observing the final hours and events of the Passion of Jesus.

#### Apr 6 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 pm

(also live-streamed on Facebook)

This service of Holy Eucharist will commemorate the last supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. The service ends with the stripping of the altar.

## **Apr 7** Good Friday Service at 12 noon

(also live-streamed on Facebook) This is a solemn service to recall Christ's crucifixion. Communion will be offered from reserved sacrament.

## Apr 9 Easter Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite One

9:15 am Easter Brunch

(Bring your favorite Easter Brunch Dish!)

9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite Two (also live-streamed on Facebook)

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#### SERVICES

#### Sundays

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One (Nursery provided) 9:15 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (Children's Christian Education & nursery is provided)

#### Wednesdays

5:30 pm five-thirty service followed by dinner and programs (Sept. – May)