



GOD ON TRIAL

RESPIRE

Holy Thursday

March 28, 2024

TRIDUUM - THREE SERVICES AS ONE

The Three Holy Days (Triduum) are celebrated by the Church on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The Triduum is really one service, with three parts. At conclusion of each part, the congregation leaves and reassembles the next night for the following part of the Service of the Three Holy Days.

THE DAY: Just as Ash Wednesday begins Lent, so Holy Thursday marks the end of Lent proper and the beginning of the Three Holy Days of Christendom (the Triduum). The theme of the celebration is the Lord's new command (mandatus, Latin, became Maundy in Old English) to his disciples of all time to love each other as he has loved. The institution of the Lord's Supper sets forth the depth of Jesus' love and gives power to the church to live out his command. As with Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday occupies a unique place in the church calendar. It is a festival in which reconciliation is solemnly expressed and in which the congregation makes its transition from preparation for the celebration of the mystery of the Passion and Resurrection, to the celebration itself.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR: The post-communion action of stripping the altar has its roots in the early Church. The congregation sings a hymn as the communion vessels, cross, and candles are carried from the chancel. Once the communion vessels and appointments are removed, the altar, which represents the body of Christ, becomes the focus. The altar is solemnly stripped of its vestments in token of the abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane. The altar is left completely bare for Good Friday.

THE DISMISSAL: The service concludes after the stripping of the altar. There is no closing blessing or closing hymn. Rather, the services of the Three Days flow into one another, as the congregation leaves to reassemble tomorrow for Part II: Good Friday, for our service of Tenebrae. Dismiss yourself when you are finished with your prayers and meditation.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the one of the plates located in the church entryway. Or, to give electronically online or use the mobile app, go to redeemertucson.com/offerings.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Preacher

Pianist/Organist

Choir

Cantor

Pastor Adam Mueller

Pastor John Hartmann

Tina Christianson

Directed by: Nathan Reich

Jason Williams

† ORDER OF SERVICE †

OPENING HYMN

It Was a Dark and Dismal Night | **417**

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE END OF LENT

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as though it were from God himself. In this absolution we should firmly believe that our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. Now that we have received God's love in Jesus Christ, we are called to love and serve one another as Jesus did for us.

On Holy Thursday - the night Jesus instituted the Holy Communion - the Church has always celebrated the sacrament. In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate personally and intimately in Jesus' love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. When we do, we commune with the Lord's body and blood and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another - strengthening us to carry out his command to love and serve one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

This evening's service concludes with the undressing of the altar. This reverent act takes us back in time to the first Holy Thursday, symbolizing the way all the disciples abandoned Jesus, and the solitary way he went to the cross. The service ends in silence. You may then depart in peace quietly.

Stand

As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

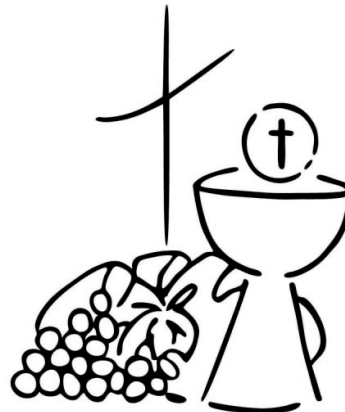
Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:21-30

Moses gives Israel instructions to celebrate the Passover.

²¹ Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. ²³ When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴ "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' ²⁷ then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.' " Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹ At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰ Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

I Will Walk in the Presence of God | 116(C)

Cantor/Choir: verses **Congregation:** refrains

For the love of the One who has heard my cry:
I will walk in the presence of God.
God has heard my distress, and I shall not die:
I will walk in the presence of God. **(Refrain)**

In the cords of my death, I was tangled round:
I will walk in the presence of God.
Those who seek you in anguish shall not be bound:
I will walk in the presence of God. **(Refrain)**

God has raised up my soul from the gates of death:
I will walk in the presence of God.
God has dried all my tears and renewed my breath:
I will walk in the presence of God. **(Refrain)**

What return can I give for the gifts I claim?
I will walk in the presence of God.
Lift the cup of salvation and praise your name:
I will walk in the presence of God. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

I will walk in the presence of God
in the land, in the land of the living.
For the love of the One who has heard my cry:
I will walk in the presence of God.

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The bread and wine participate in the body and blood of Christ.

¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16

Jesus gives his disciples instructions on the last Passover celebration.

¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared | **667:1,4,6,8**

SERMON

Respite

Luke 22:7-20

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

⁹ "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

¹⁰ He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there."

¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Stand

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,
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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Be seated

THE GREAT LITANY

Prayer of Approach to God

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth; O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide, Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

Have mercy on us.

Prayers for Deliverance

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity. From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will, from earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Prayer Recalling Christ's Saving Work

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom; by your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial, by your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit; in our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Prayer for the Church

Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will. Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth. Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest. Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry. Give us hearts to love and revere you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments. To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for Our Country

Rule the hearts of your servants, the president of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth. Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities. Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

Hear us, good Lord.

Prayer for All People

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter. Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well. Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn. Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives. Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely. Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed. Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them. [*Especially we pray for...*]. Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

Hear us, good Lord.

Concluding Prayers

Son of God, we ask you to hear us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven

**hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Stand

The Sacrament

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

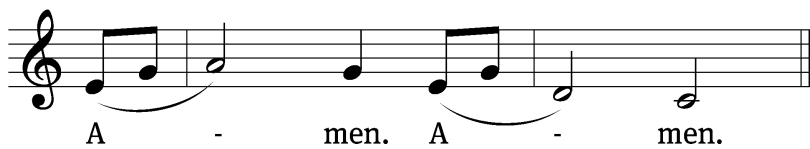
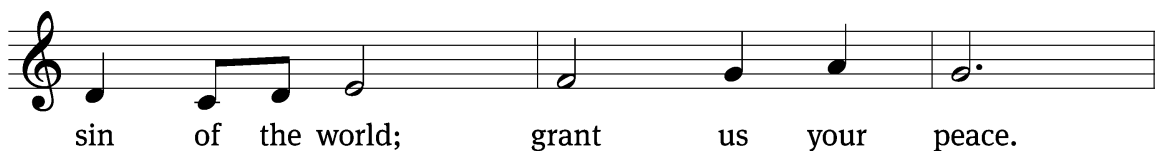
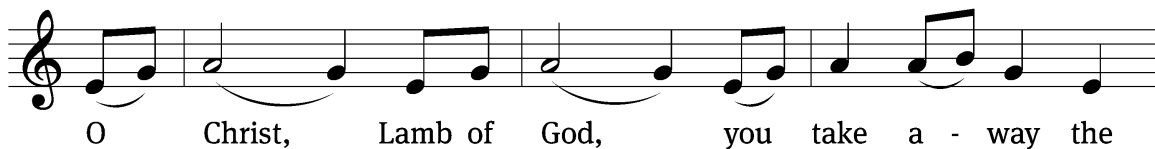
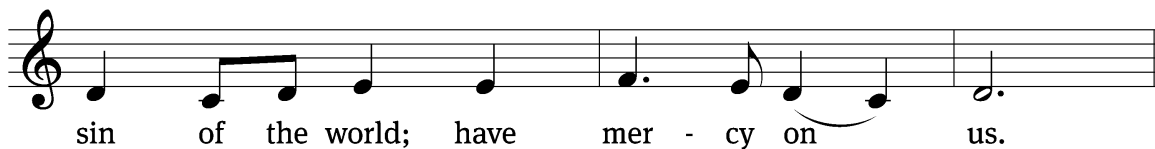
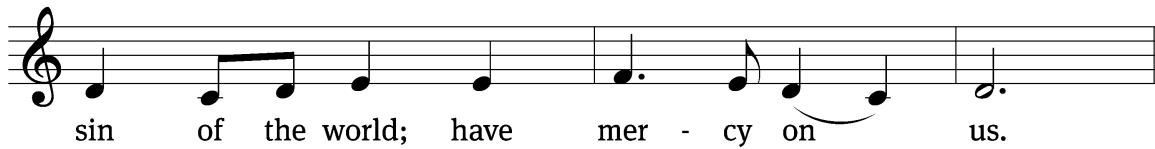
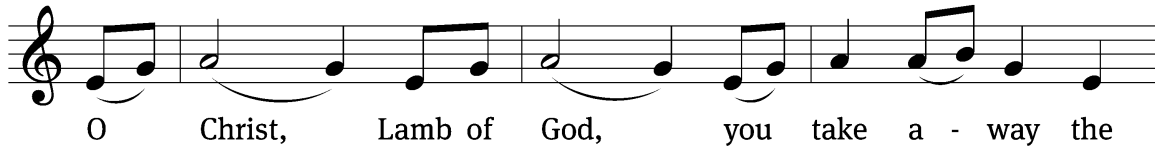
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



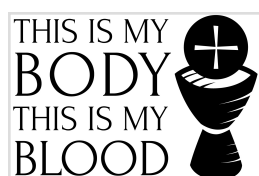
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Be seated

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CHOIR ANTHEM

The Blood of the Lamb

THANKSGIVING

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

And his mercy endures forever.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

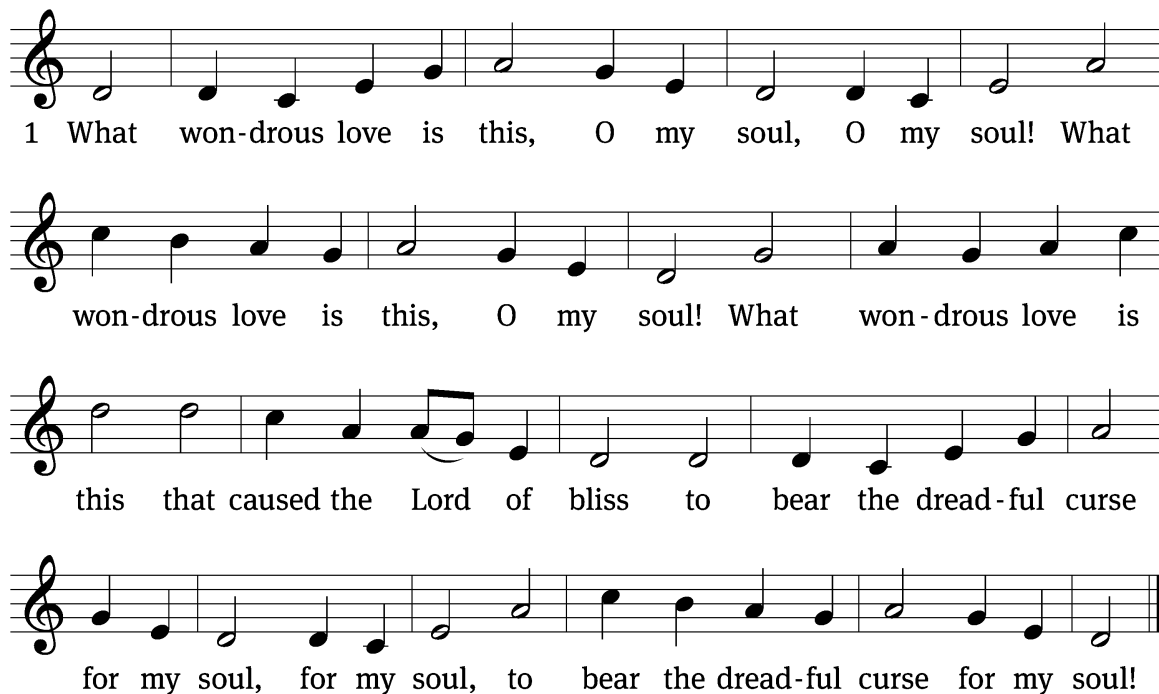
Psalm 88

The verses of Psalm 88 will be sung by a cantor. The congregation will respond with verse 1 of Hymn 526 "What Wondrous Love Is This" sung as the refrain.

During the singing of Psalm 88, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday.

O LORD, the God who 'saves me,
day and night I cry out be'fore you.
May my prayer come be'fore you;
turn your ear 'to my cry.
For my soul is full of trouble
and my life draws 'near the grave.
I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am like a man 'without strength.
I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie 'in the grave,
whom you remember no more, who are cut off 'from your care.

Refrain (526:1) What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!

You have put me in the lowest pit,
in the darkest depths.
Your wrath lies heavily upon me;
you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.
You have taken from me my closest friends
and have made me repulsive to them.
I am confined and cannot escape;
my eyes are dim with grief.

Refrain (526:1)

I call to you, O LORD, ev'ry day;
I spread out my hands to you.
Do you show your wonders to the dead?
Do those who are dead rise up and praise you?
Is your love declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in destruction?
Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?
But I cry to you for help, O LORD;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
Why, O LORD, do you reject me
and hide your face from me?

Refrain (526:1)

From my youth I have been afflicted and 'close to death;
I have suffered your terrors and am 'in despair.
Your wrath has swept over me;
your terrors have de'stroyed me.
All day long they surround me like a flood;
they have completely en'gulfed me.
You have taken me companions and love 'ones from me;
the darkness is my 'closest friend.

Refrain (526:1)

The minister exits the chancel.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.



Good Friday	March 29	12:00 p.m. (<i>Devotional</i>) 6:30 p.m. (<i>Tenebrae</i>)
Easter Sunday	March 31	6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service (<i>outside</i>) 7:00 a.m. Easter breakfast served 8:00 a.m. Festival Service 9:00 a.m. Easter breakfast served 10:00 a.m. Children's Activities/Easter Egg Hunt 10:45 a.m. Festival Service (<i>same as 8am</i>)

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