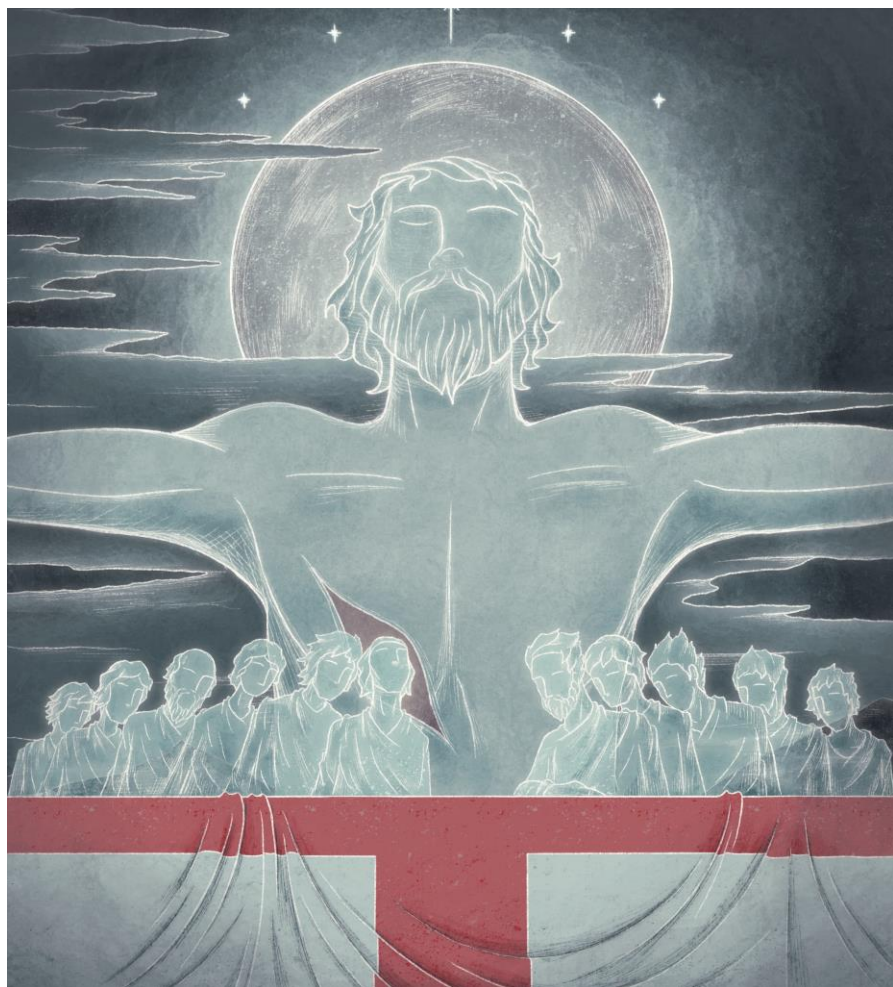


# The Sacred Paschal Triduum (Part I) Holy Thursday



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
April 17, 2025

## **Welcome To All Who Worship**

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Our Mission**

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

## **Holy Communion**

**To Our Guests:** We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

**To Those Communing Today:** God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

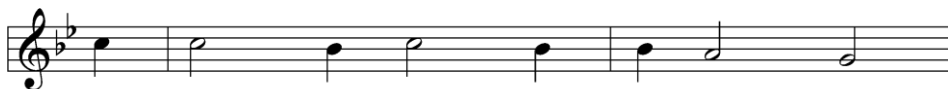
# Divine Service

Setting Three (page 184)

Hymn

“O Love, How Deep”

LSB 544



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
Of high - er or of low - er place,  
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,  
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
For us tempt - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
By words and signs and ac - tions thus  
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
And to this world Him - self He came.  
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.  
For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–85, alt.

Tune: English, 15th cent.

## Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

*Stand as you are able*

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P** I will go to the altar of God,  
**C** to God my exceeding joy.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ on this night when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness. May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C** Amen.

**P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

### **Confession Of Sins**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

*Penitents come to the baptismal font to receive the absolution individually.*

**P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

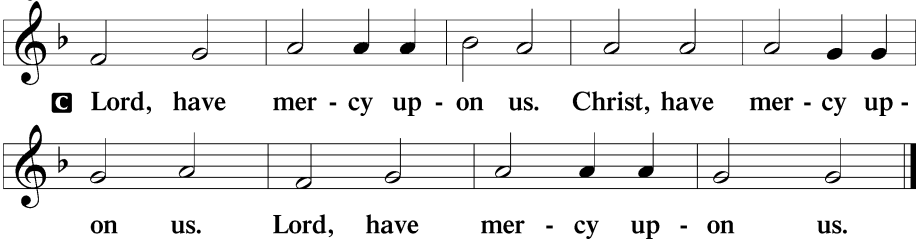
**C** Amen.

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace.

**C** Amen.

*When all have been absolved, they greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you."*

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

**Exodus 12:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2c</sup>This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the





year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. <sup>7</sup>“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”





**A** This is the Word of the Lord.





**C** Thanks be to God





### Psalm 116:12-19



**A** What shall I render  to the LORD  
for all his bene-  fits to me?  
I will lift up the cup of sal-  vation  
and call on the name  of the LORD,

**C** I will pay my vows  to the LORD  
in the presence of all his  people.  
Precious in the sight  of the LORD  
is the death  of his saints.

**A** O LORD, I am your  servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have  loosed  
my bonds.  
I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks-  giving  
and call on the name  of the LORD.

**C** I will pay my vows  to the LORD  
in the presence of all his  people,  
in the courts of the house  of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  Praise the LORD!

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. <sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

*After the reading*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand as you are able*

**Verse** John 13:1b

**A** Having loved his own who were | in the world,  
he loved them | to the end.

## Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the thirteenth chapter.



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.....<sup>31b</sup> "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*After the reading*

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Sit*

# Hymn of the Day

“Jesus, Greatest at the Table”

LSB 446



1 Je - sus, great - est at the ta - ble, The al -  
2 Mar - vel how their Lord and teach - er Gent - ly  
3 Je - sus took the role of ser - vant When up -  
4 Can we fath - om such deep mer - cy? Do we  
5 Je - sus gave to His dis - ci - ples A com -



might - y Son of Man, Laid a - side His out - er cloth - ing,  
taught them not to vie As He hum - bly knelt be - fore them,  
on that grue - some span, For all hu - man sin He suf - fered  
see what God has done? Who can grasp this great re - ver - sal:  
mand - ment that was new: “Show My love to one an - oth - er,



Poured some wa - ter in a pan; As the Twelve lay,  
Dust - y feet to wash and dry, By His ten - der  
As a vile and loath - some man; On the cross poured  
Love that gives His on - ly Son? Christ, the sin - less  
Do as I have done for you; All the world will



hushed in si - lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.  
touch ex - press - ing True com - pas - sion from on high.  
out like wa - ter To ful - fill the Fa - ther's plan.  
for the sin - ners, For the man - y dies the One.  
know you love Me As you love each oth - er too.”

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## Sermon

### Offertory (choir)

“Ave verum corpus”

arr. Mozart

*Jesu, Word of God incarnate, Of the virgin Mary born;*

*On the cross Thy sacred body, For us men with nails was torn.*

*Cleanse us by the blood and water Streaming from Thy pierced side,*

*Feed us with Thy body broken, Now and in death's agony,*

# Prayer Of The Church

## Service of The Sacrament

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly right and just...evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 957



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as



it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly



bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -



ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Text: Traditional Tune: Plainsong, mode VII

## The Words Of Institution

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## Pax Domini

*The Peace of the Lord*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Invitation to Communion

**P** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to His Supper. *John 1:29; Revelation 19:9*

**C** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. *Matthew 8:8*

## Agnus Dei

*Lamb of God*



**C** 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.

## Distribution

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

LSB 641

*Refrain*



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

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## Post-Communion Collect

**P** We give thanks...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Stripping of the Altar

### Refrain



My God, my God, why have you for - sak-en me?

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<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- saken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were ♪ rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not ♪ put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and ♪ not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the ♪ people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me ♪ mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they ♪ wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the Lord; let him de- ♪ liver him;  
let him rescue him, for he de- ♪ lights in him!”

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me ♪ from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my ♪ mother’s breasts.

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast ♪ from my birth,  
and from my mother’s womb you have ♪ been my God.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me,  
for trouble ♪ is near,  
and there is ♪ none to help.

### Refrain



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<sup>12</sup>Many bulls en- ♪ compass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan sur- ♪ round me;

<sup>13</sup>they open wide their ♪ mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring ♪ lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are ♪ out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;

it is melted with- ♪ in my breast;

<sup>15</sup>my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks ♪ to my jaws;  
you lay me in the ♪ dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>For dogs en- ♪ compass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my ♪ hands and feet—

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones—

they stare and gloat over me;

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dog!

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

<sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,

and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup>For he has not despised or abhorred

the affliction of the afflicted,

and he has not hidden his face from him,

but has heard, when he cried to him.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord!

May your hearts live forever!

## Refrain

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before you.





<sup>28</sup>For kingship belongs to the Lord,

and he rules over the nations.

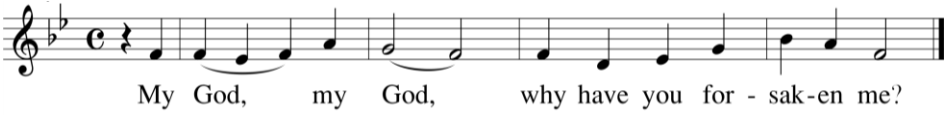
<sup>29</sup>All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

even the one who could not keep himself alive.

<sup>30</sup>Posterity shall  serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener-  ation;  
<sup>31</sup>they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people  yet unborn,  
that he has  done it.

### Refrain



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*Symbolically, Christ, stripped of His power and glory, is now in the hands of His captors.*

## PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE AND REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATION

- **Silence amplifies the words and deeds of Christ in our hearts**
- **Silence shows respect for our fellow worshippers**

# Triduum

*Because the Triduum (“three days” - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Vigil of Easter) is one service in three parts, no Benediction is given at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service. The benediction spoken at the Easter Vigil concludes the service of the Three Days.*

## Holy Week & Easter Schedule

### Friday, April 18, 2025

Good Friday Service - 7:00pm Tenebrae Service

### Saturday, April 19, 2025

Easter Vigil - 8:00pm Holy Communion

### Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunrise at the Arboretum - 6:30am

Easter Festival Service at St. Paul - 10:00am w/ Holy Comm.

## Those Assisting in Maundy Thursday Service

Head Usher: Dennis Fry Organist: David Pitt

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