

EVENING PRAYER

AS THE SUN LOWERS IN THE SKY, WE REVIEW
OUR DAY AND RENEW OUR COMMITMENT
TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH GOD, OUR
NEIGHBORS AND OURSELVES.



MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

GATHER IN MEDITATIVE MUSIC *Seated*

We enter a period of intentional prolonged stillness. The stillness begins and ends with the meditative music.

REFLECTION

In this season we are aware of our breath, our hearts, our being. To listen to the beating of our hearts and the rush of our breath is to invite God to fill us, to free us, and to find us in the rhythm of our living.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds. *Psalms 36:5*

QUESTION

Where have you experienced God's love and faithfulness today?

OPENING *Stand*

Presider O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

PRAISE HYMN

O GRACIOUS LIGHT

Doxology tune

All together

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD *Seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

9:11-15

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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People **Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Leader Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

People **Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Leader For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

People **Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

SILENCE

Intentional silence is kept for two minutes. The silence is begun and ended with the sound of a bell.

THE GOSPEL *Stand*

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John.

12:1-11

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary 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. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (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.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION MUSIC

We enter a period of meditation in which we allow the Sacred Stories we just heard to settle into our souls so that we may live them in our lives.

SONG OF SIMEON *Seated*

Chanted by the Presider

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION *Stand*

Presider Let us together affirm our faith.

People **We believe in God who created all things out of love, who is beyond our imagining and closer to us than breathing.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, God with us, who came to this earth to share our lives, who lived, laughed and wept amongst us, and for our sake suffered and died that we might have life; through whom we are made heirs of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us, empowering, strengthening and inspiring; through whom we are bound together and by whose grace we act for God in the world.

We believe in the one Church built on the redeeming love of God and seeking to serve God through witness and service, a Church which knows no boundaries of colour, caste or class, and which is called to be a force for change through communion with that same God; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us join together in prayer

People **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 PRAYERS

Presider That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
People **We beg you, O Lord.**

Presider That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
People **We beg you, O Lord.**

Presider That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
People **We beg you, O Lord.**

Presider That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
People **We beg you, O Lord.**

Presider That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and know the merciful arms of Christ,
People **We beg you, O Lord.**

Presider That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of St. Francis, St. Clare, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
People **We beg you, O Lord.**

PRAYER

Presider Keep watch, Dear Lord,
People **with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Presider Let us bless the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

We invite you to stay in meditation during the closing music and into the silence that extends afterwards.

Please move conversations outside the sanctuary.

A reception in the Narthex follows the service as you are ready.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 14, TUESDAY, APRIL 15, AND WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Evening Prayer at 5:30pm

This Evening Prayer is designed to reflect on the day, express gratitude, and prepare for rest. It is a time of quiet reflection, featuring instrumental flute and piano. Reception with food and drink to follow each evening.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Community Meal at 6pm. Share a meal with friends as Jesus did. Meal provided by Dave and Denise Denner. Worship at 7pm in person and on YouTube.

Service commemorating the new "mandatum" or commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Worship at noon in person or on YouTube; worship at 7pm in person

Commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus with veneration of the cross

EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Worship at 7:45pm in person

Easter Vigil is a liturgy that begins in darkness and is considered the first celebration of Easter. In it, the congregation lights the Paschal (Easter) candle, hears the salvation story, renews baptismal vows and celebrates the first Eucharist of Easter. Easter Vigil is the heart of our Christian life.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

10:30am Worship in person and on YouTube

11:30am Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch