

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.



TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 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.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you. *Psalm 71:6*

QUESTION

How did God sustain you 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 first letter to the Corinthians.

1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

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Leader In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

People **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Leader Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

People **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

Leader For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

People **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

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. 20:11-18

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

Mary Magdalene stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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