

Midday Lenten Worship  
April 2, 2025 – 12 Noon



**Prayer before Worship**

*Lord Jesus Christ, draw our hearts and minds to you that we may come before you, and worship you in spirit and in truth. Help us to follow where you are leading in this Lenten season: to the cross and to resurrection. Amen.*



**Carillon**

Selections for the Lenten Season

**Welcome**

**P** Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,  
**G** have mercy and hear us.

**G** 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 forever and ever.  
Amen.

**G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**P** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents over disaster.**

*(Joel 2:13)*

**P** Jesus said: If anyone would come after me,

**C** **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** *(Matthew 16:24)*

**P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**C** **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

*(Isaiah 53:5)*

**P** Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Scripture Reading**

Luke 23:1-25

<sup>1</sup>Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."  
<sup>3</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so."  
<sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."  
<sup>5</sup>But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."  
<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. <sup>9</sup>So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.  
<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of

your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore punish and release him."

<sup>18</sup>But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—

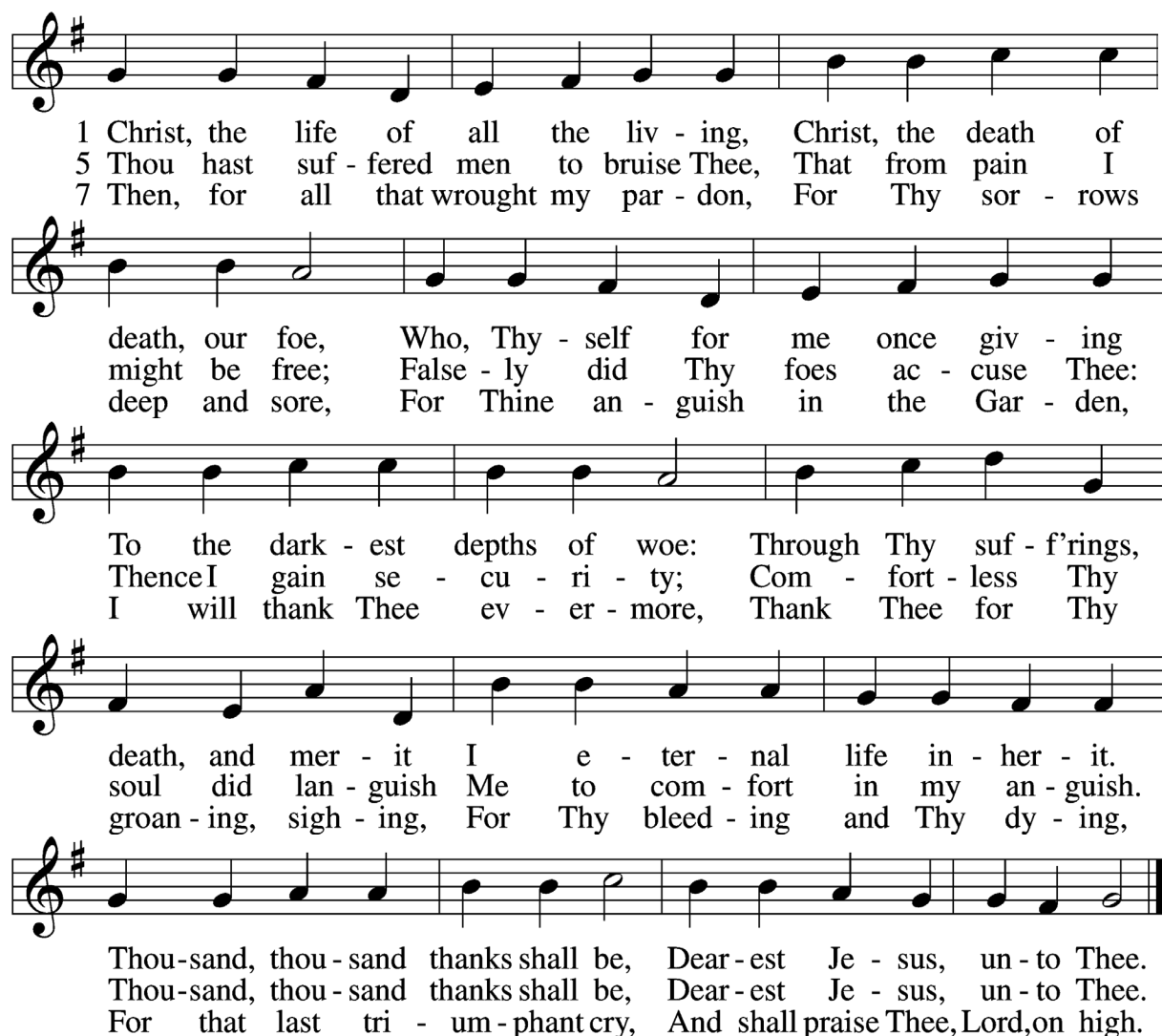
<sup>19</sup>a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. <sup>20</sup>Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." <sup>23</sup>But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" (LSB 420)



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I  
 7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows

death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 might be free; False - ly did Thy foes ac - cuse Thee:  
 deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,

To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
 Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty; Com - fort - less Thy  
 I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy

death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.  
 groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,

Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
 Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
 For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

## Meditation

### Prayer

*Other petitions may be offered, concluding with this prayer:*

**P** Gracious Lord Jesus, who at this hour bore our sins in your own body on the tree of the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness, have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death. Grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and by your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **Distribution of the Lord's Supper**

### **Dismissal**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**P** Let us pray:

Merciful God, we thank you for feeding us with your Son's Body and Blood in this holy Supper. Accompany our journey through these forty days of Lent. Renew in us the gift of Baptism that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

**L** Let us bless the Lord

**G Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G Amen.**

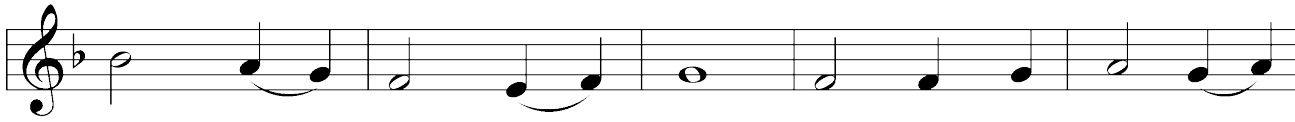
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## Sending Hymn

## "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (LSB 425)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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## **Lent 2025 Worship Schedule**

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### **Sundays, Lenten Worship Services**

10:30AM\* - Holy Communion

April 6

### **Wednesdays, Midweek Lenten Worship**

12 Noon\* - Holy Communion

April 9, and 16

### **Thursday, April 17**

7:30PM\* - Maundy Thursday

(Holy Communion and stripping of the altar)

### **Friday, April 18**

12 Noon\* & 7:30PM - Good Friday

(No Communion)

### **Saturday, April 19**

7:30PM - Holy Saturday/Great Vigil of Easter

(Holy Communion)

### **Sunday, April 20**

**8:00AM & 10:30AM\* - Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday**

(Holy Communion)

Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

between worship services



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