

## Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

7:00 pm



Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here and hope you will spend as much of Holy Week with us as you can. You and your friends are welcome here—always. Please keep the back cover for yourself or give it to a friend as it has the Holy Week schedule of worship services.



Welcome to this evening worship where we remember Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and the beginning of the Lord's Supper.

As you are moved throughout the service you are welcome to come up and light prayer candles.

At the end of the service, please leave in silence and come back tomorrow night at 7:00 pm as we commemorate Jesus' death on the cross.

On Saturday we will meet at 7:00 pm to hold our Easter Vigil.

Please join us again on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the empty tomb at 9:30 am.

*A nursery is available down the hall, last door on the right. Rest rooms are also down the hall to the right.*

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Prelude  
**Words of Welcome**

'When Twilight Comes' as interpreted by Jon

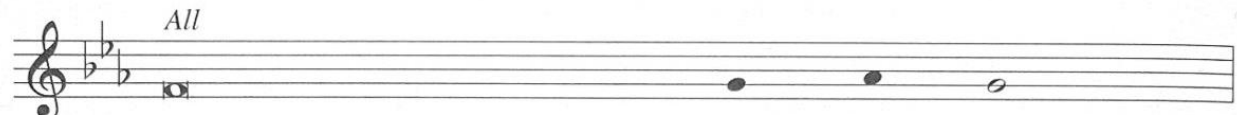
Holden Evening Prayers pp. 2-4

*Leader or Assistant*



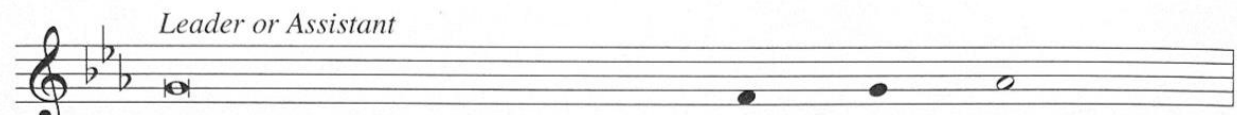
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

*All*



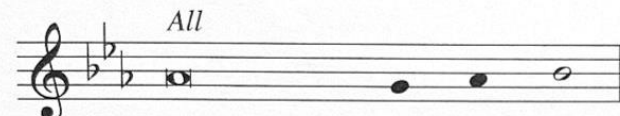
the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

*Leader or Assistant*




Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All*



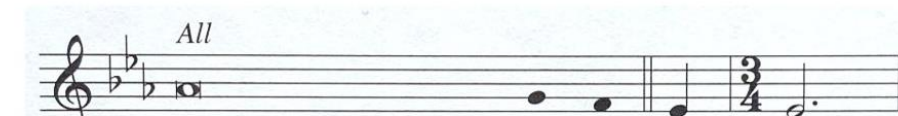
and the day is al - most over.

*Leader or Assistant*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All*



and shine within your peo - ple here.

*All*

1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing  
 glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
 sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as  
 eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
 you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
 light our hearts a - new.

*All*

2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the  
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, of the light of peace and  
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
 soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
 free and make us whole.

*All*

3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry  
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle  
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y  
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our  
 way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us  
 on to end - less day.

*Leader or Assistant* *All*

May God be with you all. And al - so with you.

*Leader or Assistant* *All*

Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

*All*

A - men.

One: In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of God's Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of God's love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God's own self. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night before his death.

It is, however, in Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

## Where Charity and Love Prevail

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is in the Soprano part, featuring a simple, hymn-like tune. The accompaniment is provided by the other three parts, using block chords and simple harmonic movement. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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One: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen**

One: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## **Confession and Absolution**

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination*

Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

One: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven.

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

One: Together let us pray the prayer of the day:

**All: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit these signs of our lives in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



## Exodus 12:1-14, NRSV

**1** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: **2** This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. **3** Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. **4** If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. **5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. **6** You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. **7** 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. **8** They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. **9** Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. **10** You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. **11** This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. **13** The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. **14** This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## Psalm 141 (Holden Evening Prayers pp. 4-6)

**Refrain**  
*All*



Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the



lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

*Leader or Group One*



I. O God, I call to you, come to me

*All or Group Two*



I. O God, I



now; O hear my voice when I cry to



call to you, come to me now; O hear my

# Refrain

you. Let my prayer rise up like  
voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an  
up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

# Verse 2

of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -  
hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your  
2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

love be burn - ing bright.  
heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

# Refrain

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the  
bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

### Verse 3

3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of

you. 3. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of

God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to

### Refrain

love. Let my prayer rise up like

Christ and the Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise

in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

of - fer-ing to you.

hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

One: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

**All: Amen.**

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26, NRSV**

**23** For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **25** In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **John 13:1-17, 31b-35 NRSV** (please stand as able)

**1** Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **2** The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper **3** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4** got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5** Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. **6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **10** Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." **11** For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." **12** After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? **13** You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. **14** So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. **16** Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. **17** If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.


"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. **32** If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. **33** Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' **34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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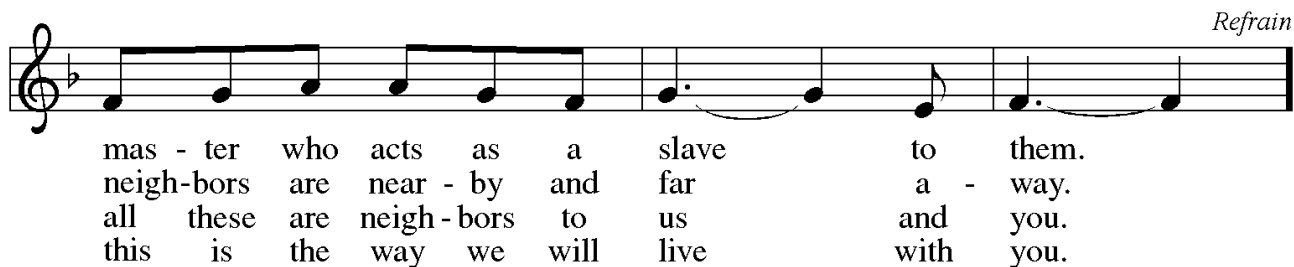
*If you wish to have your feet washed,  
please remove your shoes and socks at this time  
if you haven't done so already.*

**Washing of Feet** (all welcome to have their feet washed or to wash the feet of another)

Hymn during Foot Washing:

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" ELW 708

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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"Ubi Caritas et Amor"

ELW 642

*Where True Charity and Love Abide*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*

Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*After all who wish have had their feet washed...*

Hymn

"Stay with Me (Taizé)" ELW 348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## Prayers

### Litany and Prayers (Holden Evening Vespers pp. 10-11)

*All*  
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

*All*  
[A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:



*All*  
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]  
*Leader or Assistant* [B]

3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:

*All*  
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]  
*Leader or Assistant* [B]

4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:

*All*  
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]  
*Leader or Assistant* [B]

5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:

*All*  
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:

*All*  
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:

*All*  
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish-es all of cre-a-tion:

*All*  
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]  
*Leader or Assistant* [B]

9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:

*All*  
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]  
*Leader or Assistant* [B]

10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

[A]  
*Leader or Assistant*

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

*All*

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

**Prayer**                      Holden Evening Prayer                      p. 11

One: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.    **All:            Amen.**

**Setting the Table**

One: Let us pray... Blessed are you,

**All:    oh Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All:    And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All:    We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:    It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name.

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**                      Holden Evening Prayer                      p. 11

Leader: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**All:            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. Save us from the time of trial, and  
deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

Hymn during Communion: "One Bread, One Body" ELW 496

## One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.  
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,  
wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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**One:** The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you ✠ in his grace.

**All: Amen.**

**One:** Let us pray.

**All:** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Psalm 22 & Stripping of the Altar**

*Please stay in silence and reflection  
for as long as you wish  
and then depart in silence.  
The worship continues tomorrow at 7:00 pm.*

Presider:	Pastor Karl Hester	Musician:	Jon Abrams
Reader:	Trudi Costa	Footwashing:	Pastor Karl Hester & all willing
Communion:	Bill Mitchell	Cantor:	Bill Mitchell
Bread:	Deanna Cordts	Tech:	Kenneth Duesing
	Altar:	Marge Ball and Barbara Scholz	



### **Good Friday**

March 29, 7:00 pm

We linger at the foot of the cross and behold the one who shows us the full measure of his love for God and for us. Jesus' last words frame our time of worship.

### **Easter Vigil**

March 30, 7:00 pm

We wait—surrounding ourselves in story, music and light—for Jesus to return from the dead as he said he would.



### **Easter** (with brunch served afterwards)

March 31, 9:30 am

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The empty tombs fills our lives with purpose and hope. Come and rejoice. "Christ is risen!!!" We will be receiving new members.

## **Holy Week 2024**

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**All Are Welcome**

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