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Holy Week – The Three Days – April 14, 15, and 16, 2022



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Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of longstanding, we celebrate your gifts and your ministry among us. Our order of worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin.

MISSION STATEMENT - The Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran Church is to nurture faith through proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ by word, sacrament, deeds and loving relationships, to ALL people.

VISION STATEMENT - As proclaimers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Vision of Trinity Lutheran Church is to maximize our gifts and resources to reach out with God's love and serve the global community.

NURSERY - This congregation encourages ALL children to participate in worship. They learn more about worship and faith by being part of it than anything else. If you or your children need a break, a nursery is located in the lower level of the church building, and is accessible from either stairway. During worship, the nursery is self-service.

COMMUNION PROCEDURE - The communion table of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is open to all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. Please follow the ushers' instructions at the time of distribution. Children who have not yet received first communion instruction are welcome to come forward with their families to receive a blessing.

At the **Maundy Thursday** Services, communion will be by individual cups, the communicant stands before the Pastor to receive the bread, then receives the cup of wine or grape juice from the assisting minister. Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request. Simply tell the pastor at the time of communion.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated weekly throughout the year. No one is ever required to participate in the sacrament, but it is offered to nourish and sustain God's people. This is in accordance with Lutheran teaching:

Background 35A: The Church celebrates the Holy Communion frequently because the Church needs the sacrament, the means by which the Church's fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people of God is nourished and sustained. This practice was reaffirmed in 1989 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We continue to need "consistent pastoral encouragement and instruction relating to Holy Communion...pointing up Christ's command, his promise, and our deep need." For a variety of historical reasons, Lutherans in various places moved away from the weekly celebration of the sacrament.

Application 35C: Participation in the sacramental meal is by invitation, not demand. The members of the church are encouraged to make the sacrament a frequent rather than occasional part of their lives. (Excerpts from: The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 35)

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019

INTRODUCTION

A With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Stand or Kneel

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to 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 called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

People may come forward to receive the sign of the cross. The minister addresses each in turn.

- P By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
- C Amen.

During the signing of the cross, the congregation sings the following hymn.

Stand

GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

A A reading from Exodus.

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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.

¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

- A Word of God, Word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The psalm for the day is read responsively.

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

A A reading from 1st Corinthians.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another. Participation in the meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere. Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for each other.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ¹Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ³Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ¹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹¹Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b} "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

FOOTWASHING

A On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. 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 our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

The pastor and assisting minister will demonstrate the foot-washing ritual. During the washing, the following hymn is sung.

HYMN

ELW <u>#359</u>

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Congregation responds with the bold print – receive our prayer
In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

A brief silence.

- A We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- A We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness (*especially*). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A We give thanks for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you. Merciful God.
- C receive our prayer.
- P We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.
- C Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERING HYMN

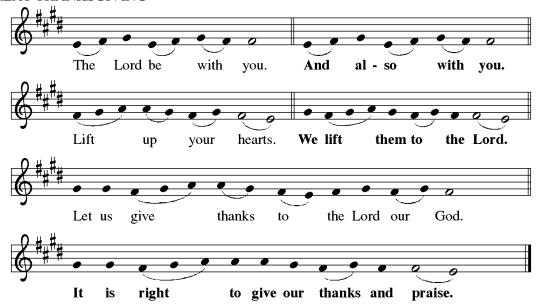
ELW #186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

OFFERTORY PRAYER

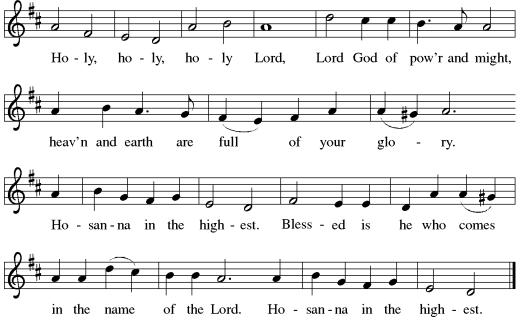
- A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord
- C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. P

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ, our host and our meal.

Sit

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin us. of the world; have





Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The congregation may kneel or sit as the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, books, and candles are removed from the worship space. As this is done, Psalm 22 is read.

There is no benediction. After the Pastor and worship leaders exit, the congregation departs in silence. **The service continues on Good Friday.**

Good Friday, April 15, 2022 INTRODUCTION

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion of Jesus, the one we know as Christ. The redemption of many through the suffering on one is a repeated biblical theme, captured graphically in the "Suffering Servant" song of Isaiah. This evening's Stations of the Cross takes us deep into confessing our role in bringing Jesus to Golgotha. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

All gather in silence. The assembly stands when the ministers stand. Worship continues today, beginning with the prayer of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

A A reading from Isaiah.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13--53:12

The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The early church saw in the servant's pouring himself out to death and being numbered with the transgressors important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.

¹³See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him

--so marred was his appearance,

beyond human semblance,

and his form beyond that of mortals--

¹⁵so he shall startle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him;

for that which had not been told them they shall see,

and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant

and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

and as one from whom others hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked

and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence,

and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant,

shall make many righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;

they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

8"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;

let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

$^{16}\mbox{Packs}$ of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;

they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones

while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them;

for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword,

my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them:

but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

A A reading from Hebrews.

SECOND READING Hebrews 10:16-25

In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is worked and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and when we love others we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.

After the Holy Spirit says, 164 This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷he also adds.

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH COMMENTARY AND RESPONSE

Sit

Station I Jesus is condemned to die

- We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have Α redeemed the world.
- Pilate said, "I find no fault with this man... Who will suffer? Who will be humiliated, L abused, put down because I do not say no?

Silence

Dearest Jesus, you hear my silence and you still love me. Because you say no to the A world, the world says no to you. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give me the courage to stand and say no with you. Help me to take up my cross and follow you. Like a lamb you stood there silent, "Crucify!" we shouted.

Pilate washed his hands and sighed.

Station II Jesus takes up his cross.

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L This cross has been thousands of years in the making. ... When have I laid more weight on your blessed shoulders?

Silence

A Dearest Jesus, each step you take today is made harder by my hardness of heart. You carry this weight so that no one else ever will, not even me. By the power of your Holy Spirit, please give me the desire and the strength to forgive, to lighten vour cross.

Heavy gift of Pilate's soldiers,

Weight of ages on his shoulder, Jesus carried this for us.

Station III Jesus falls the first time

- We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have A redeemed the world.
- L The laughter at your first fall is transformative, Jesus.... How many times, Lord, have I taken pleasure in the fall of another?

Silence

A Dearest Jesus, lying there on the ground, you feel my laughter, our laughter, as a slap to the face, a pulling of the beard. In your innocence, you cause me to question my desire to laugh at anyone else. By the power of your Holy Spirit, Lord, open our ears to our laughter and close our mouths. Help us to see the human beneath the clown. Son of Mary, scorned and beaten,

Lying on the earth, defeated,

Jesus bears our laughter now.

Station IV Jesus meets his mother.

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L We want to make you a clown. ... How many times have you looked out through the eyes of another for comfort, but were unable to find it?

Silence

A Dearest Jesus, your mother stood with you to give you strength, and to hold up your humanity in the face of our indifference. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to see the humanity of those whom the world wants to erase, and give us courage to stand with them, to strengthen them, and to claim them as brother or sister.

Mary, mother, brave and loving,
Steps into the road, removing
Masks we place on your son's face.

Station V Simon helps Jesus carry the Cross

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L We need you to die, Jesus, but our rage has gone too far... How many soldiers pulled triggers because we could not? How many executioners pushed buttons for us?

Silence

A Dearest Jesus, Simon stood in for us when you couldn't go forward. He helped us carry forward your execution in ignorance. Witnessing your courage and love, he became your friend, and ours. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to see our reluctance for what it is, a sign that something very wrong is happening. Give us courage to step forward when you can't go on and say, "Enough!" Simon, stranger, knowing nothing, You we force to carry for him, Blessed Cross on which he'll die.

Station VI Jesus falls the second time

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L The first time you fell, we laughed....We need you to fall, so that we can see you as different, as disappointing, as worthy of our hatred.

Silence.

A Dearest Jesus, what wondrous love is this? You fall to the earth so that we might rise. You endure our hatred so that we might escape it. By the power of your Holy Spirit, Lord, open our eyes to our need for someone to hate, and to your willingness to be hated for our sake.

Falling, Jesus, in your weakness, On the path you walk to free us, Silent love cast down to earth.

Station VII Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L "Weep not for me, but for yourselves and for your children." ... How often have we blinded ourselves to our complicity in violence by feeling sorry for the victims?

Silence

A Dearest Jesus, we want to be converted, not only to feel sorry. We know that you love us too much to leave us wallowing in pity. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to the ways that we benefit from the suffering of others so that we might weep for ourselves, and for our children.

Women, weeping from a distance, Jesus calls them to repentance, Opens eyes too blind to see.

Station VIII Jesus falls the third time

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L Jesus, you have done all that you can do. How many times do we take advantage of the fact that you are too weak to resist, Jesus, and fasten you to the Cross?

Silence

A Dearest Jesus, there is a good reason that we cannot leave well enough alone, that we must continue on, no matter how thoroughly crushed our victim seems to be. It isn't enough that you are defeated, you must allow us to put you into the shape of the guilty one, the one who deserves what I have done. By the power of your Holy Spirit, teach me the real meaning of mercy. Deliver me from the need for a guilty victim, lest I make one.

Final fall, his journey ended, Jesus lies, by us offended, Weak and broken, loving still.

Station IX Jesus is stripped before the crowd

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L Physical humiliation isn't enough.....How many times have we labeled our brother or sister, so as to set them apart, reduced them to nothing by using shame?

Silence.

A Dearest Jesus, as you stand there, stripped before the crowd, you are more dignified than any of us present. In our blindness, we still believe that shame reduces you. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to see the dignity that you have, that every child of God has, a dignity that neither we nor anyone else can take away. By the crowd you're stripped and broken, Jesus, naked as the token Of our hatred and our pain.

Station X Jesus is nailed to the Cross.

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L Hanging for hours on a cross is not cruel enough, Jesus. ... How many times has another borne the scars of our rage?

Silence.

A Dearest Jesus, we cannot free ourselves of this frustration, this fury, by means of our own strength, but we know that you are able. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us. Take from us this rage, lest someone else suffer to assuage our pain. Jesus, source of all that's living, Hangs above us, still forgiving, Glory of the God of heaven.

Station XI Jesus dies on the Cross

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L We stand in stunned silence as we survey the result of our sin. The ground itself seems unsteady as we contemplate a world without violence. On what will we stand?

Silence.

A Dearest Jesus, keep our eyes fastened on you, hanging lifeless on the Cross. Not only today, but every day, remind us of the cost, the bankruptcy of our old ways, drive us into this silence so that you might speak a new world into being in us. Silence now, the world upended,

Her maker now, from Cross suspended,

Cries aloud and breathes his last.

Station XII Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L We have all departed by the time the guards permit those who love you to bring you down from the Cross. ... How many times have we let our fear of the power of death drive us into hiding?

Silence.

A Dearest Jesus, as your mother and your friends cared for your dead body, we are nowhere to be found. We refuse to touch the dead, as though their holiness would make us unclean. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to see beyond this falseness, to see how, by your death, you've stripped all death of its holiness.

To your mother now you're given,

From the Cross, the Son of heaven,

Empty body, mother's pain.

Station XIII Jesus is laid in the tomb

- A We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
- L In a tomb that you could never have afforded, those who did not abandon you, those who refused to join the mob, lay your body to rest with great tenderness....Perhaps, without the breath of your new life, that is precisely where we belong.

Silence.

A Dearest Jesus, we have seen ourselves as we truly are, reflected in your loving eyes as we laughed and kicked and rained down blows. We wait now, for your redemption. We are hungry now for a life that doesn't need the blood of victims to sustain itself. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep this hunger alive. Help us never again to be satisfied with the bread of this world.

Son of God, we wait in darkness,
For the dawning of your brightness,
Maranatha, Lord, we cry.

Hymn: ELW 353 vs 1,2,5 Were You There

On Good Friday, we pray the church's ancient Bidding Prayer. Where indicated, the congregation sings the following response:



A Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world. *Silent prayer*.

P Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

- A Let us pray for Elizabeth Eaton and Craig Satterlee our bishops, for our pastor, our call committee, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.
- Silent prayer.
- P Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- C Response.
- A Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ. *Silent prayer*.
- P Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- A Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God. *Silent prayer*.
- P Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Response

- A Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. *Silent prayer*.
- P Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- A Let us pray for those who do not believe in God. *Silent prayer*.
- P Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- C Response

A Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

- P Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- A Let us pray for those who serve in public office. *Silent prayer*.
- P Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- C Lord have mercy.
- A Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

- C Response
- A Finally, let us pray for all those things which our Lord would have us ask.
- C 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.

Sit

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

The following response is read three times: as the procession begins, halfway to the altar, and as the procession ends at the cross with the crown of thorns placed on the cross.

- P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
- C Oh, come, let us worship him.

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

HYMN ELW #803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

During the hymn, those who desire may come forward to offer a brief sign of reverence, such as touching the cross, kneeling briefly or bowing.

After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.

- P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
- C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

After the Pastor and worship leaders exit, the congregation departs in silence. **The service** continues with the Vigil of Easter.

Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 16, 2022

INTRODUCTION

A This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Tonight is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

LITURGY OF THE VIGIL OF EASTER GATHERING

The service begins in darkness, after nightfall. Weather permitting, we gather outside. The new fire is lit. All gather in silence.

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

The presiding minister introduces and welcomes the assembly to the vigil, using these words.

- P Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.
- P Let us pray:
 - Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

The presiding minister traces the inscription on the paschal candle, which is held by an assisting minister.

P Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending.
To Christ belongs all time and all the ages; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever.

Trace the sign of the cross.

Trace the Greek letters Alpha and Omega.

Trace the first numeral at the upper left.

Trace the second numeral at the upper right.

Trace the third numeral at the lower left.

Trace the fourth numeral at the lower right.

C Amen.

The presiding minister lights the paschal candle, using a stick or taper from the fire, and sings:

P The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our | hearts and minds.

The assisting minister lifts the candle so that all may see it.

PROCESSION

The assisting minister bearing the paschal candle leads the procession into Luther Hall. Three times during the procession, this versicle and response are sung:

- A The Light of Christ
- C Thanks be to God

EASTER PROCLAMATION

The ministers speak the Easter Proclamation after the candle has been placed on its stand. The proclamation includes this chanted dialogue.

- P The Lord be with you
- C And Also with you
- P Let Us give thanks to the Lord our God
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise

The Easter Proclamation concludes:

A ... one God, now and forever. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

READINGS AND RESPONSES

FIRST READING Creation Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Silence for reflection

P Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of him who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

SECOND READING

The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Silence for reflection

P O God, Strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your church, a wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world come to see that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through the one from whom they first took being, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THIRD READING

Testing of Abraham

Genesis 22:1-18

Silence for reflection

P God and Father of all the faithful, you promised your servant Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, and through this gift of faith you increase your chosen people throughout the world. Form us anew by the death of your Son, that we may joyfully accept the new life of grace given through him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FOURTH READING

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Silence for reflection

P O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism. Grant that all peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham and may rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIFTH READING

Salvation freely offered to all

Isaiah 55:1-11

Silence for reflection

P Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SIXTH READING

Valley of the dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Silence for reflection

P Living God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Breathe into us your life-giving Spirit, that receiving the gifts of word and sacrament, we may live in the hope of all your blessings to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SEVENTH READING

The deliverance of Jonah

Jonah 1:1-2:1

Silence for reflection

P O God of deliverance, you saved Jonah through the waters of death, and after three days you brought him to new life. Speak to us by this sign, and call us to repentance, that we may heed the voice of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

EIGHTH READING

Deliverance from the fiery furnace

Daniel 3: 1-29

Silence for reflection

- P Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.
- A A reading from Romans.

Romans 6:3-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Christians are baptized into the death of Christ and are also joined to Christ's resurrection.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The congregation affirms the promises made in the lifelong gift of baptism.

PRESENTATION

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
 - Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

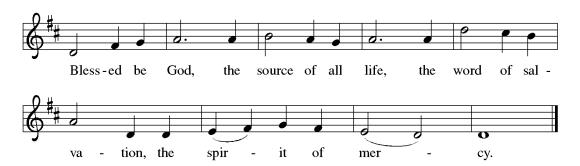
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

- P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
 - to live among God's faithful people,
 - to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
 - to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
 - to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
 - and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
- C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
- P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?
- C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.
- P Let us pray.
 - We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
- C Amen.

BAPTISMAL REFRAIN ELW #210 (see below) Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life 2 times.

During the refrain, the congregation is sprinkled with water from the baptismal font as a reminder of baptism.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Trusting in Christ's passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

- A God of resurrection, awaken your church from the slumber of sin and complacency. Lead us out of the shadows of the tomb to walk in newness of life. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Unite the will of humankind as stewards of all you have made. Lead us in speech and practice to promote the well-being of our living planet. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Deliver the nations from powers and systems that threaten or harm individuals and communities. Renew our ways of living faithfully with you and with our neighbors. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Make yourself known in the depths of human suffering, and give hope to those who are overwhelmed by grief and despair (*especially*). Assure them of your presence and promise. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

- A Give rest to people who work through the night: nurses and doctors, emergency workers, security officers, store employees, and others (*especially*). In the rising of the sun, reveal your abundant hope to them. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A Gather together saints from every time and place at the entrance to Christ's tomb. Dispel the doubts and fears that keep us from trusting in your resurrection life. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C 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

PEACE

- P The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

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