

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday | MARCH 25

WORSHIP: 9, 10:50 & 11 A.M.

PALM PARADE: 10:30 A.M.

Parade for all ages (with donkey!) in the fountain courtyard.

CONCERT: "Promise of Glory," 5 P.M.

The NPC Chancel Choir Soloists & Orchestra presents "Promise of Glory," featuring Gabriel Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and *Requiem* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *O Clap Your Hands*.

No tickets are required; invite friends!

Maundy Thursday | MARCH 29

WORSHIP: 7:30 P.M., Sanctuary

Remember the first Lord's Supper and Jesus' command to love one another.

Good Friday | MARCH 30

WORSHIP: 7:30 P.M., Sanctuary

Reflections in word and music on the seven last words of Christ.

EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Sanctuary Worship | 8:30, 10, & 11:30 A.M.

Identical services featuring joyful music including choir, organ, brass, and timpani. Dr. David Renwick will preach: "On Trial for Life."

Family Celebration in Jones Hall | 10 a.m.

Family-friendly Easter message and play, familiar and contemporary songs, and an Easter egg hunt.

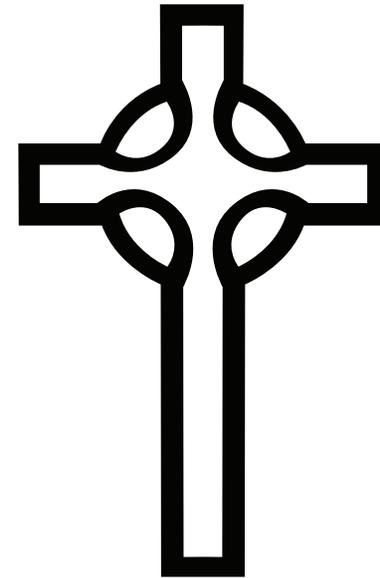
Childcare for children age 4 and under is available all morning.



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LENTEN VESPERS

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PROCLAIMING THE CROSS

*For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel,
and not with eloquent wisdom,
so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.
For the message of the cross is foolishness
to those who are perishing,
but to those of us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

Lenten Worship at the Lord's Table

7 P.M., Chapel

PRELUDE O Man, Bewail Thy Manifold Sins J.S. Bach
BWV 622 Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Nancy Fox

One O Lord, open my lips,

All **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

One You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it.

All **You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

One The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

All **A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

from Psalm 51

▲ HYMN 101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *Hamburg*

LENENT CONFESION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus Christ, take us to yourself.

Draw us with cords of love to the foot of your cross.

We have no strength ourselves to come,
and we often turn away.

We have wandered, we are gone astray.

But you are mighty to save,

and none can separate us from your love.

Seek us, Lord. Forgive and guide us.

Bring us home to yourself.

Under the shadow of your cross,

let us live the rest of our lives.

Frederick Temple

Archbishop of Canterbury

SILENT CONFESION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Olivet*

Our faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:

Now hear us while we pray, take all our guilt away,

O let us from this day be wholly thine!

SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:28-39 Dr. Nancy Fox

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION Transformed by the Cross Dr. David Renwick

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Katy Ranville

*Celebrated by RADM Chaplain Margaret Kibben, Chief of Chaplains,
U.S. Navy, on behalf of the congregation of the Berachah Church.*

HYMN 393 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said *Bourbon*
verse 1

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Chaplain Margaret Kibben

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Dr. Nancy Fox

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Music Meditation

To the Cross, Lord, Lead Us Singing David Lantz III

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, to the cross where you have died;

Where your blood flows like a river, that we may be purified.

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, singing with the hosts on high,

Calvary's anthem of redemption, ransomed sinners justified.

Holy, holy, worthy, worthy, God's own Son has paid the price.

Holy, holy, worthy, worthy, sinless Lamb the sacrifice.

Yours the victory at Calvary, suffering there to end our strife;

In your wounds we now find healing, in your fearful death, our life.

To the cross, Lord, lead us singing, singing to the great I AM;

Calvary's anthem of redemption, song of praise to Christ the Lamb.

Susan Bentall Boersma

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

▲ HYMN 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*
verses 1 & 4

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands J.S. Bach

BWV 625