

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20

WORSHIP: 8:30, 9:15, 10:50 & 11 A.M.

PALM PARADE: 10:30 A.M. (*Weather permitting*)

Parade for all ages (with donkey!) beginning just outside the Court of Flags, preceding 10:50 and 11 a.m. worship.

CONCERT: Mozart *Requiem* 5 P.M.

The NPC Festival Choir, Soloists, and Orchestra present Mozart's masterpiece. No tickets required; a voluntary offering will be received. *Complimentary childcare is available for children 4 and under with RSVP to childcare@nationalpres.org.*

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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

Good Friday

Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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

Easter

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

8:30, 10, & 11:30 A.M.

Dr. David Renwick will preach on "Rock Solid Hope," and special music will include the choir, organ, brass, and timpani.

FAMILY CELEBRATION

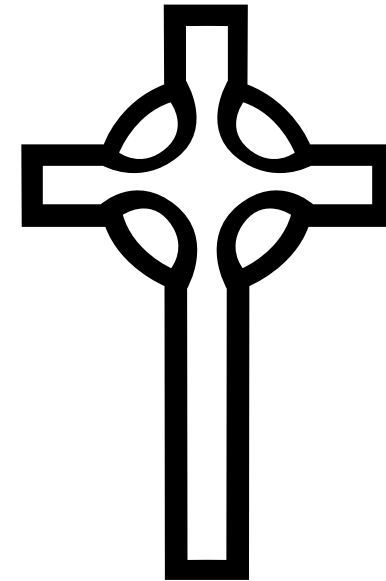
10 A.M. in Jones Hall (School Gym)

Families celebrate with hymns and praise songs, children's choirs, a message from Youth Director McLane Stone, and an Easter play, followed by an egg hunt on the playground.

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

LENTEN VESPERS

March 16, 2016



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Lenten Worship at the Lord's Table

7 P.M.

PRELUDE Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Evangeline Taylor

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 sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

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

from Psalm 51

▲ HYMN 186 Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord *Tallis' Ordinal*

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Heavenly father,

in sovereign love you created the world good,

and made everyone equally in your image,

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

You are our Creator, but we have rebelled against you.

We have often ignored your commandments,

and violated the image of God in others and ourselves.

You are the Truth, but we listen to lies, mistreating neighbors,

and treating your creation as if we had made it and owned it.

We deserve your condemnation. Yet we call on you still.

Hear our cry to redeem us and your whole creation.

Grant us your mercy, and bring us into the covenant of your grace,

so that we may become a blessing to your world.

Through Jesus Christ your Son.

adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Stuttgart

Like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been;

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin.

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

The Power of a Great Question

Rev. Donna Marsh

CHORAL RESPONSE

With What Shall I Come Before the Lord?

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings; shall I come before him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sins of my soul?

He has shown you this day; he has shown you what is good:

And what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:6-8

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution and Distribution

Piano Meditation

Joanna Jones

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer

▲ HYMN

O for a Closer Walk with God

St. Agnes

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame,

A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.

The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,

Help me to tear if from thy throne, and worship only thee.

Lord, what of me dost thou require but, in humility,

With justice, mercy, lovingly, to closely walk with thee.

William Cowper, alt.

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Johannes Brahms

An offering will be received at the doors as you exit.