

Prayer of Response and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Marsh
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 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 Go, My Children, with My Blessing *Ar hyd y nos*
“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love, and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Jaroslav J. Vajda

▲ BENEDICTION Dr. Stoltzfus

POSTLUDE There Is a Spirit Ned Rorem
An offering will be received at the doors as you exit.

▲ Congregation standing, as able

Upcoming Holy Week & Easter Events

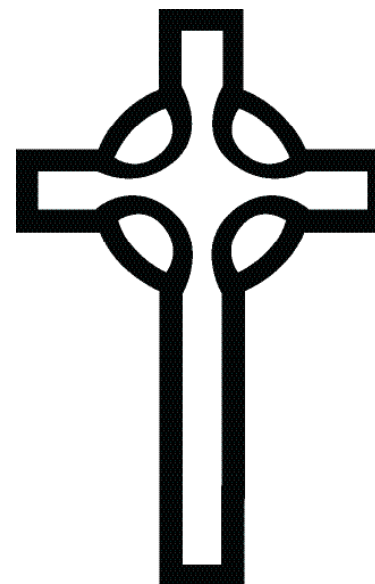
Palm Sunday Procession
Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Evening Services
Holy Week 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Join us for Easter Worship! Sunday, April 17
8:30 am • 10:00 am • 11:30 am

Please visit nationalpres.org/Easter for all the details.

LENTEN VESPERS

April 6, 2022



*O Lord, how long shall I
cry for help?*

Habakkuk 1:1



4101 NEBRASKA AVE. NW
WASHINGTON DC 20016
202.537.0800
www.nationalpres.org

LENTEN VESPERS

Lenten Worship at the Lord's Table

7:00 PM Sanctuary and Online

Welcome! Masks are optional at our 7:00 pm Vespers services, with the exception of the balcony and transepts where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to help you find the seating area where you will be most comfortable.

PRELUDE Sursum Corda John Ireland
Todd Fickley, organ

WELCOME Rev. Donna Marsh

CHIMES AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant *The Servant Song*
Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold Christ's light before you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
Richard Gillard

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison* Rev. Marsh
Holy Father, we thank you for leading us
out of darkness into your light.
We bless you for sending your Son our Savior
to call us from death to life.
Yet we confess that old habits are hard to throw off,
and that sin and sinful patterns remain in our lives.
Forgive us, O Lord. Guard us against this enemy within.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
help us live daily the new life Christ calls us to live.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ LENTEN CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *I Love the Lord*
Choir

I love the Lord, who heard my cry, and pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

Congregation

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

SCRIPTURE Habakkuk 1:1-13, 2:2-4, 3:16-19
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION The Mighty Minor Prophets: Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Habakkuk
A Dialogue With God

CHORAL REPONSE God Is Our Strong Salvation Austin Lovelace
God is our strong salvation: What foe have we to fear?
In darkness and temptation, our light, our help is near.
Though troubles here surround us, firm in God's might we stand;
With all God's strength around us, God's vict'ry is at hand.
In him we rest securely: The battle is the Lord's,
As undefiled and purely goes forth his holy word.
His hand our hearts shall strengthen, his love our joy increase;
Mercy our days shall lengthen; the Lord will give us peace.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Rev. Marsh
Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution and Distribution
Music Meditation

He Will Hold Me Fast Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When my anxious thought prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.
*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*
Through the darkness of the night, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
Bought by him at such a cost; he will hold me fast.