

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!) beginning just outside the Court of Flags, preceding 10:50 and 11 a.m. worship.

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

The NPC Chancel Choir Soloists & Orchestra presents "Promise of Glory," featuring Gabriel Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and *Requiem* and Ralph Vaughan Williams' *O Clap Your Hands*. No tickets are required; invite a friend!

Maundy Thursday | MARCH 29

WORSHIP: 7:30 P.M., Sanctuary

Celebrate 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.

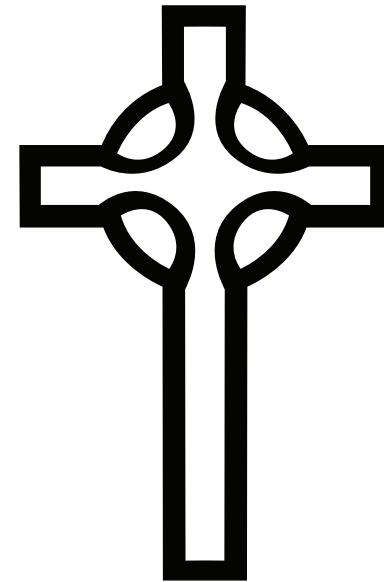
Childcare for children age 4 and under is available all morning.



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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 Whenever We Are In Deepest Need J.S. Bach
BWV 668 Todd Fickley, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

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 78 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed *Martyrdom*

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Lord Jesus, son of the living God,
set your holy passion, cross, and death
between your judgement and us.
In your mercy and grace,
grant us forgiveness of sins and joy everlasting,
now and in our final hour;
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever. *Primer of 1559*

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 *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 Mark 5:21-23, 35-43 *see insert* Rev. Donna Marsh
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION The Death of Death Dr. David Renwick
in the Cross

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 23 (*unison*) Rev. Donna Marsh
pew Bible p.435

CHORAL RESPONSE *Rendez à Dieu*
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our lives are fed.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Rev. Donna Marsh

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution and Distribution
Music Meditation

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands for our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand Christ stands and brings us life from heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully
loud songs of Alleluia! *Alleluia!*
It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death contended;
The victory remained with life; the reign of death was ended;
Holy Scripture plainly saith that death is swallowed up by death;
its sting is lost forever! *Alleluia!*
Then let us feed this Lenten day on the true bread of heaven;
the Word of grace hath purged away the old and wicked leaven.
Christ is our meat and drink indeed:
Faith lives upon no other! *Alleluia!* Martin Luther

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 495 We Know That Christ Is Raised *Engelberg*
verses 1 & 4

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fughetta on *Engelberg* Richard Proulx

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