

A New Covenant - for You!

April 2, 2026

AS WE GATHER

Sin gets heavy. Sin can be embarrassing. We try to ignore it, cover it up, or pretend it doesn't exist. None of those things get rid of our sin or its weight on us. God doesn't minimize, excuse, or relativize sin. He places our sin on Jesus and nails it to a cross. God forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. As we come to our Lord's Table tonight, God freely forgives us through the body and blood of Christ that comes to us in, with, and under the bread and wine.

✂ PREPARATION ✂

WELCOME

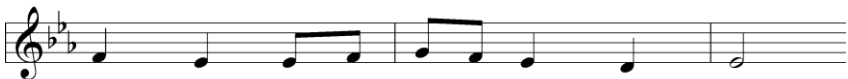
HYMN LSB 445 "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
3 What was there that You could give them That would
4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



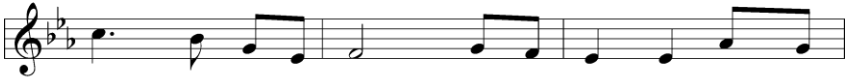
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
"Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
One with You and one an - oth - er In a
When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 32:1, 5*

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C **I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;**

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C **Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Silence for Reflection)*

P Let us confess our transgressions and sins to the Lord, our God, in the presence of one another.

When we look into the mirror of Your perfect law, we are reminded that we are no better than our ancestors. We rebel against You like the Israelites on the way to the Promised Land. We are like King David, committing sins we think no one will know about. You know us. You know our transgressions and sins against You and one another.

C **We humbly come to You seeking forgiveness. Sprinkle our hearts and make them clean. Forgive our sins by the blood of Jesus that was given and shed for us. Renew a right spirit within us for Jesus' sake.**

P Blessed people of God, you have confessed your transgressions to the Lord. He forgives your iniquity and will remember your sin no more. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE LSB 227

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O Lord, on this night You poured out the new covenant in Your blood.
Grant that we may so receive the mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

(God promises He will make a new covenant with His people.)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

- R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

David von Kampen

Refrain

Gra - cious is the LORD, and righ - teous; our
God is mer - ci - ful.

***I love the Lord, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.
Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;***

*the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;**
I suffered distress and | anguish.
*Then I called on the name | of the Lord:**
“O Lord, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”
*Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;**
our God is | merciful.

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EPISTLE *Hebrews 10:15–25*

(The new covenant gives us confidence, comfort, and hope because of Jesus.)

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

‘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’,

he also adds,

‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

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

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let 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. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

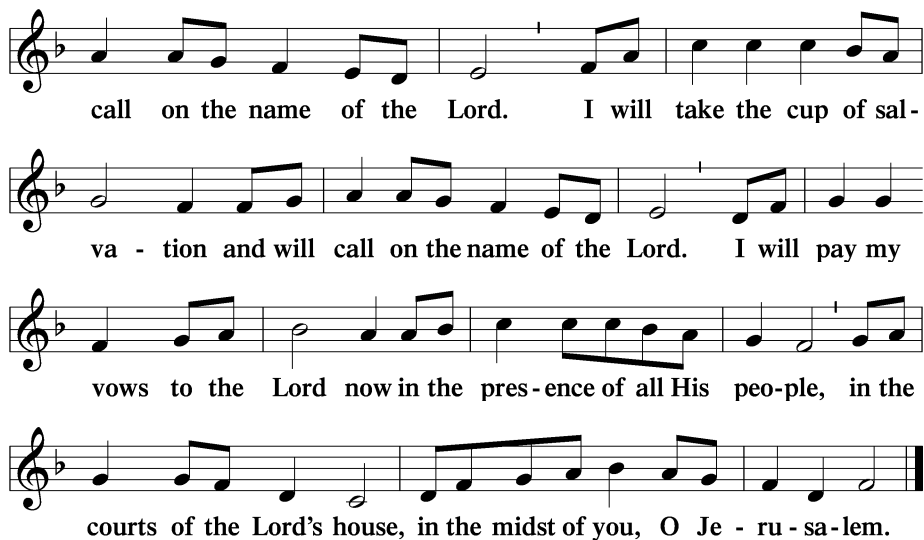
VERSE LSB159 Psalm 116:12, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 22:7–20*

(Jesus pours out His blood of the new covenant for us at His Table.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, ‘Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.’ They asked him, ‘Where do you want us to make preparations for it?’ ‘Listen,’ he said to them, ‘when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, “The teacher asks you, ‘Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ” He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.’ So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, ‘I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, ‘Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Nicene Creed*



**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made truly human;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 618 "I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and wea - ry
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners may sal -
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I have a
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my soul is
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's bond and

is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a - lone art a - ble
 va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turn - ing;
 sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt ban - ish nev - er,
 sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious - ly and glad - den
 sol - id base; It is the strength of heart and spir - it,

Refrain

To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art: Lord, may Thy
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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1 Cor. 11:23–29; Luke 22:17–20; Mark 14:22–25; Matt. 26:26–28; Psalm 130

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, on this night we remember how You rescued Your people from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land. We are reminded of how You have rescued us from slavery to sin and are bringing us to Your heavenly kingdom. Nourish our faith and lead us to walk in Your ways.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You made covenants with Your people throughout the centuries. Yet, in these last days, You have made a new covenant with us through Your Son. Make this covenant known among us and all peoples of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, You humbled Yourself and took on the role of a servant when You washed Your disciples' feet. You commanded them to love one another just as You loved them. Lead us to love others as You have first loved us. Stir us up to love and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, as we come to Your Table, forgive our sins through Your body and blood and wrap us in the robe of Your righteousness that covers all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things; redeem us, O Lord, faithful God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "There in God's Garden"

Gretchen Endres, violin and Tessa Genovese, flute

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, for You made a covenant with Your people, Israel, when You rescued them from Egypt. In these last days, You sent Your Son to be the mediator of a new covenant, sealing it with His precious blood, which is given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of creation, for You made a new covenant with Your people in these last days wherein You promise to remember our sins and lawless deeds no more because of the blood of Jesus, our great priest.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us the ability to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. **C** **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.


C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

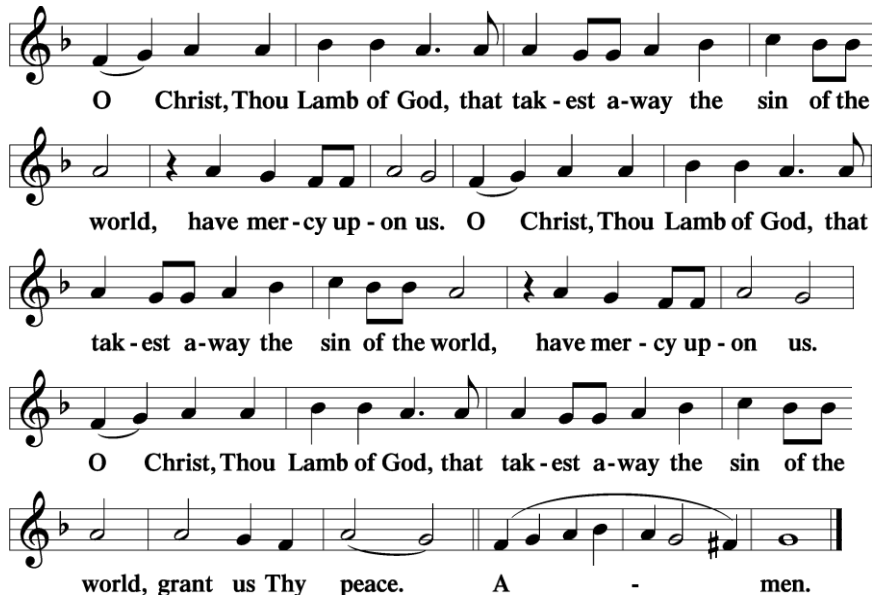
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER*Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

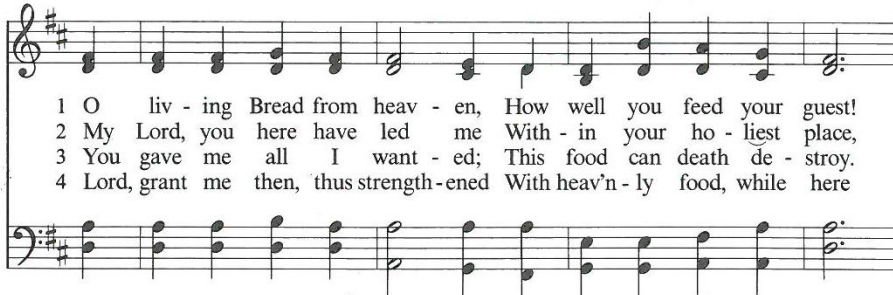
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The peace of the Lord be with you always.  Amen.

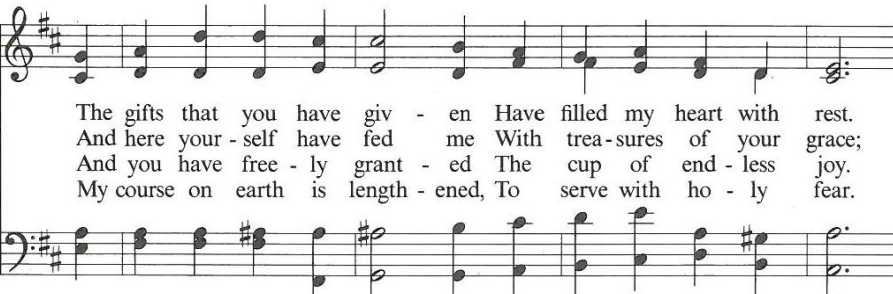
AGNUS DEI LSB 198


O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN LBW 197 "O Living Bread From Heaven"



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well you feed your guest!
 2 My Lord, you here have led me With - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can death de - stroy.
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en Have filled my heart with rest.
 And here your - self have fed me With trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed The cup of end - less joy.
 My course on earth is length - ened, To serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
 For you have free - ly giv - en What earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it The fa - vor you have shown,
 And when you call my spir - it To leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows!
 The bread of life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 And all my soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore your throne.
 I en - ter, through your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

*Text: Johann Rist, 1606-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
 Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876*

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for forgiving our

transgressions, covering our sins, and no longer counting our iniquities against us. Nourish us with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, and lead us to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together as we see the Day drawing near; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

P After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane; betrayal by Judas; arrest, mock trial, painful beating; the trudge to Golgotha and execution.

Jesus' offered body and His shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in the sacred mystery that is the Sacrament. As He was removed from us in death and the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

Communion vessels are removed.

P The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of life. When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). As this statement was fulfilled on the cross, the cross is removed from the sanctuary.

The cross is removed.

P The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand and its book.

The missal stand and altar book are removed.

P Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The events at Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the light of the world. As creation was dark while He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

All candles are extinguished and removed.

P Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God’s greatest offering to the world and to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The offerings are removed.

P The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and Meal at His banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine cloth, materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King’s body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

The altar cloths and paraments are removed.

All may exit silently.

Many thanks to our musicians this evening:
Gretchen Endres, violin and Tessa Genovese, flute



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