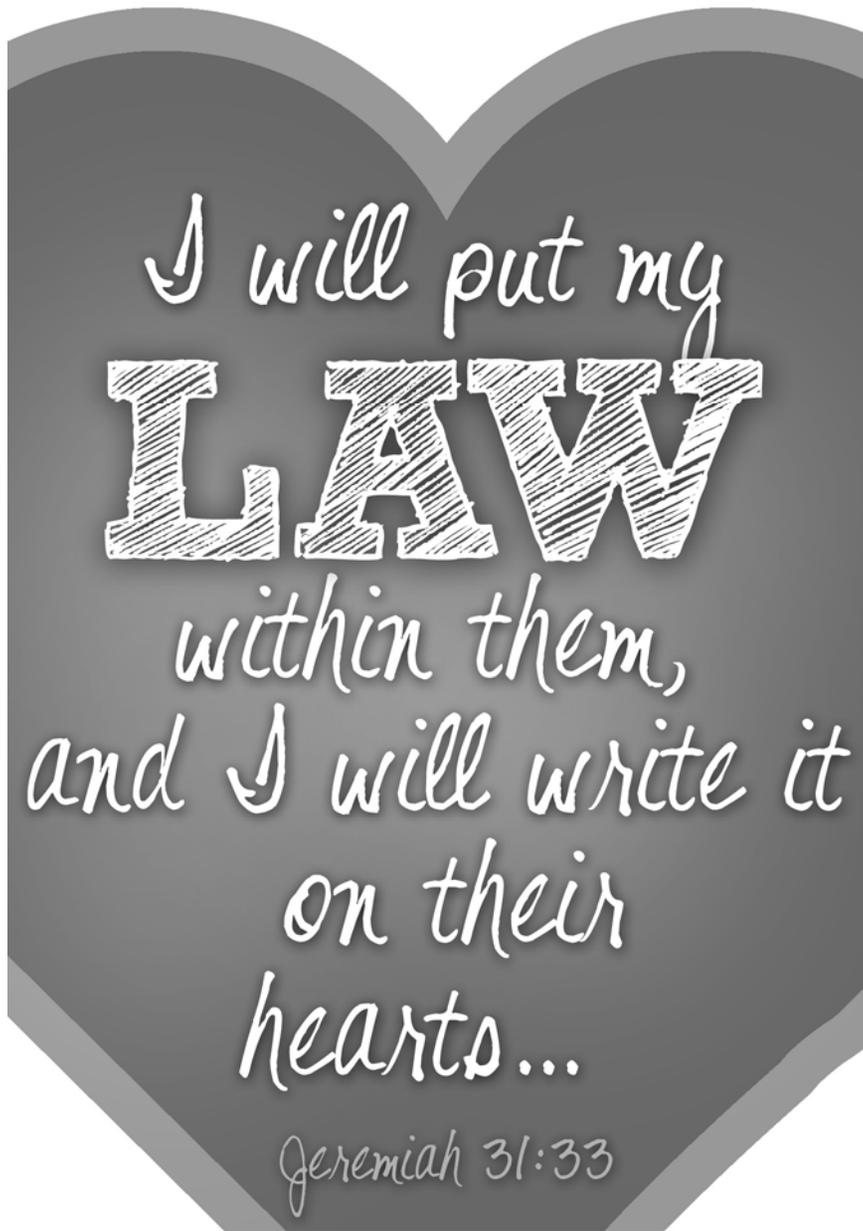


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God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s light and truth into our hearts. We see God’s heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

With the help of the Spirit, look within. See what burdens may be lifted, what obstacles may be removed, what new life and promise await us.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

LENT *Lent* LENT *Lent*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

All: God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.

L: On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

All: We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

L: Come to hear. Come to learn.

All: Here we find grace. Here we find love. Here we will worship and pray.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful God,

All: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

HYMN . . . "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" vs 1, 3

Text: Fanny J. Crosby - Tune: William H. Doane - Cranberry Book #335



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



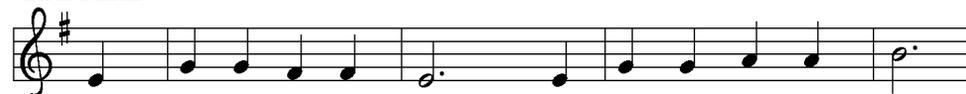
till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

GREETING

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.

All: Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be Seated

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Lead us in your truths, O God.

All: Teach us your ways and your paths.

Reader: Instruct us through your word,

All: As we humbly receive your lessons.

FIRST READING . . . *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

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.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the twelfth chapter.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . *John 12:20-33*

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of

wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . “Were You There?” - Carmen Blair



Please Stand

HYMN . . . “Christ, the Life of All the Living” vs. 1, 2

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg - Tune: *Das Grosse Cantional*
 Cranberry Book #339

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
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Be Seated

HOMILY . . . Pastor Tim

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

Please Stand

APOSTLES’ CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: As the Israelites brought the first fruits of their harvest,
in gratitude for entry into the land of promise,
**All: let us bring our gifts and offerings, in gratitude for
God's abundant grace in our lives.**

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (sung twice)



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall



be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and
thanksgiving and the offering of our lives,
**All: that following in the way of the cross, we may know
the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

L: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the
church, the world, and all who are in need. We pray for
the church. Guide us into a deeper knowledge of your
love and grace. Increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and
service. We pray for evangelists, pastors, prophets,
teachers, and all servants of the church. Lord, in your
mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the nations. For countries embroiled in long-
term conflicts, and for communities scarred by political
unrest and upheaval. Grant wisdom to the world's
decision makers. Guide them to work for peace and the
well-being of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those in need. For all who suffer in any way.
For those who are lonely or isolated. For those seeking
employment. For those who approach the hour of their
death, and all who are ill. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for
baptism. For visitors, newcomers, and those who are
returning after an extended absence. Deepen us in faith.
Fill us with hope, and draw us all into your loving
presence. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

L: Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

All: All are welcome at God's table.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Holy Communion is open to all.
 Grape juice is white, wine is red.
 If you desire communion brought to you,
 please let an usher know.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

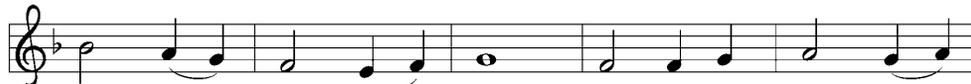
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COMMUNION HYMN . . . “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Text: Isaac Watts - Tune: Lowell Mason - Cranberry Book #803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Wait for the Lord”

Text: Taizé Community - Tune: Jacques Berthier



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Christ has shown himself among us. God has made a dwelling place in the midst of us. This voice of peace has spoken and love has reached to every heart. May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Compassionate God,

All: you have fed us with bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

Be Seated



Please Stand

BLESSING

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING OUT "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" vs 1, 2

Text & Tune: Richard Gillard - Cranberry Book #659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.

DISMISSAL

L: You are marked with the cross of Christ.

All: We go forth to love and serve the Lord.



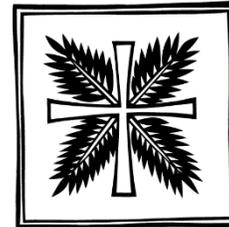
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Midweek Lent, Holy Week & Easter Services

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK LENT

February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2018

- 6:30 to 7 PM Service
- Taizé Music
- Drama: Encounters Before the Dawn

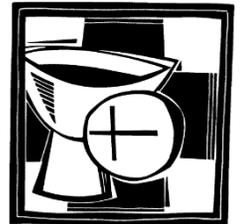


March 25, 2018 - PALM SUNDAY

- 8:45 & 11 AM Services
- Palm Procession (1st Service)
- 5 PM Seder Meal

March 29, 2018 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7 PM Service
- With other local Lutheran churches
- At Christ the King Lutheran Church
- 1301 Mowry Avenue, Fremont



March 30, 2018 - GOOD FRIDAY

- 7 PM Service
- Taizé Music

April 1, 2017 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:45 AM 21st Cent. Trad. Service
- Easter Breakfast between Services
- 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
- 11:00 AM Service of Living Praise

