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Holy Week



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An Open & Affirming Congregation

NOON PRAYER - HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Opening Sentences

O God, open my lips,

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise. (Psalm 51)

Those who wait for God shall renew their strength,

They shall mount up with wings like eagles:

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40)

Prayer

Let us pray:

Sustaining God, in the midst of our day,

And embraced by your world

We call upon your wisdom;

We draw upon your strength

We rely upon your grace.

Help us to continue faithfully in your way,

By the power of the Holy Spirit

And in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: “Spirit of the Living God”

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9

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The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Silent Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Thanksgiving

Generous and loving God, we thank you for your blessings without number,

We bless you for the beauty of creation:

For day and night, for summer and winter,

For sun and rain, for seed-time and harvest;

For your bounty supplying all our needs.

We bless you for protecting us in our weakness,

And renewing our strength of spirit;

For guiding us as we resist evil, and calling us to your truth, and to your service.

We praise you for sending Jesus to be among us:

For his life on earth, his suffering and death.

For his resurrection to new life and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Grant, O God, that our hearts may grow in thankfulness

For these and all your gifts of grace,
So that as the people of new life, we may proclaim your praise
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Intercessions *Using response:* Gracious God, hear our prayer;
And in your love, answer.

Compassionate God,
Hear us as we pray:
For your church and its varied ministries
For the work of justice and the healing of creation
For the care of strangers, neighbors, family, friends.
For those isolated by sickness, sorrow, violence, fear
For those broken by the world. ...
For those who face death

Generous and compassionate God,
In your loving purpose, answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes;
And in all things for which we pray,
Give us grace and wisdom to accept your will,
For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

May we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Bless God's name. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God"

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1 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 2 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
 hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!

Chords: F, Gm (D7), Gm, F, C, F, F, F7, Gm (D7), Gm, Gm7/C, C7, F, Bb, F, G, G7, C, C7, F, F7, Gm (F#dim Gm), F, C7sus4, C7, F



Please join us for these services this week:

Noon Prayer services will continue each day through Friday this week.

We will have a Maundy Thursday service with communion and

Tenebrae on Thursday evening at 7pm.

On Easter Sunday there will be a Sunrise Service at 6am at the gazebo on the Town Green. Our Easter morning worship service, with Choir and trumpets, will be at 9:30am