**March 24, 2024 – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday Email/At Home Missal**

**The ZOOM link for today’s service, which opens at 09.30 am on March 24, 2024, can be found here:**

**Worship March 24, 2024 09:30 am ZOOM room opens; service begins at 10:00 am.**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24th, 2024 –MARCH 31ST, 2024:**

**You will find the video for March 17th, 2024, at the following YouTube link:**

[**https://youtu.be/ZDL-4-Y8ovM**](https://youtu.be/ZDL-4-Y8ovM)

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**Announcements: Coming Events** *(save these dates)* ***bold print - events being held here at St. Peter’s***

1. **Mar. 27 Weekly Bible Study** *(see below for further details)*
2. **Mar. 27 Praying the Catechism** *(see below for further details)*
3. **Mar. 28 Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Worship** *(see below for further details)*
4. **Mar. 29 Good Friday Service** *(see below for further details)*
5. **Mar. 31 Easter Breakfast** *(see below for further details)*
6. Apr. 5-7 Bishop’s spiritual Retreat for Lay Persons *(see below for further details)*

**Apr. 11 Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth** *(see below for further details)*

Apr. 16 Public Lecture– *(see below for further details)*

Aug. 11-23 Ontario Mennonite Music Camp *(see below for further details)*

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of March 24 – March 31, 2024**

1. **Monday** 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*
2. Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*
3. **Wednesday 10:30 am Weekly Bible Study *(Art Room)***
4. **7:00 pm Praying the Catechism *(via zoom)***
5. **Thursday 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Worship**
6. **Friday**  **10:00 am Good Friday Worship**
7. **Saturday**

**Sunday**  **8:30 – 9:45 am Easter Morning Continental Breakfast**

**10:00 am Worship Service** – A passage from **Mark 16:1-8** *(Resurrection, empty tomb, and*

*fleeing in fear)*

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**Pastoral Visit: Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653-4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get to know Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.**

1. **……………………………………….**
2. **Prayer List: Bill, Don, Tammy, Alice, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Jeff, Aaron, MacKenzie, Rhett, Jan Ken, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne, Sherri, Carol.**
3. **……………………………………….**
4. **Weekly Bible Study** **- Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Art Room. Everyone is welcome!**
5. **……………………………………….**

**Choir Practice is cancelled on Saturday March 30, 2024.**

1. **……………………………………….**
2. **“Praying the Catechism” – A season of intentional prayer for Lent & Easter - Wednesdays at 7PM on Zoom from February 21 to May 15. Join Pastor Laura on zoom each Wednesday for prayer, conversation and mutual support as we work our way through “Praying the Catechism” this Lenten and Easter seasons.**
3. **……………………………………….**
4. **It's Maple Syrup Time at St. Peter's. The Maple Syrup we supply is from a local 5th generation farm, producing Maple Syrup for over 100 years. Since 2018 all of our Maple Syrup is "Certified Organic."**
5. **"It's truly the best Maple Syrup I have ever tasted." Pastor Monika 1 litre Mason Jars are $24.00.**
6. **Please contact Alex Black or St. Peter's office to order Maple Syrup.**
7. **……………………………………….**
8. **GREENHORIZONS BIGYELLOWBAG - GIVE & GROW PROGRAM - This fundraiser is open to all and enables each one of us to raise funds for St. Peters.  If you don’t have a lawn or garden, not a problem, you can still help by spreading the word to your neighbours, friends and relatives.  Each time that an order is placed at Greenhorizons Sod at 855-424-4224 for a BigYellowBag of soil using the code STPETERS24, you will save $5.00, and the church will receive $10.00. Spread the word, and the soil!**
9. **……………………………………….**
10. **We need you to help feed our neighbourhood!** The freedom Centre has joined with Cambridge Community Table to offer a meal to our community twice a month on Tuesday night. We need volunteers: Food Preparation, set up, take down, meet and Greet. Every hour you can give once or twice a month. Call for information 519-591-6518 or email [rosemary@freedomcentre.ca](mailto:rosemary@freedomcentre.ca).
11. **……………………………………….**
12. Move with Robert(Free Exercise Class Mondays 1:00 – 2;)) pm, YMCA Certified Fitness Instructor – Wear exercise shoes/bringwater/no registration required/ arrive by 12:45 pm – Trillium United Church, Cambridge)
13. **……………………………………….**
14. **Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Worship – Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 PM. We will gather as Jesus gathered on this night with his disciples, sharing a simple meal and the Lord’s Supper. Both the meal and worship will be hosted in the sanctuary. Those joining by zoom are invited to have your dinner with us.**
15. **……………………………………….**
16. **Good Friday Worship – Friday, March 29th at 10:00 AM**
17. **……………………………………….**

**Please join together on Sunday March 31, 2024, 8:30 – 9:45am for Easter Morning Continental Breakfast**

**There is a sign-up list in the Narthex for contribution to the breakfast.**

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**Community Event - “Prayer Encounters: The Labyrinth” - Thursday, April 11 7:00-8:30PM at St Peter’s (810 King St E). Praying with the labyrinth is an ancient form of walking meditation. Join us to learn more about this practice from a Christian perspective. The evening will include:**

* **A short teaching**
* **The opportunity to walk a labyrinth using your feet or finger**
* **Make and take your own finger labyrinth**

**There is no cost to attend this workshop but we appreciate pre-registration if possible to ensure we have enough supplies. Call 519-653-4721. All are welcome! Please note, we are semi-accessible (chair lift).**

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April 16, 2024 Public Lecture – The Gospel of Peace (John Dear – Priest/Peace Activist/Author; Nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. – No Charge (donations welcome); copies of ‘The Gospel of Peace’ will be available $25 (cash). All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, 210 Silvercreek Parkway N. Guelph.

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Ontario Mennonite Music Camp is a place where youth in grade 6-12 develop and enrich relationships, faith, musicality, and leadership in a fun and supportive summer camp environment. Hosted at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, August 11 to 23, 2024. Register by April 12 for early-bird camp fees. [uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc](https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/ommc)

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**Presiding Pastor: Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Barb Burden**

**Reader: John Leonard**

**Welcome remarks**

**Call to Worship**

P: This is no ordinary day…and it is the most ordinary of days —

***C: the Messiah is in our midst!***

P: Bring your whole self to welcome him!

***C: We offer all we have and lay it at his feet,***

***shouting Hosanna to the One who can save us.***

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

***C: Hosanna in the highest!***

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**Processional Reading: Mark 11: 1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.

***C: Glory to you, O Lord.***

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task,saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’”

They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting, “*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!* Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.  *(CEB)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

***C: Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Greeting:**

P: The Lord be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

**Blessing of Garments:**

P: Let us pray,

Holy God, we thank you for sending Jesus to teach us about your love. Today we celebrate Jesus’ entry into the holy city of Jerusalem, where he was welcomed as a king by people who spread cloaks and branches along his way. We ask your blessing on these items: socks, underwear, clothing for The Bridges; and we ask your blessing upon those who will use them. May these offerings be a sign of your love as we seek to follow Jesus in his way of peace and love.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: ACS # 928 ‘Pave the Way with Branches’**

Jesus is coming.

Pave the way with branches.

Jesus is coming. Hosanna. ***Repeat***

Hosanna, Jesus is coming.

Hosanna to the Prince of peace. ***Repeat***

Release for the captives.

Pave the way with branches.

Release for the captives. Hosanna. ***Repeat***

Hosanna, Jesus is coming.

Hosanna to the Prince of peace. ***Repeat***

Hope for the downtrod.

Pave the way with branches.

Hope for the downtrod. Hosanna. ***Repeat***

Hosanna, Jesus is coming.

Hosanna to the Prince of peace. ***Repeat***

Land for the landless.

Pave the way with branches.

Land for the landless Hosanna. ***Repeat***

Hosanna, Jesus is coming.

Hosanna to the Prince of peace. ***Repeat***

Debts are forgiven.

Pave the way with branches.

Debts are forgiven. Hosanna. ***Repeat***

Hosanna, Jesus is coming.

Hosanna to the Prince of peace. ***Repeat***

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**Prayer of the Day:**

P: We cry out in hope, O God,

welcoming your presence among us.

Your glory shines even in the humblest moment,

your grace brings all creation into your care,

your power tames the most stubborn resistance.

We pour out our longings and our love,

making way for your truth to enter

by road or by heart.

**Amen.**

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**Gospel Acclamation: Lenten Acclamation Setting 12**

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.\*

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**Reader:**

**The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 14th chapter.**

***C: Glory to you, O Lord.***

*May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbours, all people, and all God’s creation.*

Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease. During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head. Some grew angry. They said to each other, “Why waste the perfume? This perfume could have been sold for almost a year’s pay and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her.

Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won’t always have me. She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. 9I tell you the truth that, wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she’s done will also be told in memory of her.”  *(CEB)*

The Gospel of the Lord. ***C: Praise to you, O Christ.\****

**Engaging with the Story**

**Mark 11:1-11; 14:3-9**

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. This is the week when we remember the final days of Jesus’ life; when we journey with Jesus to the cross. But this year, here at St Peter’s, we’ve actually been in Holy Week already for several Sundays now, hearing and reflecting upon stories from Jesus’ final days in Jerusalem, before his arrest and crucifixion.

But today, as we arrive at the liturgical beginning of Holy Week – Palm Sunday – it’s good to go back in the timeline just a bit, and to begin our worship by remembering Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. To begin again from that place of celebration and anticipation. To put ourselves again in the shoes of the disciples and those who witnessed Jesus’ arrival to the holy city. To sing along with their ‘hosannas,’ (a word that means ‘save us’) and to remember the hope they held – that we also hold – that Jesus is the one who will bring salvation for the people.

We already know that he will be the one to save them. Just not in the way any of those folks on the road into Jerusalem likely imagine in this moment. But the reality that Jesus wasn’t going to be the king or saviour they expected is a reality that would start to sink in, in the days to come as Jesus teaches and engages with the religious leaders in Jerusalem. As conflicts erupt and Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple.

And perhaps for some, the reality that Jesus was not going to be the kind of king or saviour they were hoping for even began sinking in that same day. Did you notice that the triumphal entry into Jerusalem ends on kind of a low note?

When Jesus and his disciples finally make it to the temple it’s already late in the day. So after a quick look around, they turn right back and head out of the city, back to Bethany where they started the day (about a 2 mile journey).

Bethany seems to act as Jesus’ home base for this week. During the days he travels into Jerusalem, and each evening, he retreats back to Bethany. Which is where we find him in today’s second story: in Bethany at the home of Simon the Leper.

We don’t know if this is where he’s been staying the whole time but obviously this is where people know to find him this night. Without any explanation, an unnamed woman shows up at Simon’s house with a jar of expensive perfume. Without a word, she breaks it open on the spot, and pours it over Jesus’ head. The way Mark tells it, it all unfolds rather quickly. So let’s pause here for just a moment to consider what’s going on.

We don’t know anything about this woman – who she is, where she came from, how she can afford such a costly item. The perfume, we’re told, was worth a whole year’s wages. In today’s terms, that’s like tens of thousands of dollars worth of perfume. And yes, a quick google search will show that it is entirely possible today to spend that kind of money on perfume!

And then there’s the question of why, because Mark doesn’t tell us why the woman chooses to do this. Traditionally there were two reasons in Biblical times to anoint someone’s body with ointment or perfume: if you were royalty (like the anointing of a new ruler) or if you were dead (anointing was part of preparing a body for burial).

We don’t get to hear from the woman herself why she chooses to anoint Jesus with this costly perfume, but maybe that’s on purpose. Because I actually think it’s possible to read the story either way. Given Jesus’ arrival to Jerusalem – hailed as a king – it’s possible the woman wanted to honour him as a king. Or, as Jesus chooses to interpret her actions, perhaps she did have some inkling or sense that something darker was indeed coming. As it turns out, this will be the only anointing Jesus’ body receives before he’s buried in a few days time.

Regardless of her reasons why, whether an anointing for royalty or for burial (and honestly, it ends up being both), this is an act of extravagant love. Extravagant in its material value. Extravagant in the amount that is poured over Jesus’ head. Extravagant in the love and care and tenderness she shows to Jesus in this moment.

It’s an act that both foreshadows and models the extravagant love Jesus will embody in the coming days as he is arrested and crucified. As he freely and willingly pours out his life for the sake of the world.

As we remember today this unnamed woman’s gift of extravagant love, and look ahead to the extravagant love Jesus will pour out in just a few days time, how do we as disciples honour this gift of extravagant love? How can we be a part of sharing God’s extravagant love with those who desperately need it in our world?

Certainly, the woman’s witness of sacrificial giving is something to challenge us. This was a gift that cost her a lot. Where might we be able to give more of ourselves than we think (whether financial or of our time or of our talents).

And this story does give us a clue as to where we might focus our gifts of love. Even though Jesus admonishes the disciples for their outcry at what they see as wasteful (and it’s hard not to hear his claim that the poor will always be with us as anything but harsh). It’s important to remember he also says, “whenever you want, you can do something good for them.”

Jesus isn’t saying that the needs of the poor and vulnerable don’t matter. In this moment he’s just angry at the disciples for trying to shame and correct this woman who was doing what she could. Caring for and advocating for the most vulnerable in our communities – as Jesus did throughout his ministry – is still how we share in God’s extravagant love for this whole world.

The other thing this story helps us to see is that we won’t always get it right. We won’t always agree on the best use of resources, but hopefully we can approach one another with curiosity instead of judgement; realizing that none of us have the whole picture and that we are each asked to do what we can – which is also often more than we might first realise.

We won’t always get it right. But loving extravagantly means trusting that “in the hands of Jesus, things we are doing our best with can become even more than we ever knew that they were.”1 May that always be so. AMEN.

1 BibleWorm Podcast Episode 531 “The Triumphal Entry and the Anointing at Bethany.” March 17, 2024.

**Prayer of Confession**

P: Your love is extravagant

and invites us to love without limit, and yet…

***C: We confess that we do have limits,***

***and they are much smaller and narrower than your vision.***

***We have expectations, too,***

***that you will change things only in the way we want them to be changed.***

***We come out to see you,***

***with wonder, and hope, and anxiety too,***

***calling out our prayers for help***

***and our praise in anticipation of your answer.***

P: Forgive us, O God,

when we have decided the correct way for others to worship you.

Forgive us, too,

when we have decided the correct way for you to act in accordance with our desires,

and so narrowed your love, your power, and your presence

to fit you more neatly in our boxes.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We ask in the name of Jesus,

who disappoints our expectations in order to save us from them,

setting us free to recognize your presence right in front of us.

Amen.

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**Hymn of the Day: ACS # 1001 ‘Holy Woman, Graceful Giver’ *(Mark 14)***

1 Holy woman, graceful giver,

prophet, servant, and believer,

woman with the ointment jar,

rose up near the time appointed,

broke the seal, Christ's head anointed

for the coming fatal hour,

for the coming fatal hour.

2 Like the vessel, we are broken;

like the ointment, we are token

of God's loving unto death;

like the woman, we are serving;

like the scolders, ill-deserving

such a rich, forgiving faith,

such a rich, forgiving faith.

3 In these jars is hidden treasure,

costly fragrance, Christly pleasure,

like the Christ, first from the dead,

broken for creation's wholeness,

poured out for its coming fullness,

Prophet, Servant, Hope, and Head,

Prophet, Servant, Hope, and Head.

4 Holy woman, costly treasure,

with the jar of alabaster,

shows the hidden gift we are;

therefore let us as Christ's servants

hold our sister in remembrance,

woman with the ointment jar,

woman with the ointment jar.

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**Prayers of Intercession:**

A: What prayer can we offer, O God? In troubled times, in joyous celebration, in quiet hopeful moments, in unimaginable grief, all we can really say is: Hosanna…save us…have mercy on us. And so we come with prayers for mercy for those who have no words available, no tears left to cry, no obvious path forward.

We come with prayers for mercy for those who have been scolded for being themselves, for doing what they thought was right, for generosity that others couldn’t imagine. *Together we call out…* ***C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\****

We come with prayers for mercy for those who live in fear, and those who choose violence as a way to deal with fear, and those who use fear to control others. *Together we call out…* ***C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\****

We come with prayers for mercy for those who are surrounded by enemies, and for those whose friends don’t understand, and for those who feel alone. *Together we call out…* ***C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\****

We come with prayers for mercy for those who live in poverty, hidden in plain sight. And for those whose poverty has been used as a prop for political points. And for those who struggle to live up to your calling to care for the poor. *Together we call out…* ***C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\****

We come with prayers for mercy for those who live with pain or illness or suffering. Especially we pray for Avery, each beloved child on our prayer list, and those we name before you now aloud or silently in our hearts… *Together we call out…* ***C: Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer.\****

Hosanna…save us, O God.

Have mercy upon this world you so love.

We trust that in your hands,

our prayers become more than we could have meant,

our giving becomes more of a blessing than we could have imagined,

our faith becomes more fruitful than we could have created on our own.

Enter our lives this day

humbly yet powerfully,

and call forth your kingdom, even here,

even in and through this, your Body.

We ask in Jesus’ name.

**Amen.**

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**Share the peace of Christ:**

P: Angels said it to startled shepherds,

Jesus said it to frightened followers,

And now these words which come from heaven

are shared to make us whole and make us one.

Peace be with you.

***C: And also with you. \*\*\*\****

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**Offering**

**Offering Hymn: ACS # 966 ‘Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken’ *(verse 3 – 4 with refrain)***

3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken,

as in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages:

"I am with you; do not fear!"

***Refrain***

***By your body broken for us,***

***by your wine of life outpoured,***

***Jesus, feed again your people.***

***Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.***

4 By the loaves you break and give us,

send us in your name to share

bread for which the millions hunger,

words that tell your love and care. ***Refrain***

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**Offering Prayer:**

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life

and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered

that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food

but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name. Amen.\*

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**You are invited to prepare your table with bread and wine, or crackers and juice, whatever is available to you, so that you may participate in the meal.**

**Meal: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

[**https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY**](https://youtu.be/kmZJQiBM8QY)

**Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12: ‘Dialogue…’ (page 36) (spoken)**

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

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**ACS Setting 12: ‘Preface…’ *(Sunday of the Passion) (spoken)***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross,

transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ELW Setting 12: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy…’ *(page 36 )***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow’r and God of might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**\*

**Thanksgiving at the Table:**

On the night before he showed us the full extent of his love,

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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**The 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.**

**Invitation to Communion:**

This is Christ’s table where all are fed and none go hungry. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good.

I invite those at home, and those in the building communing by fellowship cup, to take your bread or cracker as we say together, “The body of Christ, given for us.”

And, as we take our cup we say, “The blood of Christ, shed for us.”

**Communion Music: ELW Setting 12 - Lamb of God *(page 40) &***

**ELW # 741 ‘Your Will be Done’**

**ELW Setting 12 - Lamb of God *(page 40)***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.\*

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**ELW # 741 ‘Your Will be Done’**

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you, in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**Prayer after Communion:**

A: Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.\*

As we enter this holy week,

make way for Christ and his extravagant love

to be poured out in your life, and in our community.

Amen

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**Blessing:**

A: Beloved,

we are God’s own people,

holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,

shower you with mercy,

fill you with courage,

and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

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**Sending Hymn: ‘In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful’ *(Taizé – from the book Singing Our Prayer, page 18)***

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful

In the Lord I will rejoice

Look to God, do not be afraid

Lift up your voices

the Lord is near

Lift up your voices

the Lord is near

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**Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace, loving extravagantly as Christ has loved you.

***C: Thanks be to God.\****

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