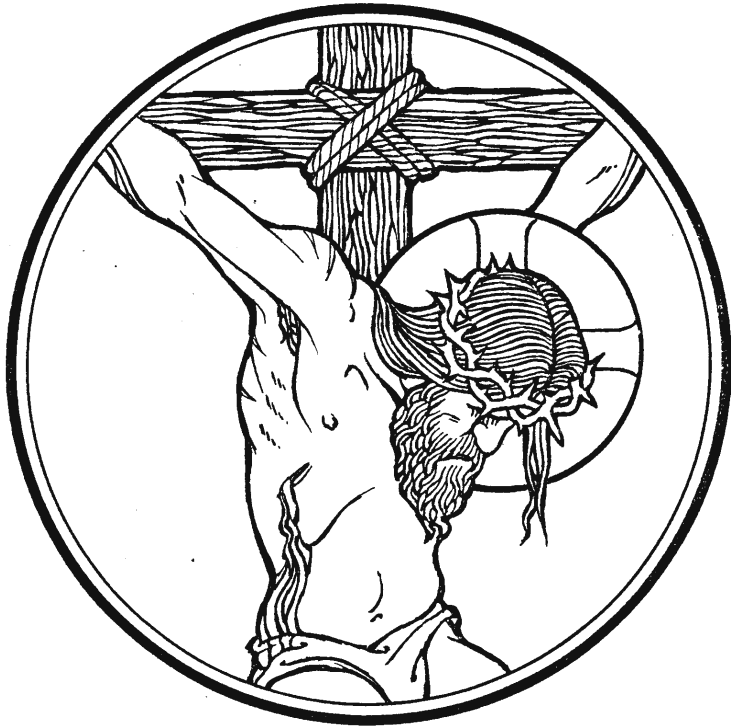




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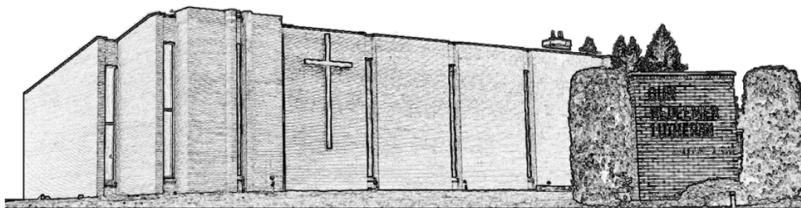
GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, 29 March A+D 2024 · 1:00 P.M.

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WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

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Lutheran Service Book, Tenebrae Vespers

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.


Due to the solemn nature of Good Friday, an offering will not be collected during the service. Offerings may be placed in the plate at the door to the nave prior to the service or upon leaving.

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" LSB 440, st. 1


I Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
 With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
 Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
 Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

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PSALMODY

PSALM

Psalm 2

- P** Why do the nations rage
C and the peoples plot in vain?
P The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
C against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
P "Let us burst their bonds apart
C and cast away their cords from us."
P He who sits in the heavens laughs;
C the Lord holds them in derision.
P Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
C and terrify them in his fury, saying,
P "As for me, I have set my King
C on Zion, my holy hill."
P I will tell of the decree:
C The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
C and the ends of the earth your possession.
P You shall break them with a rod of iron
C and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
C be warned, O rulers of the earth.

P Serve the LORD with fear,

C **and rejoice with trembling.**

P Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

C **Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

A candle is extinguished.

PSALM

Psalms 51

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C **and cleanse me from my sin!**

P For I know my transgressions,

C **and my sin is ever before me.**

P Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C **so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C **and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

P Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

C **and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P Let me hear joy and gladness;

C **let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

P Hide your face from my sins,

C **and blot out all my iniquities.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from your presence,

C **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P Then I will teach transgressors your ways,

C **and sinners will return to you.**

P Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,

C **and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

P For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;

C **you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

- P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
C **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
P Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
C **build up the walls of Jerusalem;**
P then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
C **then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

A candle is extinguished.

READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

- P** A reading from Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53.
- ¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
 he shall be high and lifted up,
 and shall be exalted.
- ¹⁴As many were astonished at you—
 his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
 and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
- ¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations;
 kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
 for that which has not been told them they see,
 and that which they have not heard they understand.
- ¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
 And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- ²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
 and like a root out of dry ground;
 he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
 and no beauty that we should desire him.
- ³He was despised and rejected by men;
 a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
 and as one from whom men hide their faces
 he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs
 and carried our sorrows;
 yet we esteemed him stricken,
 smitten by God, and afflicted.
- ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions;
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
 upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
 and with his stripes we are healed.
- ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

A candle is extinguished.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

P A reading from 2 Corinthians, chapter 5.

¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

A candle is extinguished.

HYMN

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450, sts. 1-3



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shameweighed down,
 2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
 How doth Thy face now lan-guish That once was bright as morn!
 Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
 Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
 Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

PASSION READING

John 19:1-16a

P The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

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HYMN

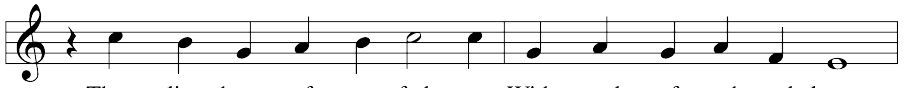
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB 450, sts. 4-7




4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.
5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;
7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.
 For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
 Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!
 Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;
 O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
 When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,
 Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
 But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!
 My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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Stand

PASSION READING

John 19:16b-42

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
 and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the

disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

A candle is extinguished.

RESPONSORY



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
2 Blessed is he whose
transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
for the sins of the peo-ple.

Sit

OFFICE HYMN

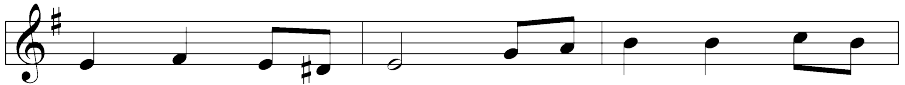
"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" LSB 451



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a - point - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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SERMON

"Behold Our King upon His Throne!" John 19:1-42

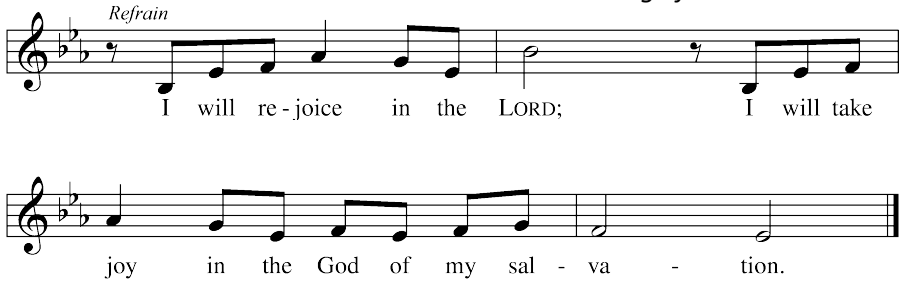
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"Song of Habakkuk" LSB 986

Refrain



I will re-joice in the LORD; I will take
joy in the God of my sal - va - tion.

Chant Tone



P ¹O LORD, I have heard the re- | port of You,*
and Your work, O LORD, | do I fear.

²In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years | make it
known;
in wrath remember | mercy.

C *Refrain*

P ³God came from | Teman,*
and the Holy One from Mount | Paran.

⁴His splendor covered the | heavens,*
and the earth was full | of His praise.

⁵His brightness was like the light; rays flashed | from His hand;*
and there He | veiled His power.

⁶Before Him went | pestilence,*
and plague followed | at His heels.

⁷He stood and mea- | sured the earth;*
He looked and shook the | nations;

⁸then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills | sank
low.*
His were the ever- | lasting ways.

C *Refrain*

P ⁹You went out for the salvation of Your | people,*
for the salvation of You're a- | nointed.

¹⁰You crushed the head of the house of the | wicked,*
laying him bare from | thigh to neck.

¹¹Yet I will rejoice | in the LORD;*
I will take joy in the God of my sal- | vation.

¹²God, the LORD, is my strength; He makes my feet | like the deer's,*
He makes me tread on my high | places.

C *Refrain*

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Stand

PRAYER

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECTS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The final candle is extinguished.

The congregation leaves in silence and minimal light.

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Good Frida (3/29)

Friday, 1:00 P.M.

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ABOUT GOOD FRIDAY: *Behold the Lamb of God, Who Takes Away the Sin of the World*

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is led to the slaughter of His cross as the sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the world. *"Despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief"* (Is. 53:3), He is the righteous Servant who justifies many by His innocent suffering and death. He bears our griefs and carries our sorrows; He is wounded for our transgressions; He is crushed for our iniquities; He suffers our chastisement, so that *"with His stripes we are healed"* (Is. 53:4–5). As the Son of God, He fulfills the Law for us in human flesh, and so fulfills the Scriptures (John 19:7, 24). For in Christ, *"God was reconciling the whole world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them"* (2 Cor. 5:19).



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6:30 A.M.

EASTER SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

7:30 A.M.

EASTER BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M.

EASTER DAY DIVINE SERVICE

