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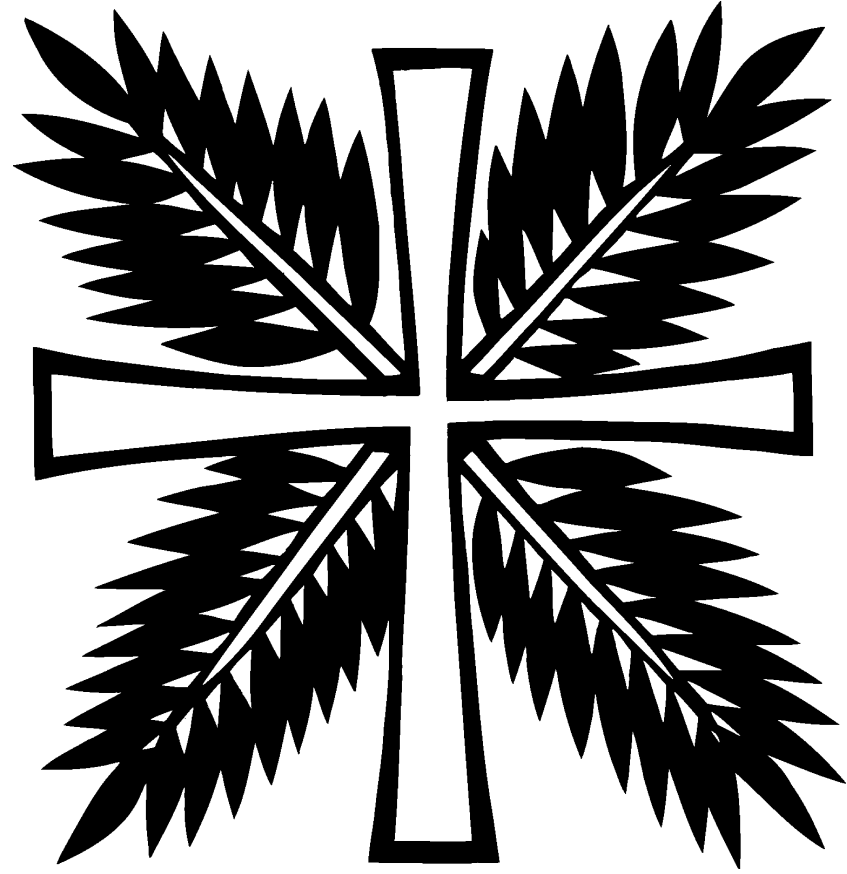
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Passion/Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Fanfare and March on "St. Theodulph"* *John S. Dixon*
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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

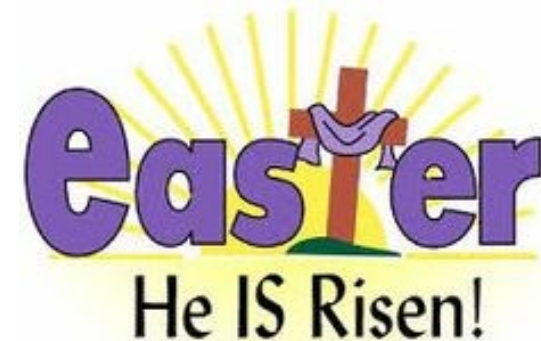
Join us

Maundy Thursday, March 28th
12 noon & 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service
with Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 29th
12 noon Procession & Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
(beginning at St. Ursula Catholic Church)
7 pm Good Friday Service with Choir Cantata

Easter Sunday, March 31st
Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday
Worship time is 10 am

***There will be no Sunday School or**
Faith & Fellowship on Easter Sunday



This week's schedule	
Today	9 am Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship 9 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	12 noon Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building) 12 noon Good Friday Ecumenical Service (begins at St. Ursula) 7 pm Good Friday Service with Cantata
Sat.	

Counting our Blessings			
Wed. 3/13	Attendance: 50 Offering: \$ 450	2024	
		February Offering Income	\$25,380
		February Other Income	\$ 6,936
Sun. 3/17	Attendance: 114 Offering: \$ 6,252 Homebound: 16	February Total Income	\$32,316
		February Expenses	\$41,541
		YTD Offering Income	\$55,715
		YTD Other Income	\$16,407
		YTD Total Income	\$72,122
		YTD Expenses	\$74,289

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

You are invited to join in the procession, following behind the cross. You are also welcome to remain in your pew and wave a palm branch as All Glory, Laud, and Honor is sung.

GATHERING HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* **ELW 344 (vv. 1-3)**

(Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.; Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads

Adult Choir

(Words: Mary Kay Beall; Music: Lloyd Larson; © 1996 Hope Publishing Company)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)* **Psalm 31:9-16**

- ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, “You are my God.**
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ’s example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ’s death.

- ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Mary Gude, Dennis Buckless, Lisa Muhlbach, Doris Rye, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Barbara Mueller, Lisa Duerling, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Tim Hartman, Mary Jo Rother, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, William Bold, Sr., Fran Eliopoulos, Eleni Bowden, Laney Stowell, Mary Margaret Wroten, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Nancy, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, Shannon McLaughlin, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Pastor John Burk, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Russell Fitch, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, Ruth Reimschissel aka Mrs. Claus, Donna Bobloch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm’s way

For those grieving family & friends of: Lillian Miller

For St. John’s Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Betty Creutzer, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O’Connell, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz



**The Food for Thought Program is in need of
Chef Boyardee single serving meals and
tuna & chicken salad kits.**

**We are also in need of shoppers to purchase the needed items.
Contact the church office for more information
or if you can help.**

Join us at Wayback Burgers for our next Restaurant Night on Tuesday, April 16th for 4-8 pm. Flyers are located on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary. Bring a flyer and you appetite while supporting St. John's.



Save the Date for our Prayer Partner Luncheon on April 28th at 11:45 am. If you would like to participate in the Prayer Partner Program, fill out a form and place it in the box located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary by Sunday, April 14th. Any questions, contact Vickie Jasinski at 410-529-7536.

Help Needed for Music Camp...If you know of any high school or college students who enjoy and has experience with theater, music, art, arts and crafts, and love working with children, PLEASE contact Martha at mreuard1@gmail.com. Our assistants will be working with the campers to help them create their program. Dates & times are as follows:



Music Campette-July 29-31; 9 am-noon; for students who have completed K-grade 2
Musical Camp-August 12-16; 9 am-2 pm; for students who have completed grades 3-8



Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! This years program is Camp Firelight "A Summer Camp Adventure with God" and will be held July 8-12 from 9 am—12:30 pm. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email, in the newsletter and on our social media sites.

Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp in Jefferson, MD invites you to join us this summer! Family Campers and youth ages 6-17 are welcome. We never turn anyone away for financial reasons, so please ask about our Campership fund if needed. Come experience small-group camping, swimming, hiking, sleep-outs, new friends, and exciting activities that challenge you to grow in confidence and in faith - all in a safe and inclusive community. Our 2024 Theme is "Created To Be!" Registration is open. For more information visit mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp/ or call 800.238.9974.



"The Chosen" Discipleship Series

Join us every Tuesday for 8 weeks starting April 16 - June 4 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm as we explore the first season of this acclaimed TV series focusing on the life of Jesus and the people whom he encountered! This event, sponsored by CLAIM (Coalition of Lutherans Advancing In Mission) and partner Lutheran churches, is not just about watching a series together. It's a chance to strengthen our bonds, discuss our faith and mission and invite friends and family to join this inspiring experience. Come early for a light meal at 5:30pm.

April 16 & 23 @ St. Luke: 7001 Harford Rd.
 April 30 & May 7 @ St. John's: That's us! 8808 Harford Rd
 May 14 & May 21 @ People's Community: 6200 Loch Raven Blvd
 May 28 & June 4 @ Christus Victor: 9833 Harford Rd.

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

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.

(The assembly is seated.)

GOSPEL

The Passion of Our Lord according to Mark

Mark 14:1-15:47

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

(Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250, tr. composite; Music: German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750)

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *O Come and Morn With Me Awhile* Evelyn Morrison
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Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville



OFFERING HYMN *Change My Heart, O God* **ELW 801**
*Change my heart O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart O God; may I be like you.*

You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

*Change my heart O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart O God; may I be like you.*

(Text and music: Eddie Espinosa; Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services)

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Announcements & Upcoming Event

Next Week— Sunday, March 31st—Easter Sunday

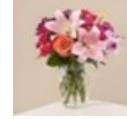
† 9 am—Handbell Choir

† 10 am—Worship in-person

and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

There will be no Sunday School or Faith & Fellowship

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Sue and Scott Wenneson's 10th anniversary by Amanda Hartman.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are April 7th, June 2nd, 23rd, and 30th, July 14th, 21st, and 28th, August 4th, 18th, and 25th, September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, October 6th, and 13th.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



YOUTH GROUP St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month, from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



COLLEGE CARE BOX We will be sending Care Packages to our youth who are away at college. If you know of a college student who would like to receive a package, please see Chris Hills or contact the church office. If you took a sticky note from the board, donations are due today. Thanks for your support!

Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, April 3rd beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We need volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the March meal.



Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on April 3rd after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

fill you with courage,
and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane* *ELW 347 (vv. 1-3)*

(Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854; Music: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word* *Lyndell Leatherman*

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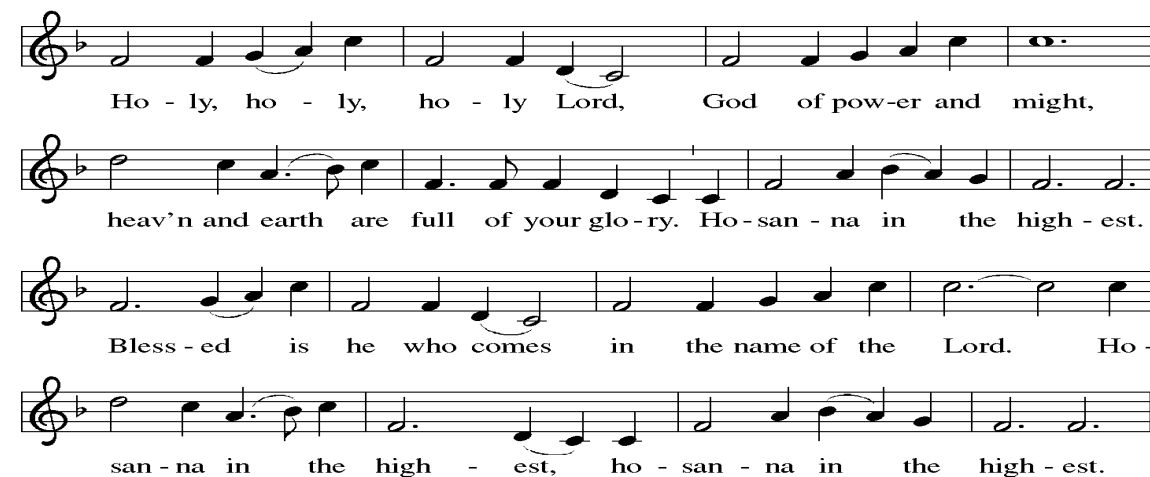
DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Tony Jasinski
Crucifer	Brody E.
Acolyte (s)	Landry E. Simon B.
Lector	Bonnie Spellman
Communion Assistant	Bonnie Spellman
Dismissal Assistant	Jack W.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, God of the universe.
You made everything that is, and you sustain every living thing.

You taught us to tend and care for your earth.
When we turned away from our task of sharing,
you made for yourself a people, rescued them from slavery,
nourished them with manna in the wilderness,

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and taught them to rely daily on your mercy.
You entered human life in Jesus,
who ate with sinners,
who fed the thousands with a few loaves,
and who called us back to the way of sharing our bread and your mercy.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this meal we remember Jesus giving himself to us.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As we share this bread and cup, O God, fill us up.
Pour your Spirit on us so that we may be the body of Christ,
food for your hungry world and signs of your love.
With the earth and all its creatures,
with all who have gone before us,
we give you praise, feeding God, now and forever.
Amen.

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

**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.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 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.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS *They Crucified My Lord* **ELW 350**

(Text and music: African American spiritual)

Were You There **ELW 353**

(Text and music: African American spiritual; Arr. © 1999 Augsburg Fortress)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,