“I WILL KEEP THE PASSOVER.”
March 23, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul’s. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God’s forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY’S WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, you were led like a lamb to the slaughter for me. I deserved death for the sin I committed against you, yet you shed your precious blood in my place. Tonight remind me that I am covered in your righteousness. Renew in me the joy of your salvation. In your name I pray. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children’s activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids’ Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you’re visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don’t feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.
THE CRUCIAL HOURS

The Crucial Hours ponders key words and moments from the account of Jesus’ passion that demonstrate the thorough completeness of his saving work for us, the breadth and depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us.

OPENING HYMN

Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain | 106 (1-3)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against you
   in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
   and in all that we have not done.
   Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
   Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

ABSOLUTION

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.
   Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in
   newness of life.

C: Amen.

be seated

PSALM

Psalm 2, p. 65

Why do the nations conspire*
   and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD* 
and against his Anointed One.

*Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
lu-ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger 
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:* 
He said to me, “You are my Son; 
today I have become your Father.”

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* 
and to the Holy Spirit, 
as it was in the beginning,* 
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain
PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PASSION HISTORY

HYMN OF THE DAY

From Depths of Woe I Cry to You | 305

1. From depths of woe I cry to you; Lord, hear me,
   my transgression. The best and holiest deeds must fail
   my own merit; It rests upon his faithful Word
   I implore you. Bend down your gracious ear to me;

2. Your love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out
   longs for morning; No watcher waits with greater hope
   To break sin’s dread oppression. Before you
   Than I for his return ing. I hope as

3. Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in
   I implore you. Bend down your gracious ear to me;
   To them of contrite spirit. That he is
   record of my sin And held against me

4. My soul is waiting for the Lord As one who
   My prayer let come before you. If you kept
   none can boast ing stand, But all must fear your
   merciful and just— This is my comfort
   Israel in the Lord; He sends redemption
Sermon

Matthew 26:18

"I Will Keep the Passover."

He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

Offering

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously."

(2 Cor 9:6).

Hymn

Deep Were His Wounds | 107

1 Deep were his wounds, and red, On cruel Calvary grace;
2 He suffered shame and scorn And wretched, dire distress;
3 His life, his all, he gave When he was crucified,

As on the cross he bled In bitter agony.

But they whom sin has wounded in our place. But all who would from sin be freed;

Find healing in the wounds he bore.

Look to his cross for victory.

Free from sin, Through him eternal life may win.
PRAYER

M: Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and Sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and all your people in time and in eternity.

C: Amen.

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.

BLESSING

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

C: May God bless us still so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen.
CLOSING HYMN

Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain | 106 (4)
(from the pure and healing fountain...)

He that drinks shall live forever; ’Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when he was glorified.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.