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Good Friday

April 18, 2025

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Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

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Music for Reflection

Stripping of the Altar

The altar is stripped, symbolic of our Lord's humiliation before his captors after his arrest. During the stripping of the altar, Psalm 22 is sung. The first verse of Psalm 22, "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" is one of the seven last words Christ spoke from the Cross. You can follow the Psalm in the hymnal. Psalms are printed beginning on page 339.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
C: Amen.

First Reading — Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For 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, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

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First Reading continued…

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook



Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross

Introduction—Theodore DuBois — *Andante*

Christ's First Word — Luke 23:32-38

"Father, Forgive Them, For They Know Not What They Do"

[32]Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with
him. [33]When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus
there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[[34]Then Jesus said,
"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast
lots to divide his clothing. [35]And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders
scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah
of God, his chosen one!" [36]The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering
him sour wine, [37]and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save
yourself!" [38]There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Silence for Reflection

Theodore DuBois — *Andante, Allegro con fuoco*

Christ's Second Word — Luke 23:39-43

"*Today, You Shall Be With Me in Paradise*"

[39]One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are
you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" [40]But the other rebuked him, saying,
"Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of
condemnation? [41]And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting
what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." [42]Then he
said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." [43]He replied,
"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Silence for Reflection

Theodore DuBois—*Andante, quasi andantino*

Christ's Third Word — John 19:23-27

"*Woman, Behold Thy Son"*

[23]When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them
into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was
seamless, woven in one piece from the top. [24]So they said to one another, "Let us
not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the
scripture says,
"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."
[25]And that is what the soldiers did.
Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's
sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26]When Jesus saw his
mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,
"Woman, here is your son." [27]Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."
And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Silence for Reflection

Theodore DuBois—*Andante*

Christ's Fourth Word — Matthew 27:41-49

"*My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"*

[41]In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were
mocking him, saying, [42]"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of
Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. [43]He
trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"
[44]The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.
[45]From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
[46]And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama
sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [47]When
some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah."

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Christ's Fourth Word con't **Matthew 27:41-49**

[48]At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. [49]But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Silence for Reflection

Theodore DuBois —Andante Maestoso

Christ's Fifth Word **John 19: 28-29**

"*I Thirst*"

[28]After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." [29]A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Silence for Reflection

Theodore DuBois —*Andantino, quasi Andante / Allegro energico*



Christ's Sixth Word — John 19:30

"*It is Finished*"

30 When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence for Reflection

Theodore DuBois —*Andante, dolce espressivo*

Christ's Seventh Word — Luke 23:46-54
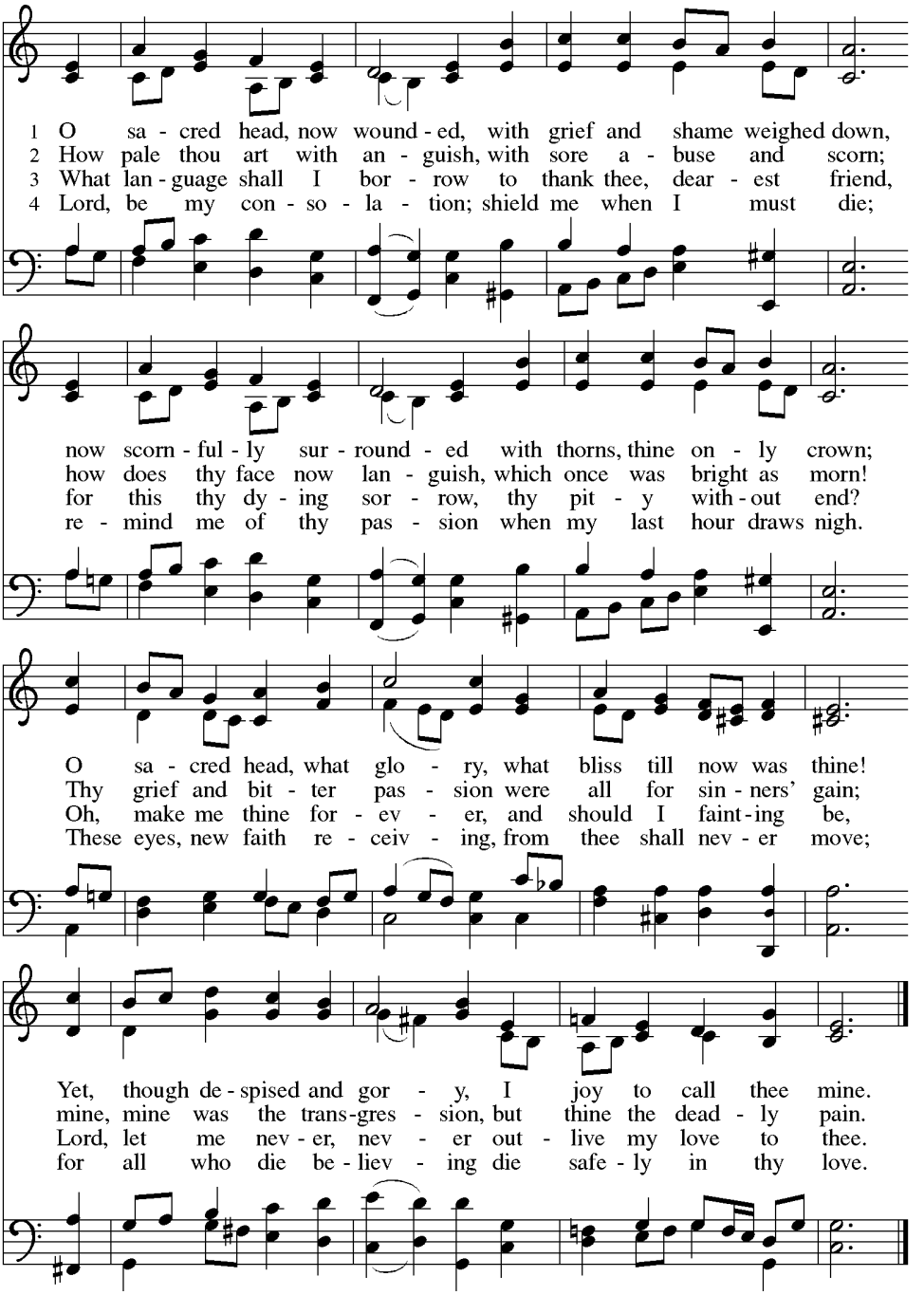
"*Father, Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit*"

46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend
my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. 47 When the centurion saw what
had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."[a]
48 And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what
had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. 49 But all his
acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at
a distance, watching these things.
50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a
member of the council, 51 had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from
the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of
God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it
down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one
had ever been laid. 54 It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was
beginning.

Silence for Reflection

Theodore Dubois—*Andante maestoso / Allegro molto / Andante largo*

Hymn of the Day ELW #351 "*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*"



The Bidding Prayer

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Eaton, and Bishop Curry, for our pastors and other ministers, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

A: Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
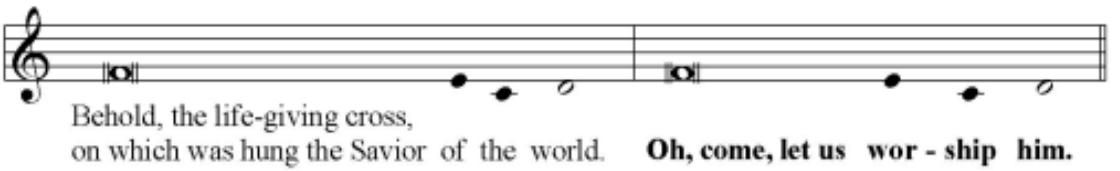
C: Amen

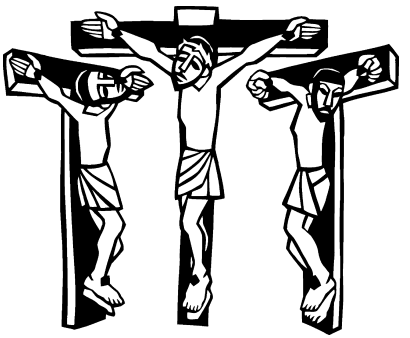
A: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

C: 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.

Procession of the Cross
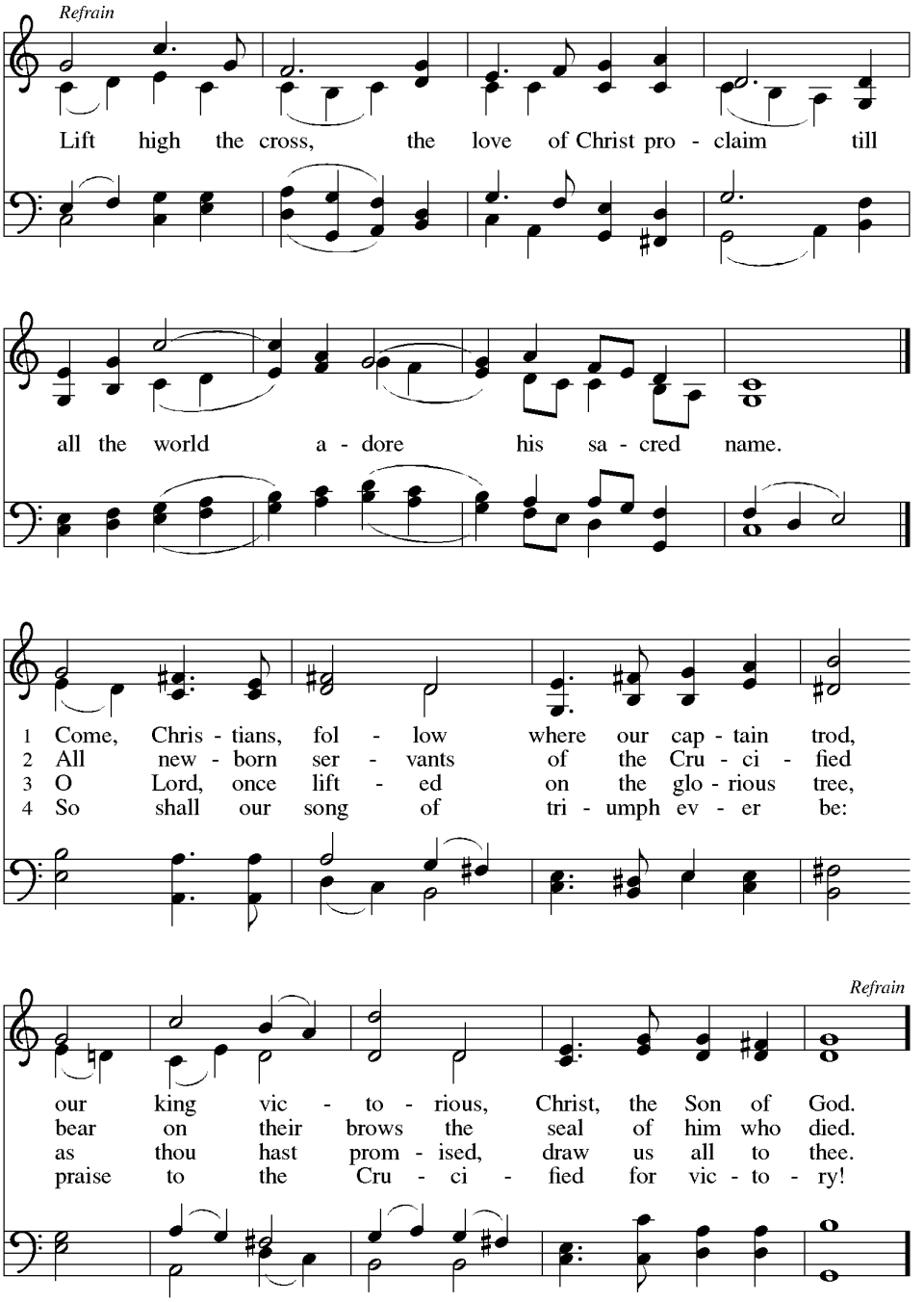
The following exclamation is sung three times as the Cross is processed to the altar.





Closing Hymn

ELW #660 "*Lift High the Cross*"



P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

We thank today's celebrants:

Deacon: Chris Formeller
Lectors: Bob Chandler, Mark Croll, Veronica McMillion, Guenter Seidel, Marne Turner
Greeter/Usher: Bob Chandler

Musicians

Soloists (*in order of appearance*):
Sopranos: Jade Dashá & Marisa Buchheit
Tenor: Benjamin Burney
Baritones: Avery Sujkowski & Carl Ratner
Choral ensemble: Ryan Alexander, Marisa Buchheit, Benjamin Burney, Sarah Collins, Katherine Dalin, Jade Dashá, Beena David, Richard Gaul, Rose Guccione, Cornelius V. Johnson III, Kim Jones, Dan Lantvit, Kunying Li, Alexandra Logue, Jordan Loyd, Mary-Ann Lupa, Wilbur Pauley, Carl Ratner, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck, Avery Sujkowski
Pianist/Conductor: Paul Dykstra

Announcements

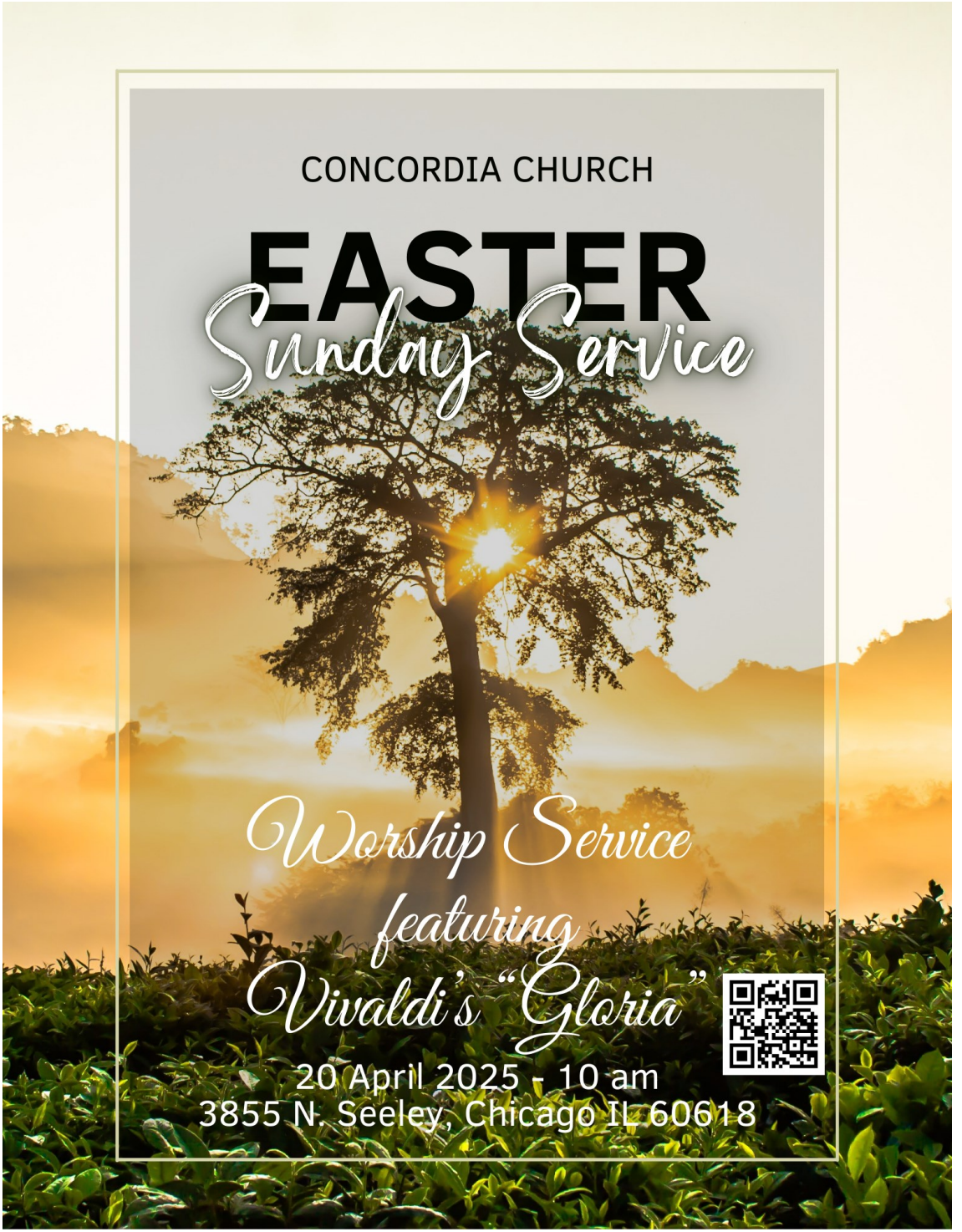
Important Dates to note:

- **April 20th**: Easter Sunday
  Children's Easter Activities at 9am
  Easter Worship at 10am
- **April 27th:** Baptism of Caroline & Emily McMillion

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Easter Sunday

APRIL 20TH | 9-10AM
IN THE GYM

Children are invited to join us for games, Easter activities, crafts, and snacks!

All kids are welcome!

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EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOU

"*Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.*" Luke 24: 5b

The angels ask, Why are you looking in the wrong place? Easter is about a reversal of expectations. Crucifixion leads to death; death leads to burial in the tomb. Unless, by the mighty act of God in raising Jesus from the dead tragedy is reversed into triumph; despair into joy; even death isn't death any longer.

"*If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people the most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died….so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father…*" 1 Corinthians 15: 19-24

Expectations are reversed. Death is followed by life. We do not look in the wrong places or live by expectations restricted to this life only. Even at the grave we sing our songs: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Preparations are now underway for the most glorious of celebrations honoring the feast day of our greatest joy: choir and musicians will raise anthems resounding, Easter worship and Alleluia banners will be unfurled, with celebratory activities for children in the gym the hour before worship. Join us in lifting your hearts and voices in our Easter celebrations on April 20th. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor Nicholas Zook



As we approach Easter, we think of Spring, the arrival of warmer days, flowers, more sunshine and outdoor activities. And we think of new opportunities through Concordia Ministries. Whether you indicated your interest in our Music Ministry, our Educational Programs or our New Neighbors Ministry, your support is vital to the sustenance of these ministries.

Your support allows Concordia Ministries to reach more families and expand even deeper into our community and neighborhoods. A financial gift at Easter, to honor someone or to illuminate the memory of someone is a wonderful way to support Concordia Ministries.

Please consider an making Easter offering. By supporting Concordia Ministries, you are supporting our programs and the families that benefit from them.
Happy Easter.

Daniel Formeller, *President, Concordia Church Council*



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Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

Closing Hymn **ELW #660 "*Lift High the Cross* "**

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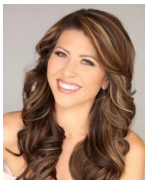
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