

thirsty but you gave me no drink.  
I was a stranger but you did not welcome me,  
naked but you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

*All pray in silence.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A SUITE FOR HOLY WEEK "Near the Cross" .....Lloyd Larson  
Reader: Jamie Robinson; Piano: Eleanor Cunningham

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

Reader #1 ..... Marcus Stephens  
Reader #2 ..... Stephanie Morris  
Reader #3 ..... MaryAnn Stephens  
Reader #4 ..... Taunja Pool  
Reader #5 ..... Elise Patterson  
Reader #6 ..... Steve Ackerman  
Reader #7 ..... David Pool  
Reader #8 ..... Logan Kanipe  
Reader #9 ..... Nicole Ackerman  
Reader #10 ..... Whitney Feaster  
Reader #11 ..... Lori Cheshire  
Reader #12 ..... Jason Cheshire  
Reader #13 ..... Erin Evans  
Reader #14 ..... Jason Feaster  
Reader #15 ..... Chandler Searcy  
Reader #16 ..... Christopher Searcy

\*ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

**NOTE: EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT 6:30 AM**

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**A SERVICE OF  
TENEBRAE  
or  
"DARKNESS"**

22 April 2011  
7:00 p.m.

**Bishop**

Mary Virginia Taylor

**District Superintendent**

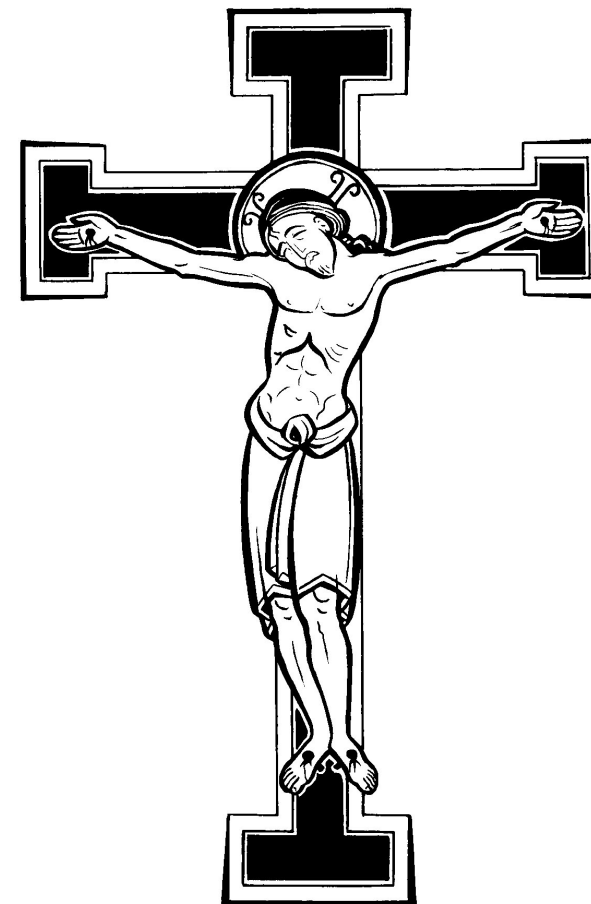
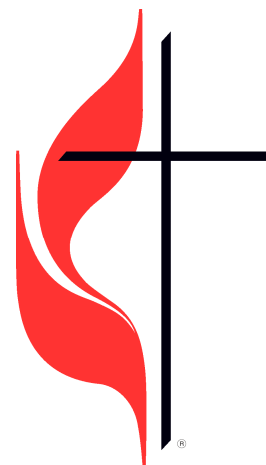
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## The Order of Worship

*Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the Sanctuary*

PRELUDE                    “On the Cross of Calvary” ..... Richard E. Gerig  
(\*All who are able are invited to stand.)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

\*GREETING

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,  
**and we loved darkness rather than light.**<sup>1</sup>

\*INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us pray . . .

\*HYMN NO. 288 ..... “Were You There”

THE REPROACHES: CHRIST'S LAMENT AGAINST HIS FAITHLESS CHURCH

O my people, O my Church,

what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?

I led you forth from the land of Egypt

and delivered you by the waters of baptism,

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna;

I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal

and gave you my body, the bread of heaven;

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

I made you branches of my vineyard

and gave you the water of salvation,

but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall

and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud,

but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.

I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity,

but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,

but you have given me a crown of thorns.

I raised you on high with great power,

but you have hanged me on the cross.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,

and washed your feet as a servant,

but you draw the sword to strike in my name

and seek high places in my kingdom.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes,

but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you,

but you close your hearts to guidance.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

I called you to go and bring forth fruit,

but you cast lots for my clothing.

I prayed that you all may be one,

but you continue to quarrel and divide.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel,

but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.

I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,

but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One,  
have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters.

I was hungry but you gave me no food,