

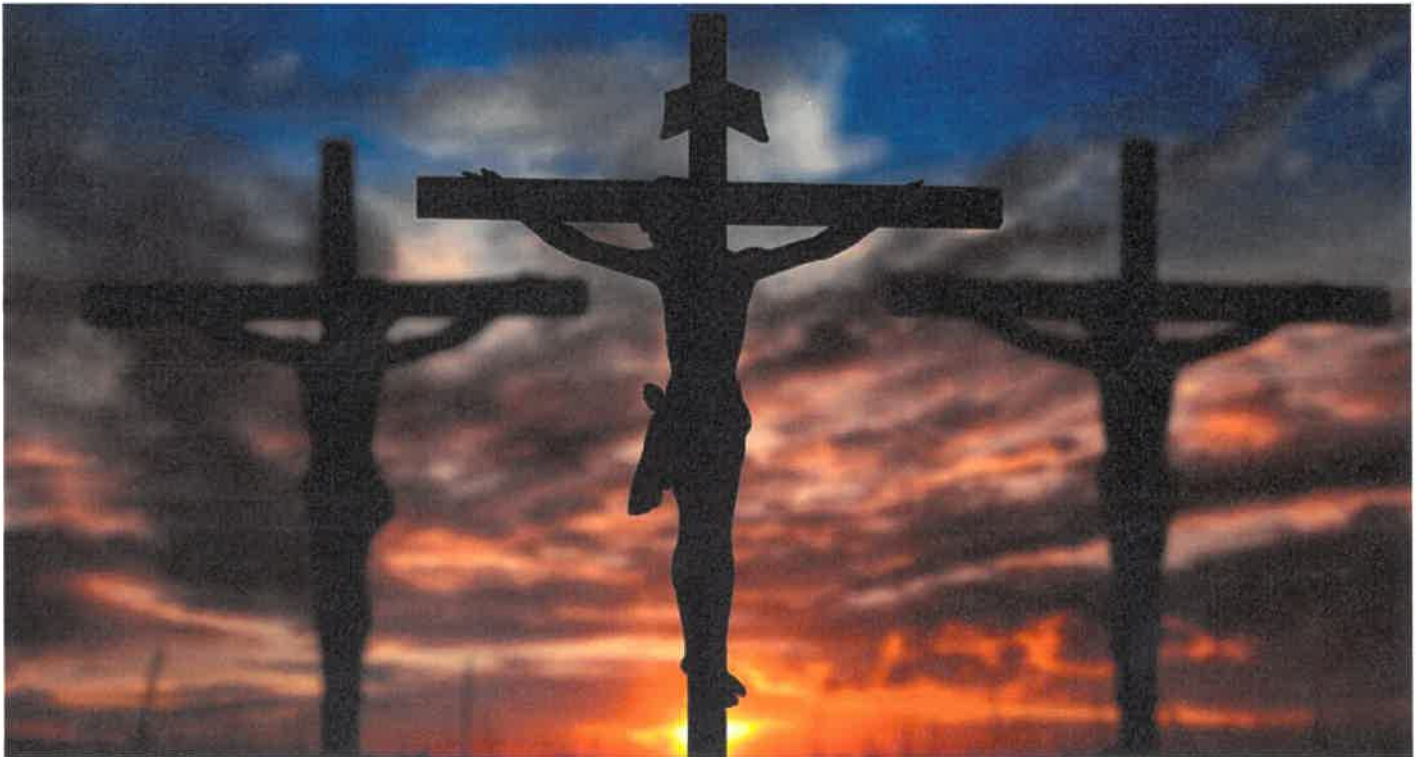


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Good Friday

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this
O my soul O my soul
What wondrous love is this O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

When I was sinking down
Sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing His love for me
And thro' eternity I'll sing on I'll sing on
And thro' eternity I'll sing on

Prayer

Welcome

Scripture Reading

Spark Story Bible - "The Last Supper" - pg. 462-465

Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world. He wanted to share his last Passover meal together with his 12 closest friends, the disciples. Jesus loved his friends and wanted to show them his love in a very caring way.

As the friends got ready for the meal, Jesus put water in a large bowl and knelt down on the floor. He wanted to wash the feet of each disciple. When it was Peter's turn, Peter said to Jesus, "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Peter, you don't understand what I am doing now, but you will later."

Peter loved Jesus so much that he said, "Then don't just wash my feet but my head and hands also!" Peter wanted to be as close to Jesus as possible.

As they were eating, Jesus sadly told his disciples, "Soon, one of you will betray me. One of you will tell people who don't like me where I am so they can take me away."

This upset the disciples, and each one said, "It's not me you're talking about, is it?"

When Judas said this, Jesus gently replied, "Yes, Judas, you will betray me."

Then Jesus picked up a loaf of bread. He blessed it and gave some to each of his friends, saying, "Take this bread and eat it. This is my body." Then Jesus picked up a cup of wine. He gave thanks and said, "Drink this. It is my blood which I must give up so that the sins of people may be forgiven."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL

The Minister will continue with the Words of Institution

On the night in which he was betrayed
Our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples -
saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink,
Saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Perhaps you or a member of your household hasn't had a formal "first communion" yet. That's ok. Share in the feast. This is Jesus' table. When we return to in-person ministries, we'll catch up on the learning and celebrations for those who have received communion for the first time during the pandemic. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.

Were You There (ELW 353)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Communion Prayer

Readings: *from the Spark Story Bible*

The Mount of Olives

pg. 466-467

When the meal was over, Jesus and his friends went to a place called the Mount of Olives. Jesus said sadly, “Soon you will all leave me.”

Peter felt bad. “Even if all the others leave you, I won’t” he said.

Jesus looked at his dear friend and said quietly, “Before the sun rises, you will pretend you don’t know me three times.”

Peter said, “Jesus, I love you too much to ever do that to you!”

And all of the other disciples said the same thing.

(During song, communion vessels are removed down center aisle to kitchen.)

Dm G Dm Bb C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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Jesus Prayed

pg. 468-469

Jesus had a good friend named Peter who was there when Jesus healed people and made miracles happen.

Jesus liked Peter so much he gave Peter the nickname “The Rock.” Jesus had another friend named Judas.

Jesus, Peter, Judas, and the other disciples spent lots of time together. They were all together when Jesus told them that his life had to end. It was a sad and hard time for Jesus and his friends.

Jesus felt so sad that he went to a quiet place in a garden and prayed. “Please God,” Jesus prayed, “make me strong. Help me trust you.”

Jesus asked the disciples to come to the garden and stay awake while he prayed. But they fell asleep

(During song, candlesticks are removed down center aisle to kitchen.)

Dm G Dm B♭ C F A



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm B♭ C Dm



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The Disciples Sleep

ps. 470-471

“Wake up. Wake up. Wake up,” Jesus told the disciples three times. When Jesus finished praying, it was time for them to go and face hard things.

Even though Jesus had many friends, he had some bad enemies too. Some people were scared that Jesus would change the world too much with love.

Judas got scared too. He let Jesus down. Judas told some of Jesus’ enemies where Jesus was. When soldiers came to the garden, Judas kissed Jesus on the cheek to show them who they were looking for. The soldiers took Jesus away. Judas and Peter ran away and hid. They were so scared.

(During song, bookstand is removed down center aisle to kitchen.)

Dm G Dm Bb C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Peter Denies Jesus

pg. 472-473

Later, Peter waited outside the place where Jesus was on trial. A girl saw Peter and said, "He's a friend of Jesus. He's in trouble too!" Peter wanted to help his friend Jesus, but he was scared, so he pretended he didn't know Jesus. "I don't know him. I don't know him. I don't know him," Peter said. His lie made him feel even worse inside.

Peter ran away again. He cried and cried. Peter felt so sad for Jesus. Peter felt very, very sorry.

But Jesus knew that Peter loved him. Jesus knew that Peter was his friend. That's why he had given Peter such a special job. The Rock became a strong leader in the church. He told many, many people about his best friend, Jesus. "I know him. I know him. I know him," Peter told everyone. And THAT was the truth.

(During song, banners are removed down center aisle to kitchen.)

Dm G Dm B \flat C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm B \flat C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Jesus on Trial

pg. 474-475

The priests were mad at Jesus and wanted to get rid of him. “What will happen to us if the people follow Jesus?” they grumbled. So, they made a plan. “Let’s take Jesus to the governor, Pontius Pilate. He can get rid of Jesus.”

When Pontius Pilate saw Jesus he asked, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus didn’t answer. Pilate thought kings ruled over countries and people. Jesus knew that his power was about loving God. Jesus’ kingdom was not the same.

Pilate was frustrated. Some people wanted to kill Jesus, but Pilate didn’t think Jesus had done anything wrong. Pilate didn’t want any trouble, so he handed Jesus over to the people.

The priests smiled. Soon Jesus would be gone. Jesus knew that he would die, but that wouldn’t be the end of the story. Jesus knew God’s plan too.

(During song, stole is removed down center aisle to kitchen.)

Dm G Dm Bb C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Detailed description: This block contains two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus Carries the Cross'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system's lyrics are 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system's lyrics are 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A for the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm for the second system.

Jesus Carries the Cross

pg. 476

It was a very sad day when Jesus died. The soldiers who had arrested Jesus teased him for pretending to be a king. They took his clothes and put a king's purple cloak on him. They made a crown of vines with sharp thorns and put it on Jesus' head. Ouch!

The soldiers made Jesus carry a heavy wooden cross. The cross was too heavy for him. Jesus fell and skinned his knees, and the cross tumbled to the ground. A man in the crowd carried the cross the rest of the way.

(During song, altar cloth is removed down center aisle to kitchen.)

Dm G Dm Bb C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Detailed description: This block contains two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus Carries the Cross', identical to the first block. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system's lyrics are 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system's lyrics are 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A for the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm for the second system.

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

pg. 478-479

The soldiers nailed Jesus' hands and feet to the cross. They raised Jesus' cross up on a hill between two other men. The other men were thieves and they were being crucified too. One of the men was angry with Jesus.

"If you are a powerful king, can't you save yourself? Why don't you save us too?!" The man spat at Jesus.

But the other thief believed in Jesus. He shouted back, "Don't you know who this is? This is God's Son. He hasn't done anything wrong. We are being punished for our mistakes. But Jesus shouldn't be here."

The man turned to Jesus and asked, "Will you take me to heaven with you?"

Jesus looked at the man and loved him. Jesus told him, "Yes, today we will be in heaven together."

(During song, the altar is draped with black cloth and crown of thorns is set upon it.)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has the following lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system has the following lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with some rests in the vocal line.

Dm G Dm Bb C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

After a while, the world grew very dark, as if a terrible thunderstorm was coming. It was as if all of creation was crying because Jesus was about to die. Jesus was feeling all alone and prayed to see if God was still there. Of course, God never left Jesus. God was with him the whole time.

Jesus looked at the crowd. He was so sad that people didn't believe that he was God's Son. He asked God to forgive them for killing him. The soldiers offered him some sour wine, but he didn't want to drink it.

He was ready to die. Finally, Jesus had fought for long enough. He said, "God, the work you gave me to do here is finished." He breathed a final, long, slow breath, and then he died.

(During song, the cross is draped in a black cloth.)

Video

(Performed by Nancy Dickerson and Amber Seaman)

Pie Jesu

(from Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Requiem")

Pie Jeus, Pie Jesu

Qui tollis peccata mundi:

Donna eis requiem, donna eis requiem.

Pie Jeus, Pie Jesu

Qui tollis peccata mundi:

Donna eis requiem, donna eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei

Qui tollis peccata mundi:

Donna eis requiem, donna eis requiem.

Sempiternam, sempiternam, requiem.

Merciful Jesus, Merciful Jesus
Father, who takes away the sins of the world:
Grand them rest, grant them rest.

Merciful Jesus, Merciful Jesus
Father, who takes away the sins of the world:
Grand them rest, grant them rest

Lamb of God, Lamb of God
Father, who takes away the sins of the world:
Grant them rest, Grant them rest.
Everlasting, everlasting peace.

Silence

Bidding Prayer

(Pastor and Assisting Minister lead us in the bidding prayer, a broad and ancient prayer seeking God's blessings on the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each prayer includes a moment of silence, and concludes: We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Lord's Prayer

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 Procession of the Cross

A large cross is brought into the sanctuary and set at the altar. A three-fold invitation and acclamation is said, led by the Assisting Minister.

Behold the cross of Jesus.

Oh come, let us worship him.

Behold the cross of Jesus

Oh come, let us worship him.

Behold the cross of Jesus.

Oh come, let us worship him.

A black drape is laid across the cross.

Closing Prayer

P: Let us pray:

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.

May God be merciful and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.
We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.

After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The service ends in silence, with an extended gaze upon the cross.

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New Joy Lutheran Church: A Spirited Community

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.

Extend Radical Welcome

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that welcomes, values, accepts, and nurtures all people wherever they are in their relationship with God.

Share Generous Grace

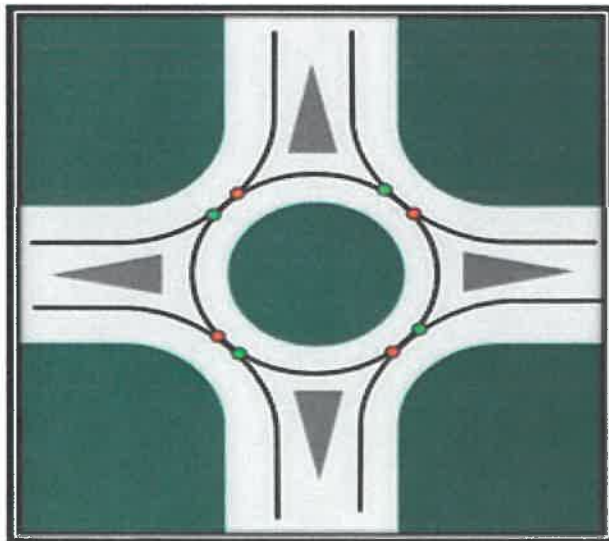
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

Nurture Transforming Faith

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that receives faith as a gift of God that transforms us and the world.

Live God's Promise

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that boldly lives in our Lord's promise of renewed and everlasting life.



About New Joy Lutheran Church

New Joy Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is a community of faith moved by God's Spirit. We come to New Joy from different places, with different life and faith experiences. What draws us together is the center – our Lord Jesus Christ – who welcomes us into a common life and transforming faith, and sends us out to share generous grace and boldly live God's promise.

