



St. John's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018



Welcome Visitors!

Out of a broken and divided world, all people are welcomed into the whole body of Jesus Christ at St. John's. As children of one God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

All who seek the Lord are invited to share in Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine with his own body and blood. You may take the wine from an individual glass or the common cup. If needed, grape juice is available from the individual glasses. Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, indicating this by crossing the hands at the heart.

A nursery is available for children during the 10:30 am service.

You are cordially invited to join us at the Welcome Table following each service.

Personal Listening Devices and Large Print Bulletins are available by request from an usher.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION OF SINS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of heaven and earth, you come to us and make us yours. Empower us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

Forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

We acted when we knew better.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

People of God, look to the + Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

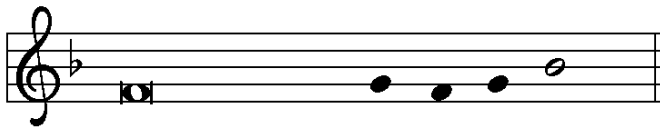
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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.

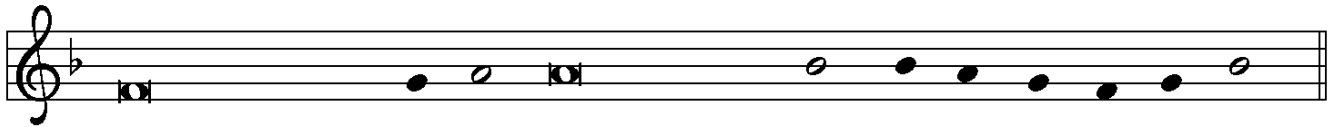
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



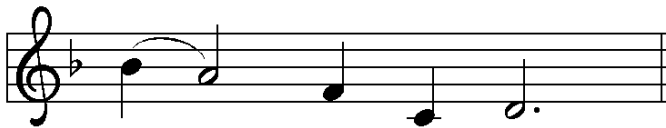
Lord, have mer - cy.



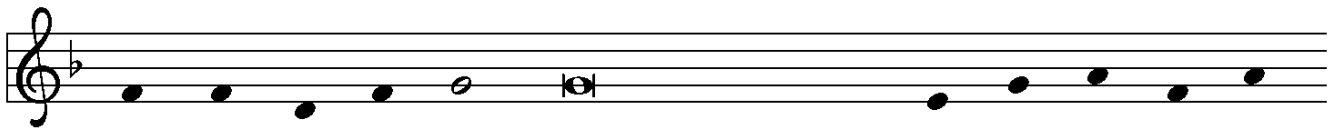
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



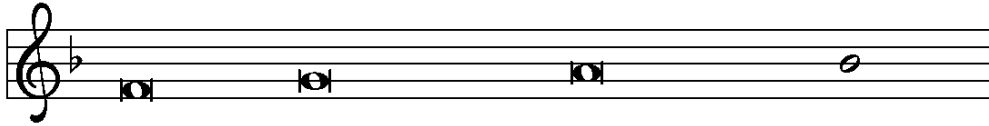
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 51:1-12



¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹from my sin.**

³For I know ¹my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right ¹in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing the acclamation twice through.



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and

where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Craig Boehlke

HYMN OF THE DAY

Restore In Us, O God
from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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 INTERCESSION

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

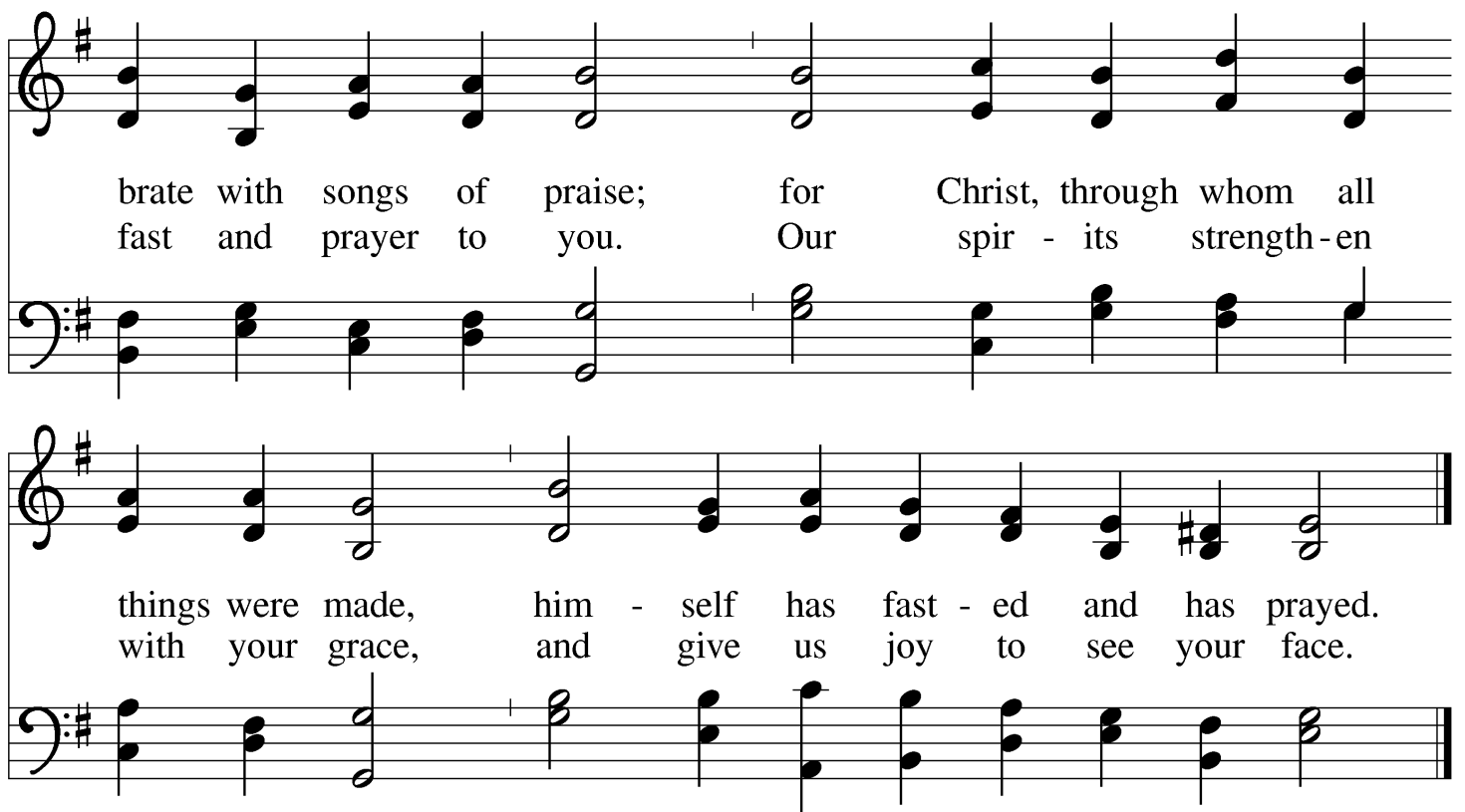
God So Loved the World
Adult Choir

Stainer

OFFERTORY

The Glory of These Forty Days

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God:

receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

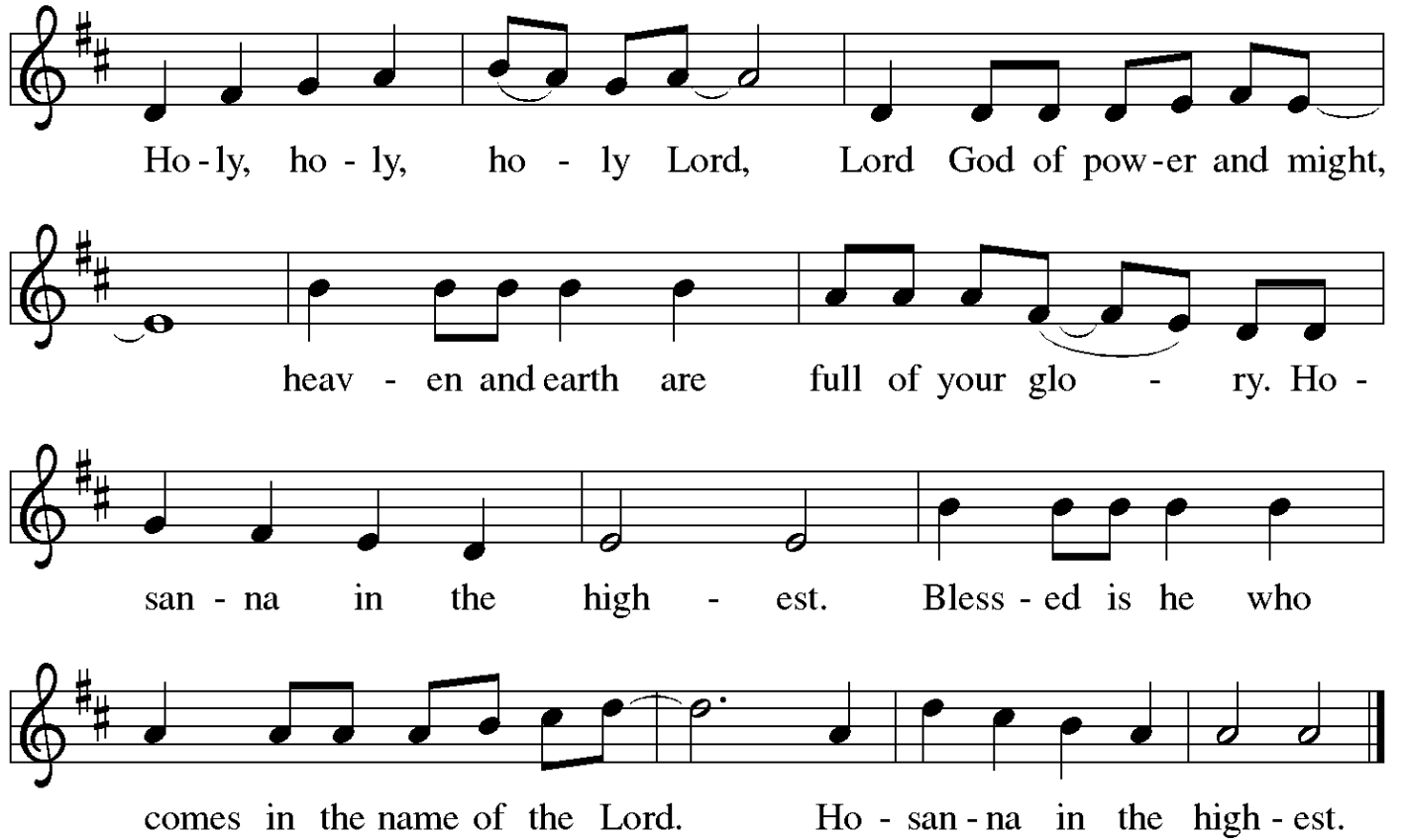
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation: hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.

In every generation you are full of compassion and healing, granting people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over your people. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In 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 sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

O God, you are breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most compassionate, O God our strength and our song, grant us life: the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

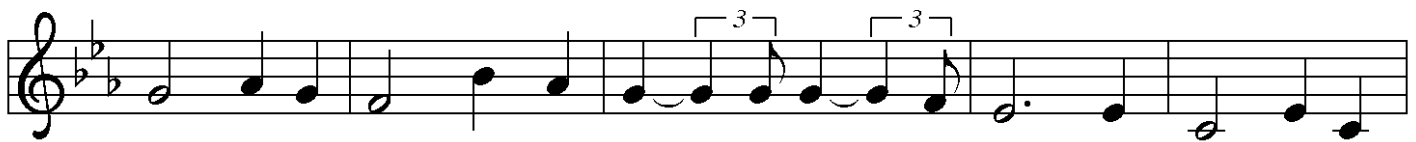
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION *An invitation to communion is on the cover of the bulletin.*

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



COMMUNION MUSIC

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

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DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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The Biblical focus text for next Sunday is provided in advance so that you can begin reflecting.

Sunday, March 25

Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-11

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!”

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.

The Passion of the Lord: Mark 14:1-15:47

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Worship Assistants

| | Today March 18 8:15 am | Today March 18 10:30 am | Next Sunday March 25 8:15 am | Next Sunday March 25 10:30 am |
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| Greeters | Tammy Verheyden | Etta Allen Carmen Dillard | Claria Gorgen | Perry & Nancy Dukes |
| Ushers | Sarah Anderson Harley Ruff | Jim & Sam Cowan Jim & Brenda Colwell | Chuck Gorgen Pat Bennett | Lon Carlson Paul Mannheim Jim & Pat Palmer |
| Communion Assistants | Pat Collins Pat Bennett | Etta Allen Carmen Dillard | Claria Gorgen Candace Camp | Perry & Nancy Dukes |
| Sacristan | | Marly Roper | | Arno Moellenhoff |
| Acolyte | Mary VRuff | Heather Lynn Hamilton | Adam Burvenich | Hannah Merchant |
| Reader | Clayton Ruff | Hampton Long | Jeri Casper Erik Lindstrom | Jeri Casper Erik Lindstrom |
| Psalmist | Jeri Casper | Denise Bishop | - | - |
| Floral Arranger | No Flowers | | No Flowers | |
| Sound System | Graham Ruff | Denise Bishop | Tucker Baron | Rudy Bishop |
| Welcome Table | Janet Wedlock | Melinda Ellis | | Bonnie Miller |

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| Altar Guild—March | Wade Bishop, Gloria Bockelman, & BJ Ray Eve Roane—Linens |
| Director of Music | Jordan Plair |
| Pianist | Gloria Bockelman |

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The crown of thorns plant on the altar during the season of Lent is placed to the glory of God and in Memory of Pastor Shannon's grandparents.

Because it is covered with thorns and tipped with tiny red blooms that might make one think of drops of blood, the crown of thorns plant is sometimes used as a reminder of the crown of thorns placed upon the Christ as he was mocked and beaten by the arresting soldiers.

During this season, may it remind us of Christ's death and the transformation of humanity that his life, death, and resurrection is bringing into reality!

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