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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We are here because God wants to be with us in a special way.

We are here because we want to be with God and with others who belong to God.

We are here because others need us to be here with them.

We are here because God has called us together.

We are holy people in the holy presence of God.

Let us prepare ourselves to be with God together.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude During the Prelude, please prepare for worship using the Psalm.

Psalm 126

¹Happy are they whose transgressions ¹are forgiven, and whose sin is ¹put away!

¹When the LORD restored the for- ¹tunes of Zion, then were we like ¹those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with ¹shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great ¹things for them."

³The LORD has done great ¹things for us, and we are ¹glad indeed.

⁴Restore our for- ¹tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses ¹of the Negeb.

⁵Those who ¹sowed with tears will reap with ¹songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carry- ¹ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- ¹ing their sheaves.

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the Name of the Father and of  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. **C: Amen.**

Let us make confession to God.

Silence for self-examination.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who in true repentance confess their sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his auth-

ority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Let us pray... Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

God engages us in holy conversation – speaking and listening. Let us open our ears and hearts to hear God’s voice in the words spoken to us. Let us prepare to celebrate new life by repentance through prayer, fasting, and care for the poor.

First Lesson – *Isaiah 43:16-21*

A reading from Isaiah

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new

thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson – *Philippians 3:4b-14*

A reading from Philippians

[St. Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on

the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor

of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his

resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Cantor sings:

Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

ALL: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what ¹lies ahead,*

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God ¹in Christ Jesus.

[Phil. 3:13-14]

Holy Gospel — John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples [the one

who was about to betray him], said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶[He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.] ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

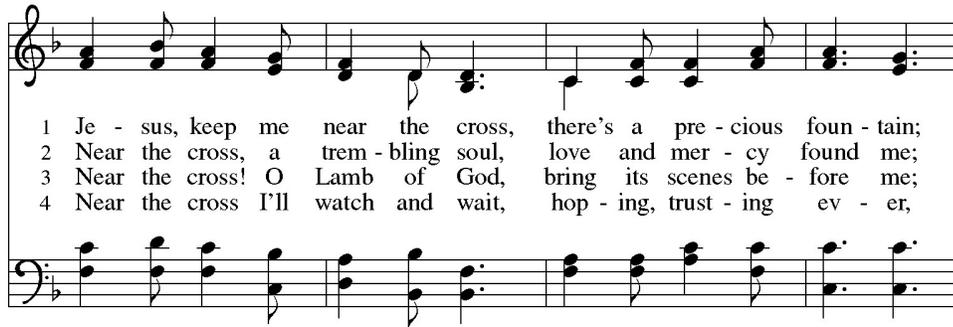
The Message

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the message.

Hymn
of the
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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

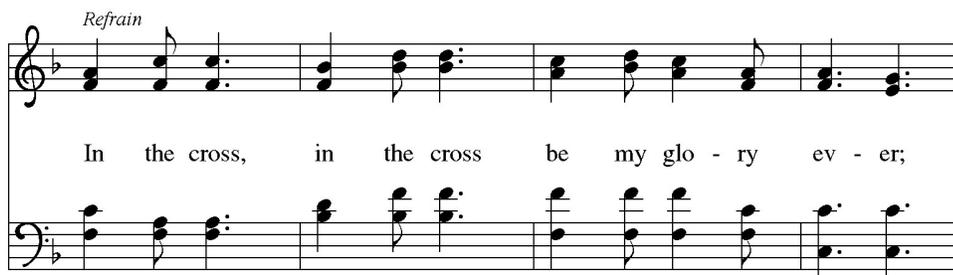


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The Prayer of the Church

Drawn close to the heart of God our Father, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Lord, do a new thing in your Church. Free us from structures that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse climate change and preserve us from environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick, especially those we name before you now..... Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Deliver us from the scourge of racism and prejudice of all kinds. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace. Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

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

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set.*

OFFERING – WE RETURN THANKS TO GOD AND SUPPORT GOSPEL MINISTRY

Please prepare your offering in an envelope to place in the offering box when you are dismissed for Communion. Also be sure you have filled out the attendance card. **You may also give by text (717) 366-6865 or online at www.StPetersLutheranYork.com.**

*Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory.
We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.*

The Great Thanksgiving – The Eucharistic Meal

As the baptized children of God, we are invited by God to share the heavenly banquet. Jesus seats us at his table where we are delivered from sin, death, and evil by his body and blood from his death on the cross. In this meal, Jesus forgives our sins, granting us life and salvation. He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Compassionate God,

C: we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that, in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dialogue

Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

C: Holy, holy, holy! The LORD of hosts is holy!

The whole earth is full of his glory! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

Fraction—Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ is broken as he was broken for us in the Passover, in the loaves, and on the cross. He gives himself to us as he fed the multitudes. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who gave himself to deliver all people from slavery to sin.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Distribution of the Sacrament

The pastor will commune.

*She will then commune those with mobility needs in their pews. Then the ushers will dismiss worshipers to come down the center aisle, receive the host, and **return to their seats by the side aisle.***

When all have communed, the service continues.

Communion Blessing

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

Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.

Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **C: Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Beneath the Cross of Jesus'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are provided below the vocal line of each system.

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

A Tribute Gift to the General Fund is given to the glory of God

In loving memory of *our parents, Paul & Helen Everhart & Russel & Beulah Adams*, by Donald Everhart & family.

Lenten Vesper Service – Wednesday, APRIL 6, 7:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran, York
 Rev. George Fitch [Parable: *Ten Pounds*] – Cantor: Emily Reep [Psalm 15]

Community Meal – TODAY, 11:00 AM – at St. Peter's Lutheran

Update on Holy Communion

Starting Maundy Thursday, we will again receive the Blood of Christ. This will be by using a pouring chalice and individual cups.

Communion Assistants Needed

Volunteers are needed to be communion assistants for Holy Communion during the Sunday morning worship services. *If you are interested, please contact Peggy Kling.*

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, APRIL 7, 6:30 PM

PRAYERS for MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Bruson—Evelin Burgos—Rich Davis—Sharon Dietz—Cindy Dennis—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Eric Gise—Shelva Gise—Frank Guerrini & family—Bruce Harget—Mike Hinkle Jere Hohenwarter—Gary & Karen Hollenbough—Phil Knobloch—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Deborah Mcintyre—Philip Michael—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Shirley Rearich—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Rick Robinson—Jerry Schrum—George Shenberger—Emma Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—Chris Thatcher—James Thompson—Jeanette Tracey—Matthew Walters—Kelsey Wagner—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Mearl Williams.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Don Everhart—Bill Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Gloria & Phil Knobloch—Carla & Mike Lehr—Jean Leiphart—Joanne V. Martin—Marguerite Ness—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper—Bob Zeigler



— HOLY WEEK —

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, APRIL 10, 8:45 AM

In Person Service — at St. Peter's Lutheran

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, APRIL 14

3:30 PM

In Person Service — at St. Peter's Lutheran

7:00 PM

In Person Service — at Christ Lutheran, Manchester

Good Friday Service

Friday, APRIL 15, 7:00 PM

In Person Service — at St. Peter's Lutheran

Easter Vigil Service

Saturday, APRIL 16, 7:00 PM

In Person Service — at St. Paul's Lutheran, York

—Wednesdays in Lent—

“Parables of Jesus”

Stories from the Gospel of Luke

LENTEN EVENING VESPERS

—7:00 PM—

April 6

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8:45 AM—Worship Service

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**This Week
CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 AM — 1:15 PM

Friday
OFFICE CLOSED