

## Welcome to Worship Mt Si Lutheran Church

### Serving Tonight

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### Announcements

#### **April 5 - Easter Service – 9:30am**

Christ is Risen! We would love to worship with you.  
You are invited to bring cut flowers for our Easter Cross

#### **April 5 - Easter Breakfast – Following Worship**

Hear from our mission team headed to Lantern Hill  
Freewill offering for Lantern Hill Mission Trip

#### **April 12 – Holy Humor Sunday – 9:30am**

You don't want to miss this special worship!  
Let's celebrate Jesus with laughter and joy in this one-of-a-kind service  
This is a great service for children of all ages.

#### **July 13-17 – Vacation Bible Camp – 9-12pm**

This is FREE offering to kids age K-6th Grade.

The day includes large group gatherings and small group stations  
of games, crafts, Bible stories, science and snacks.

Register Here:



### **“Healed and Still Healing”**

*Holy Week – Good Friday Worship*

*Welcome to Worship – Please take a small oil bottle per person.  
There will be three anointing rituals during our worship. The bottles with a piece of yarn on  
them are scented with cedarwood essential oil – the others are plain olive oil.  
If you would prefer not to use the oil, that's ok.  
You are welcome to participate in worship in whatever way is most meaningful for you.  
Parts for all to speak are in bold print.*

### **Prelude**

*Instrumental Music*

**Welcome & Announcements**

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## Gathering

*Pastor:* On this Good Friday – as we remember the lengths to which God went to redeem us and all creation – we continue our reflection begun on Ash Wednesday – we are broken vessels – vessels that Jesus welcomes, loves, heals and restores. ... Come, let us worship together as we ask these questions and listen for the Holy Spirit to answer – let us sing together:

**Vessels, holy and whole  
Broken, needing the One  
Open, body and soul, healer, come**

**Reading: Commission**  
Matthew 10: 1-8

*Lector:* Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

*These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, The kingdom of heaven has come near. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.*

*Lector:* Let us sing together,

**Vessels, holy and whole  
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Open, body and soul, healer, come**

**Reading: The First Commandment**  
Matthew 22:34

*Lector:* When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

*Lector:* Let us sing together,

*moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, Truly this man was God's Son!"*

**The Earth Shook: Musical Meditation**  
*Three Rusty Nails*

**Reading: The Burial of Jesus**  
Matthew 27: 55-61

*Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.*

*When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.*

**The Third Anointing: Burying the Past**

*Pastor leads us in an anointing ritual.  
Please use the oil provided as you come into worship this evening.  
At the close you are invited to sing:*

**Vessels, holy and whole  
Broken, needing the One  
Open, body and soul  
Healer, come. x2**

**Blessing**

*After the blessing you are invited to remain in prayer for as long as you wish. When you are ready to leave, please leave in silence. Remember – This is not the end of the story. You are welcome to Easter worship, Sunday, April 5 at 9:30am.*

### Hymn

*Were you There?, Red Hymnal #353 vs. 1&2*

#### Verse 1

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?

#### Verse 2

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

### Reading: Jesus is Crucified

Matthew 27: 27-54

*Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, [1] and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.*

*As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."*

*Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "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. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.*

*From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." 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. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that*

### Vessels, holy and whole Broken, needing the One Open, body and soul, healer, come

*Pastor:* Jesus had been teaching, healing, touching and transforming lives for three years. His presence in the midst of suffering offered hope to so many... The tension was palpable – a clash was coming – and no one, but Jesus, understood the significance of what was to come.

### Reading: The Plot to Kill Jesus

Matthew 26: 1-5

*Lector:* *When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."*

### Hymn

*Ah, Holy Jesus, Red Hymnal #349, vs. 1 & 4*

#### Verse 1

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

#### Verse 4

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.

### Prayer of Confession

*Lector:* Let us acknowledge our need to restore, repair, renew our Holy Vessels, which include the communities of which we are a part. Let us pray:

**All: God of Suffering,  
You take no delight in the destruction of your creation, your people.  
Our own broken edges, sharp and raw, contribute to the pain sometimes.  
Especially during prolonged difficulty, we find ourselves struggling.  
We cannot manage it on our own, yet we try,  
forgetting to turn to you, forgetting to turn to each other,  
forgetting the power you offer, the commission you give,**

**to turn our tears to balm,  
to use our broken edges to cleave new realities of justice and hope.  
It all feels overwhelming and so we look away.**

Help us, Healer.  
Show us our connection to your healing power.  
Forgive our disbelief. Move us to move  
one step at a time toward greater care for one another.  
In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

*Silence*

**Vessels, holy and whole  
Broken, needing the One  
Open, body and soul, healer, come.**

**Reading: Jesus is Anointed**  
Matthew 26: 6-13

*Lector: Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."*

**The First Anointing: Extravagant Love**

*Pastor leads us in an anointing ritual.  
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**Music for the Anointing of Extravagant Love**  
*Reckless Love of God*

**Reading: Preparation for the Feast**  
Matthew 26: 14-19

*Lector: Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.*

**Hymn of Lament**

*Once We Sang and Danced, Red Hymnal #701, vs. 1,2,4*

Once we sang and danced with gladness,  
once delight filled ev'ry breath;  
now we sit among the ashes,  
all our dreams destroyed by death.

All the willows bow in weeping,  
all the rivers rage and moan,  
as creation joins our pleading:  
"God, do not leave us alone."

Come, O Christ, among the ashes,  
come to wipe our tears away,  
death destroy and sorrow banish;  
now and always, come and stay.

**Reading: Jesus is Sentenced**  
Matthew 27: 15-26

*Lector: Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.*

*Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, Barabbas." Pilate said to them, Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, Let him be crucified!"*

*So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.*

Verse 3

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

**Reading: Peter's Denial of Jesus**

Matthew 26: 69-75

*Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.*

**Vessels, holy and whole  
Broken, needing the One  
Open, body and soul  
Healer, come. x2**

**Reading: Jesus Brought before Roman Authority**

Matthew 27: 1-14

*When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.*

*When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed – consumed with grief – he took his own life.*

*But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."*

*On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.*

**The Second Anointing: Called to Serve**

*Pastor leads us in an anointing ritual.  
Please use the oil provided as you come into worship this evening.*

**Reading: Predictions**

Matthew 26: 30-35

*Lector: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,  
I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.*

*But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.*

**Space for Silent Reflection**

*Take a moment for silent reflection and prayer*

**Reading: Jesus Prays in Gethsemane**

Matthew 26: 36-41

*Lector: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

## Prayers in the Night

*Pastor:* Let us take this moment, as Jesus did, to dare ask the questions that come from the most broken places of our souls—our “deepest grieving.” It is in acknowledging what feels most broken, most cynical, most impossible, that healing can occur. We must address the roots of our ill in order for the salve of God’s desire for us to enter. You are invited to a time of reflection, becoming awake, staying awake, to the deep need within us and around us.

*Time for reflection as Go To Dark Gethsemane plays softly*

### Hymn

*Go To Dark Gethsemane, Red Hymnal #347 vs. 1*

#### Verse 1

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see.  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

### Reading: Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Matthew 26: 42-56

*Lector:* Again he went away for the second time and prayed, *My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.*” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, *Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.*”

*While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.*” At once he came up to Jesus and said, *Greetings, Rabbi!*” and kissed him. Jesus said to him, *Friend, do what you are here to do.*” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, *Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?*” At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, *Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.*” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

## Hymn

*Go To Dark Gethsemane, Red Hymnal #347 vs. 2*

#### Verse 2

Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.

### Reading: Jesus before the High Priest

Matthew 26: 57-68

*Lector:* Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, *This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.*” The high priest stood up and said, *Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?*” But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, *I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.*” Jesus said to him,

*You have said so. But I tell you,  
From now on you will see the Son of Man  
seated at the right hand of Power  
and coming on the clouds of heaven.*”

*Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?*” They answered, *He deserves death.*” Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, *Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?*”

## Hymn

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Red Hymnal #351 vs. 1&3*

#### Verse 1

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded, with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.