





Maundy Thursday

***Thursday, April 2, 2026
7:00 PM***

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VOLUNTARY

Prelude on “Ubi Caritas et Amor”

Gerald Near

(Please stand)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing, My Tongue, the Hidden Mystery

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord ☩ who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Presider continues:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Leader and the second for the Assembly. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." for the first two staves, and "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." for the third staff. The music features a simple melody with a descending line for "mer - cy" and a rising line for "Lord, have".

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 12.1-14

Lector A Reading from Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet,

and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116

Setting: David York



How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the Name of the LORD. **Antiphon**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his servants. **Antiphon**

O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the Name of the LORD. **Antiphon**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

Lector A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

As in that Upper Room You Left Your Seat

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(Congregation sings vv. 1 & 2, the Gospel is read, then v. 3 is sung)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

(Please be seated)

HOMILY

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

WASHING OF FEET

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. We all need to remember his example, but none stand more in need of this reminder than those whom the Lord has called to the ordained ministry.

Therefore, I invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that I may recall whose servant I am by following the example of my Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for “a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

FOOT WASHING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Following the foot washing, the following anthems are said:

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you feed us and serve us with your very Life. Help us feed and serve the world in your name, by our prayers and by our witness, by the choices we make and by the actions we take. By your grace, we begin here and now, praying for all whom you love, asking you to hear our prayer.

For the Church, that we may remember the one whom we serve, and the cost of his service to us. Make us cleansing waters and healing balm to the prisoner, the captive, the poor, and all in need.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those given charge of the welfare of nations. May they remember that the leader is one who serves. We pray for our president and cabinet, for the congress, for the leaders of our city, and for all who govern.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who must make hard moral choices, who hold the lives of others in their hands. For doctors and nurses and rescue workers; for ethicists and lawmakers.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those whose feet are dirty because they have no shoes, whose hearts are broken because they have no hope. For those who own only the clothes on their backs. For those without homes and for those who are alone.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those for whom life is hard. For those whose minds are not clear. For those in harm's way, especially soldiers and civilians in places of war and strife around the world. For all those in mortal danger.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick and all those in any other need. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently, aloud, or in the comment section.

(Pause)

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who mourn and all whose lives have been taken by the hand of others. Grant us both the courage to seek justice, and the strength to forgive.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, for all those whose memory will live in the members of this community. For all others who have died. By the power of Christ who died our death, may they know the power of everlasting life. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently, aloud, or in the comment section.

(Pause)

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Presider God of Jesus Christ: Teach us to serve all people in your name. By your Spirit's power, make us light, to dispel the darkness of sorrow and sin. Break us and make us bread for the world. Sustain us through the night of suffering and speed the coming of your kingdom, when the servant will be known as the Lord of all and love will forever abound; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed (with water) and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet) in the trial of death.

(Text attributed to Pope Innocent I)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A period of silence is kept after the Celebrant breaks the host)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy upon us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy upon us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One
Grant us your peace.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God

Communion Service in F, Harold Darke

Jordan Tickner, soloist

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us Thy peace.

The Presider says the following or a similar invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. Holy Communion will be distributed from a single Communion Station at the foot of the chancel steps. The Ushers will release people by row to receive Communion. **Gluten free wafers are available upon request.***

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those participating in the live streamed service and therefore not able to receive communion may wish to say the following prayer in recognition that the desire to receive communion carries the same spiritual benefits as actually consuming the consecrated elements.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Wondrous Love

arr. Eric Thiman

Dylan Wicks, Jordan Tickner, soloists

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 lay aside his crown 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.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

**Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament
you strengthen us with the saving power
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.
May this sacrament of your body and blood
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption
will show forth in the way we live,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel or bow their heads and the Presider says the following prayer

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN DURING THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

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During the hymn, the Ministers of the Liturgy will proceed to the Altar of Repose, where the consecrated elements will be reserved until Good Friday.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

HYMN DURING THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Stay with Me

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The people depart in silence.

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presider & Preacher	Fr. Michael Fincher
Organist	David York
Crucifer	David Luebben-Morrill
Lector	Bill Eldon
Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs)	Beth Eldon Holly Graham

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sing, My Tongue, the Hidden Mystery

Westminster Abbey



1. Sing, my tongue, the hid - den mys - t'ry of Christ's Bod - y
2. Born for us and giv - en to us Son of Mar - y,
3. On the night of that Last Sup - per feast - ing with his



1. glo - ri - fied, and his Pre - cious Blood most ho - ly,
2. Vir - gin pure, in the world he lived a - mong us,
3. cho - sen friends, he o - beyed the law com - plete - ly



1. shed in ran - som for the world, of - fered by the
2. sowed as seeds the word of truth; then the sea - son
3. in the food and drink pre - scribed; then he gave his



1. King of na - tions, born the fruit of no - ble womb.
2. of his so - journ with a won - drous rite he closed.
3. twelve A - pos - tles with his hands him - self as food.

Melody: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; adapted from an anthem by Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Text: *Pange, lingua, gloriosi corporis mysterium*, attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P., 1225–1274; tr. © 2023, ICEL

SEQUENCE HYMN

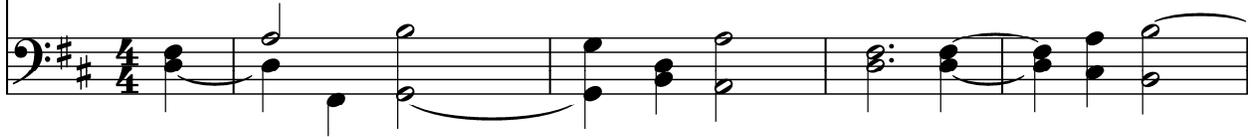
As in that Upper Room You Left Your Seat

Sursum Corda

(Congregation sings vv. 1 & 2, the Gospel is read, then v. 3 is sung)



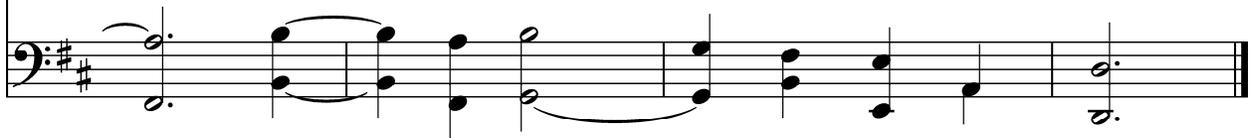
1. As in that up - per room you left your seat and took a towel and
2. I bow be - fore you, all my sin con - fessed, to hear a - gain the
3. So in re - mem - brance of your life laid down I come to praise you



chose a ser - vant's part, so for to - day, Lord, wash a - gain my
words of love you said; and at your ta - ble, as your hon - ored
for your grace di - vine; Saved by your cross, and sub - ject to your



feet, who in your mer - cy died to cleanse my heart.
guest, I take and eat the true and liv - ing bread.
crown, strength - ened for ser - vice by this bread and wine.



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926). Music: *Sursum Corda*, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971).

FOOT WASHING HYMN
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 602

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu]

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their

- 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
- 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

PRESENTATION HYMN
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 171

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Petra

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

HYMN DURING THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

Rockingham Old

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

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HYMN DURING THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Stay with Me

Jacques Berthier

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a melody with lyrics: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The bottom staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with block chords and moving lines.

pray. Watch and pray.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff continues the melody with lyrics: "pray. Watch and pray.". The bottom staff continues the accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon beginning in the Chapel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Private Confessions) from **3:00 to 4:00 PM** in the Chapel.

Good Friday Service at **7:00 PM** in the Church (in-person and live streamed).

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

Liturgy of the Word at **9:30 AM** in the Chapel.

Great Vigil of Easter at **7:00 PM** starting in the Courtyard (in-person and live streamed).

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Day

Choral Eucharist at **10:15 AM** in the Church (in-person and live streamed).

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