

April 13, 2025

**Palm Sunday
Communion Service**

Book of Common Prayer 2019

Holy Communion

Anglican Standard Text

Please silence your cell phones.

Vision Statement: “Our Culture”

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

“Know – Grow – Serve!”

Prayer Meeting Dates & Times

Morning Prayer – Mondays - Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Mid-Day Prayer – Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer – Monday – Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Corporate Prayer – Sunday, April 13th following the 10:00 am Service

The Liturgy of the Palms

BCP 554

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

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

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and self-sacrifice. Today, with the whole Church, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day, our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet him as our King, though we know his crown was a crown of thorns, and his throne a cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from his triumphal entry, through his suffering and death, to the glory of his resurrection.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray,

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 19: 28 – 40

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Let us pray.

We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Sanctify these branches with your blessing, we humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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Processional Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn 154

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

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 Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner.

WELCOME

Blessed be our God.

Now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40 ESV*

The people sit.

Lord Have Mercy (arr. by S. Merkel)

Cantor: Rev. Gene Sherman

Cantor: Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken;
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim;
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom;
Forgive me for my unbelief, Renew the fire again.

Antiphon (*Congregation sings in response.*)



Cantor: I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man;
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You;
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing;
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

Antiphon

Cantor: I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness, ever flowing without end;
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,
your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.

Antiphon

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All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Almighty God, *Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker, and judge of us all: we acknowledge and repent of our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the words of assurance and encouragement our Savior Christ speaks to all who truly turn to him:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ESV

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, *in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and come to share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“Look Who It Is: It’s Jesus!”

The Children’s Choir

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5 – 11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Word, v 1

Grant and Smith

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 1

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way,
Still, You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near,
Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

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The Congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

*All stand at the verse that mentions the arrival at The Skull (Luke 23:33)**.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The Gospel

Luke 23:1 – 59

Sequence Hymn

Thy Word, v. 2

Grant and Smith

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 2

I will not forget your love for me and yet,
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to your side,
I will love you to the end.

Refrain

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

We Believe: “Why Did Jesus Have to Die?”

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

With faith and love and in union with Christ, let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.

Have mercy on your people, for whom your son laid down his life:

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations, and have pity on those torn apart by division:

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake, and deliver them from evil:

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Look in mercy upon all who suffer, and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation:

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring comfort to the dying, and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory:

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting:

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life.

April Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, ***as we journey through this earthly life, help us to live into the reality of the cross and resurrection of your Son, that we would cast off the works of darkness and put on the Lord Jesus Christ, so that our transformed lives would reveal what we possess; everlasting life in Him., Amen.***

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died, to the mercy and protection of God. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Nate Shackelford	4/15	John Quebbeman	4/17
Judy Henley	4/15	Kathy Bartrum	4/17
Iris Neel	4/15		

The Offertory*The people stand.***Doxology****Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Hymn 390, v. 4

Praise to the Lord!
 O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that has life and breath,
 come now with praises before him!
 Let the Amen sound from his people again;
 Gladly forever adore him.

*The people remain standing.***THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people sit or stand.

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, † we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, * and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make, remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; asking you to grant that, by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his Blood, we and your whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the Cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

My rich-est gain I count but loss,
 All the vain things that charm me most-
 Did e'er such love and sor-row meet,
 Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine,

rit. last stanza

And pour con-tempt on all my pride.
 I sac-rifice them to His blood.
 Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
 De-mands my soul, my life, my all.

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Rock of Ages

James Ward

1. Rock of Ag-es, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;
 2. Not the la-bors of my hands can ful-fill thy law's de-mands,
 3. Noth-ing in my hand I bring, sim-ply to thy cross I cling;

let the wa-ter and the blood, from thy wound-ed side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res-pite know, could my tears for-ev-er flow,
 na-ked, come to thee for dress, help-less, look to thee for grace,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and
 all for sin could not a-tone, thou must save and thou a
 foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav-ior, or I

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1, 2. G C/D D⁷ 3. G E \flat VERSE 4 A \flat

power.
-lone.

die.

4. While I draw this

fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids _ close in death, when I soar to

worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne, rock of ag - es,

cleft for me, let me hide my -

-self in _ _ _ _ _ thee. _ _ _ _ _

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Song of Celebration The Power of the Cross

Getty & Townend

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn, and beaten then,
nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry.

Chorus

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 473

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Saints / Homebound Easter Bags: The easter baskets for our senior saints are ready and today is the day to deliver them to the people who can't join us in person. Please consider delivering a couple of them to our saints today. Thank you!

Easter Flowers – We are now taking requests for Easter flowers which may be given in memory of a loved one or as a thank offering in honor of a person or event. **The suggested offer is \$10. Our deadline is today, Sunday, April 13th.** Request forms are available in the narthex.

Saturday, April 19th in the Fellowship Hall, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, The Easter is Bunny is Coming to CCW! – Calling all children 0-10 years of age to come and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny. You'll be able to visit his Easter Egg Garden and have the opportunity to win prizes.

Parents, please bring your cameras, a friend, a neighbor & their kids, or a cousin! To register, send a text to 440-668-2314 with the child's name & age.

Spread the news and register early due to limited available spots! What a wonderful way to spend time with your kids & friends! Sponsored by the Bayvon Lake Little Church.

Tuesday, April 29th, from 9:00-10:30 am, Women's Bible Study in the Hearth Room, led by Linda Jackson – The last two sessions will be on:

- April 29: Ascension: The King Take His Throne
- May 13: Pentecost: God Changed His Address

April Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, as we journey through this earthly life, help us to live into the reality of the cross and resurrection of your Son, that we would cast off the works of darkness and put on the Lord Jesus Christ, so that our transformed lives would reveal what we possess; everlasting life in Him. Amen.



TrueNorth Chorale & Chamber Orchestra

Upcoming Concerts

Song of the Shadows (Tenebrae cantata)

Wednesday, April 16th at Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Grafton

Good Friday, April 18th at Avon Lake Presbyterian Church

Holocaust Remembrance Day Concert

Holocaust Cantata (Songs from the Camps)

Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:30 p.m., Bay Methodist Church

Patriotic Concert, May 17th



CCW Holy Week Service Schedule

Wednesday, April 16th

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion - Knickerbocker

April 17th – Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Foot Washing

Friday, April 18th – Good Friday

12:00 Noon & 5:30 p.m.

(2:00-5:00 pm, Private confession with Gene*)

***30-minute increments**

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Saturday, April 19th

10:00 am Holy Saturday Service

Sunday, April 20th – Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Childcare provided.



Sermon Text: Luke 23:1 – 56

The Congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.

All stand at the verse that mentions the arrival at the Skull (Luke 23:33)**.

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” ³And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” ⁵But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him.”

¹⁸But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²²A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called **The Skull**, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Question for Week 24

The New City Catechism

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

(Colossians 1:21-22)

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by this death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

Question for Week 25

Does Christ’s death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ’s death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ’s righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

(2 Corinthians 5:21)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Giving

2025 CASH REQUIREMENTS	
Through Sunday	04/6/2025
Current Month Cash Needs	\$ 51,983
Current Month Actual Cash Received	\$ 5,314
Current Month Additional Cash Needed	\$ 46,589
YTD Cash Needs	\$ 207,932
YTD Actual Cash Received	\$ 130,399
YTD Additional Cash Needed	\$ 77,533
2025 Total Cash Requirements	\$ 623,798

Attendance for 04/6/2025

10:00 am — 138

Wednesday — 7

Online — 26