

# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

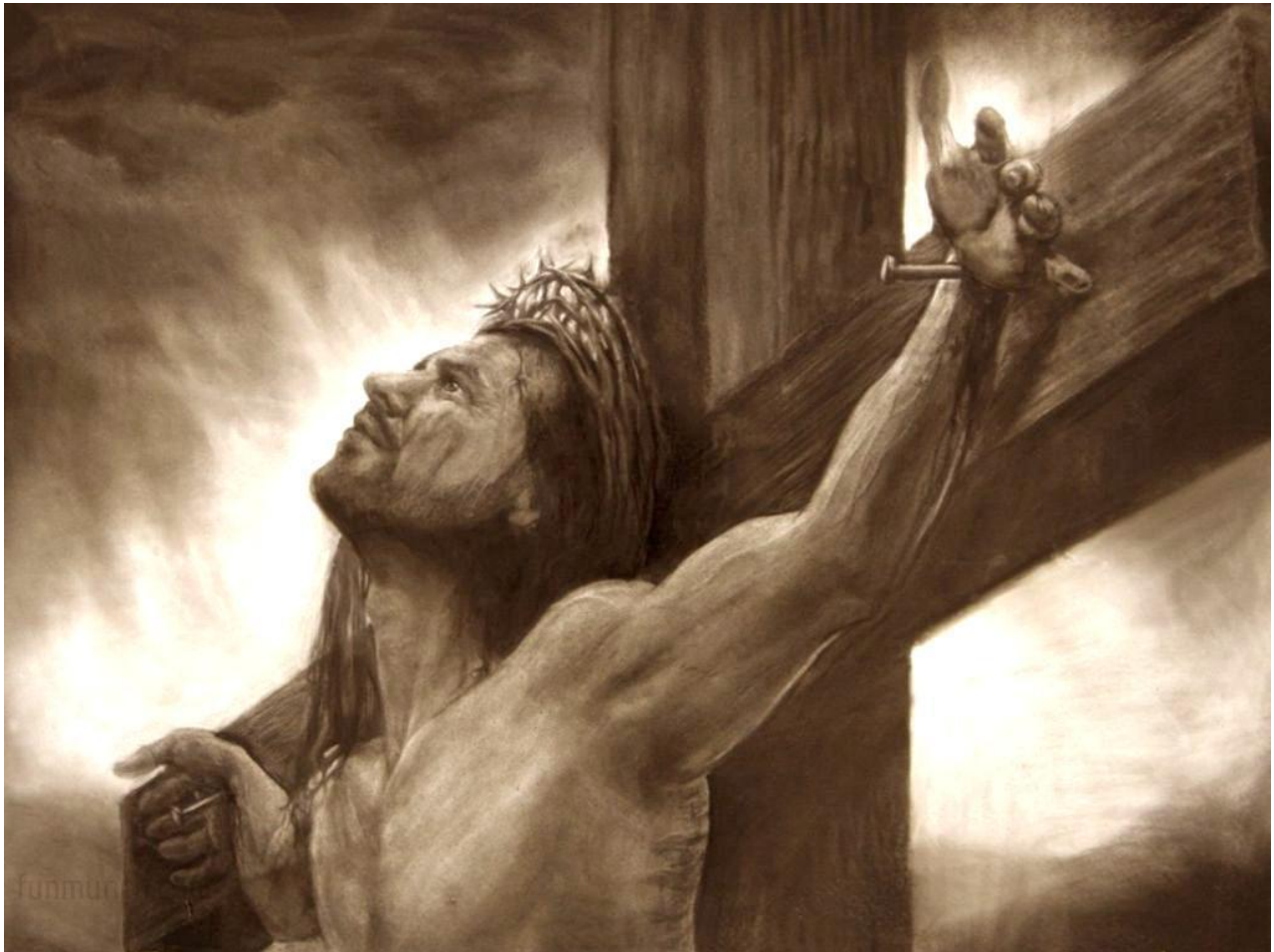
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## Good Friday

18 April A✠D 2025

Tenebrae Vespers

## ✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Tonight we observe Good Friday. On this day, we remember the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He willingly endured for our salvation. It stands as a solemn reminder of our sin and its dire consequences, as well as the unspeakable love of our Creator for us, on account of which He was willing to give His Son into death, that all who believe in Him might not perish but have eternal life.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

### **SOME NOTES ABOUT TONIGHT'S SERVICE:**

*Good Friday is part of the sacred Triduum, the three-day observance of Christ's Passover.*

*Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin, and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with the day's solemn character, music is kept to a minimum, though not silenced. Elaborate words of praise are omitted. The altar remains bare, having been stripped on Holy (Maundy) Thursday.*

*The service of Tenebrae (meaning "darkness") consists of the extinguishing of the church lights. Historically, it occurred early in the morning at the offices of Matins and Lauds on all three days of the Triduum. In recent times, the service has been observed only on the evening of Good Friday.*

*A more recent addition to Tenebrae, referred to as the "strepitus," occurs after the last candle is extinguished. The "strepitus" consists of a loud noise that is made by banging on a pew, or slamming shut a large book. This action has a variety of interpretations, including the scourging by the soldiers, the earthquake at the moment of Christ's death, or the closing of the tomb.*

*Tenebrae concludes with the final collect. As with the service for Holy (Maundy) Thursday, there is no benediction. The extended service of the Triduum (three days) will conclude with the Vigil of Easter.*

*All enter in silence.*

*Stand*

## Opening Versicles

*Psalm 51:5; Psalm 70:1*

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**All: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

## Psalms

*Sit*

### Psalm 2:1-12, Antiphon v. 11 & 12 c (*spoken responsively*)

- P** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
- P** Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
**C** The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,  
**P** “Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”  
**C** He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.  
**P** Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
**C** “As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”  
**P** I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.  
**C** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
**P** You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”  
**C** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
**P** Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.  
**C** Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

- P** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**Psalm 27:1-14, Antiphon v. 9b & c** (*spoken responsively*)

- P** Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.
- C** **Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!**
- P** The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?
- C** **The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**
- P** When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.
- C** **Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.**
- P** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- C** **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.**
- P** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- C** **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!**
- P** You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- C** **Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!**
- P** For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.
- C** **Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.**

- P** Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.
- C** **I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!**
- P** Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!
- P** Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.
- C** **Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!**

*A candle is extinguished.*

**Psalm 51:1-19, Antiphon v. 2** (*spoken responsively*)

- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!
- P** Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- C** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P** For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- C** **Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.**
- P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- C** **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**
- P** Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

- P** Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- C** **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.
- C** **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**
- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- C** **For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**
- P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- C** **Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;**
- P** then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.
- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

*A candle is extinguished.*

## ✠ The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ ✠

### Hymn: 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, Stanzas 1-3



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
Mine, mine was the trans-gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de-serve Thy place;



Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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**P** The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 19th chapter.

### Passion Reading 1

*John 19:1–16a*

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So

Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore, he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”

<sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” <sup>15</sup>They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” <sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

*A candle is extinguished.*



## Hymn: 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, Stanzas 4-7



4 My Shep-herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own me Thine.  
5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;  
7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!  
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;  
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,  
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.  
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!  
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

<sup>16b</sup>So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

<sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup>so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

<sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*A candle is extinguished.*

*Sit*

## Responsory

*1 John 2:1–2; [Mark 10:33]; Psalm 32:1*

*Pastor chants each Verse, followed by the congregation responding with the **Refrain**.*



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
2 Blessed is he whose  
transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.  
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered  
for the sins of the peo-ple.

## Office Hymn: 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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Sermon

*Stand*  
**Canticle - Nunc Dimittis**



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

*A candle is extinguished.*

**Prayers**

*Kneel*  
**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

- P** Lord, have mercy.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Christ, have mercy.  
**C** Christ, have mercy.
- P** Lord, have mercy.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

*A candle is extinguished.*

## Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The final candle is extinguished.*

## Streptitus

*Streptitus is Latin for "clash," or "boom." Here, St. Mark's large, Processional Bible that is opened to Isaiah 53 is slammed shut, the resulting "boom" signifying our Lord's tomb being closed, and the end of all his work of salvation for us.*

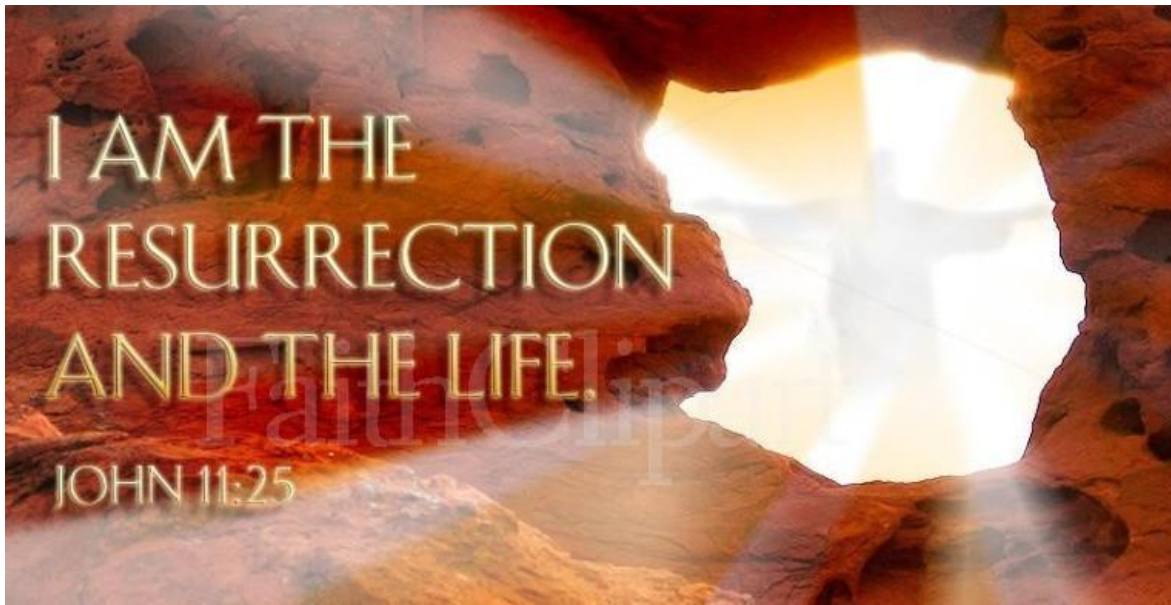
*All leave in silence and minimal light.*

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Please join us on Sunday, April 20 as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

Please note that the originally scheduled Easter Breakfast has been cancelled.



### **SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS EVENING**

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