

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Worship Focus
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Order of Service: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Order of Service

The Service: Setting Three

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

908 - Go Forth and Preach the Gospel



1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.
2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,
3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!



As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great - ness of our God.



The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - declare
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace
The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

Please stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

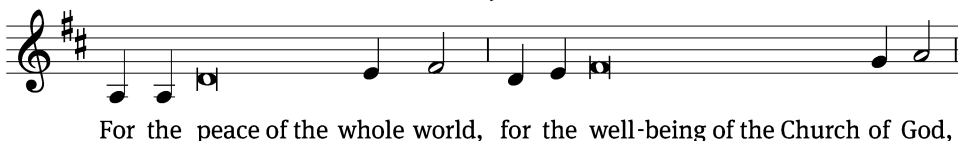
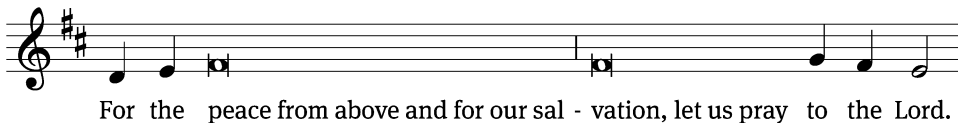
Let us confess our sins to the Lord. **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

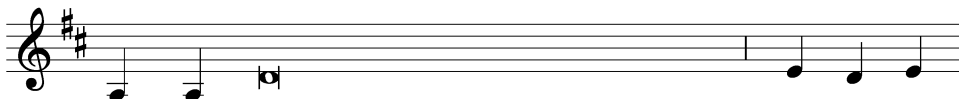
LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

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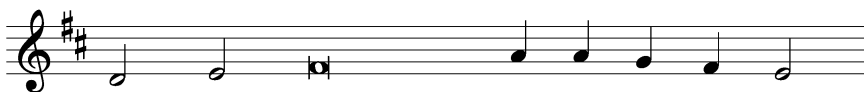
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



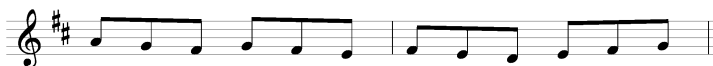
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

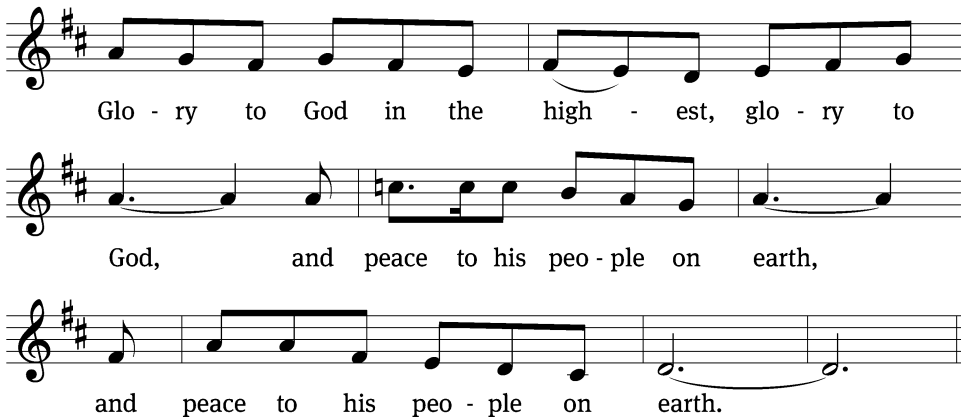


and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4–10

The LORD called Jeremiah to fearlessly share God’s Word, even if what he said made him unpopular.

JEREMIAH 1:4The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

71A - God Is My Strong Salvation

Refrain



God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?

Tone



In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;
let me never be / put to shame.
In your righteousness, rescue me and de- / liver me;
turn your ear to me and / save me.
Be my rock of / refuge,
to which I can / always go. *Refrain*

Since my youth, God, you have / taught me,
and to this day I declare your / marv'rous deeds.
Even when I am / old and gray,
do not forsake / me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next gener- / ation,
your mighty acts to all who / are to come.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

A temptation is for spiritual teachers to say only what people want to hear, equating personal popularity with success. St. Paul gives young Pastor Timothy a different agenda.

²TIMOTHY 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings the refrain. The cantor sings the tone. Cong. repeats the refrain.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone

I must proclaim the good news of the king - dom of God,

because that is why I was sent.



GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:38-44

Jesus was popular in Capernaum. The people wanted him to stay there permanently. Jesus knew for his mission to be successful, he needed to proclaim the good news in other towns.

LUKE 4:38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. 39 So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

40 At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. 41 Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. 43 But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” 44 And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

901 - O Christians, Haste



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,



to tell to all the world that God is light,
bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;

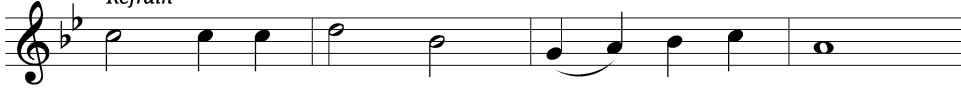


that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
with none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
or of the life he died for them to win.
and died on earth that they might live a - bove.
O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, ti - dings of peace,



ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion and re - lease.

✠ Sermon ✠

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Be “People of the Book”

Sermon notes:

Please stand

✠ The Confession of Faith ✠

NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

O Lord, put your Word in our mouths. Make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Give us patience and a clear mind in every situation. In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; **let us never be put to shame.**

Constantly turn our hearts to your Word. Equip us for every good work. Open our lips to speak your praise, even to the next generation. In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; **let us never be put to shame.**

Let your Word spread freely to bring your wisdom, salvation and knowledge to those who still live in darkness. In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; **let us never be put to shame.**

Give health and prosperity to all who are in authority, especially to the President and congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all our local authorities, that they may promote order and restrain wickedness, and that we may lead peaceful lives to your glory. In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; **let us never be put to shame.**

Aged Simeon held your Son in his arms and praised him as the light for the Gentiles and the glory of Israel. Anna pointed to your Son as the one who would bring the redemption of Jerusalem. Continue to bless your people who are in their advanced years. Increase their faith and hold before them your crown of life. In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; **let us never be put to shame.**

Your beloved Son healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, healed many people of their sicknesses and drove out demons. Heal all who struggle with the temptations of the devil and pains of mind or body [*especially...*]. Restore and raise them up again to shout your praise. In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; **let us never be put to shame.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayer.

Lord God Almighty, maker of all, make our minds steadfast in your will and aware of our souls' needs. Strengthen us against the assaults of the devil, heal our diseases, and teach us to do your will, that we serve you with pure minds and strong bodies. Praise and glory be to you, our maker and our redeemer, our help, our comfort, our trust, our hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

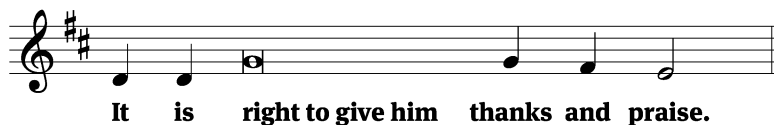
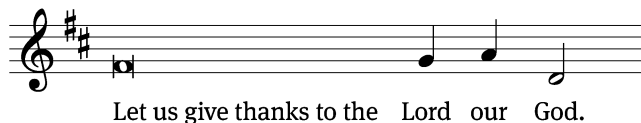
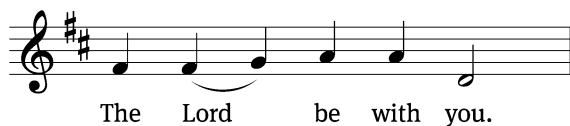
Amen.



✠ The Sacrament ✠

Please stand

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



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



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



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



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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

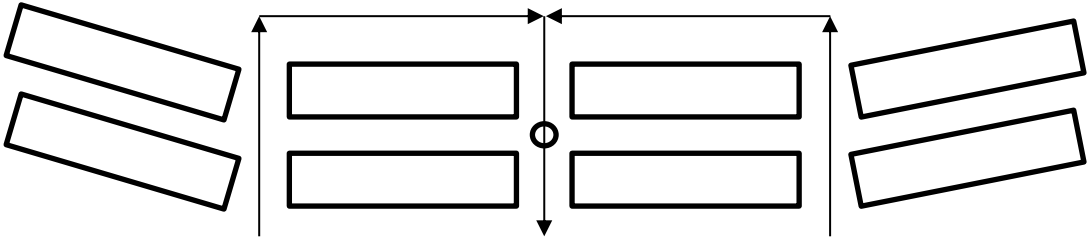
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Enter along the side aisles toward the altar area. Move toward the center (unless otherwise directed). After receiving the Supper, return to your seat down the middle aisle, depositing your cup in the receptacle.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

899 (vs. 1-5) - Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior-King



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior - King, to you our
 2 Your Scrip-tures lead us to re - joice, for there we
 3 Your Spir - it's call to faith we heard in wa - ter's
 4 With sim - ple food of bread and wine you feed us
 5 As stew - ards of these means of grace you send out



high - est praise we sing for bless - ings to the
 hear our Fa - ther's voice. His gra - cious prom - is -
 wash - ing with the Word. Lord, keep us in bap -
 with a feast di - vine. Your blood and bod - y
 preach - ers in your place your won - drous mer - cy



Church, your bride, with whom you ev - er - more a - bid e.
 es pro - claim for - give - ness in your ho - ly name.
 tis - mal grace and make our hearts your dwell - ing place.
 we par - take— our sins for - giv - en for your sake.
 to pro - claim and glo - ri - fy your sav - ing name.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

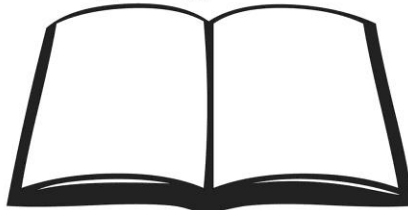
BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

All Scripture
is
BREATHED
OUT
by God.



2 TIMOTHY 3:16, ESV

CLOSING HYMN

874 - Preserve Your Word, O Savior



1 Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, to us this lat - ter
2 Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, the truth that makes us
3 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest your storm-tossed lit - tle



day, and let your king - dom flour - ish; en - large your
whole, the mir - ror of your glo - ry, the pow'r that
flock; as - sailed by wind and weath - er, may it en -



Church, we pray. O keep our faith from fail - ing, keep
saves the soul. Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, this
dure each shock. Come take the helm, our pi - lot, and



hope's bright star a - glow; let noth - ing turn us
spring of heav'n - ly grace, sus - tain us while here
set the course a - right; then we will reach the



from you while wan - d'ring here be - low.
liv - ing un - til we see your face.
har - bor in your e - ter - nal light.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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Hymn 908 - Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

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Psalm 71A - God Is My Strong Salvation

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Hymn 901 - O Christians, Haste

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Hymn 899 - Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior-King

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Prayer of the Day

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Petition 5 remembers Simeon and Anna (Presentation of Our Lord is February 2.)

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MIDWEEK LENT and HOLY WEEK

- Ash Wednesday/Midweek 1 3/5 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 2 3/12 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 3 3/19 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 4 3/26 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 5 4/2 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Midweek 6 4/9 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Palm Sunday 4/13 @ normal weekend times
- Holy Thursday 4/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday 4/18 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday 4/20 Sunrise @ 6:30 a.m.
4/20 Festival @ 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.