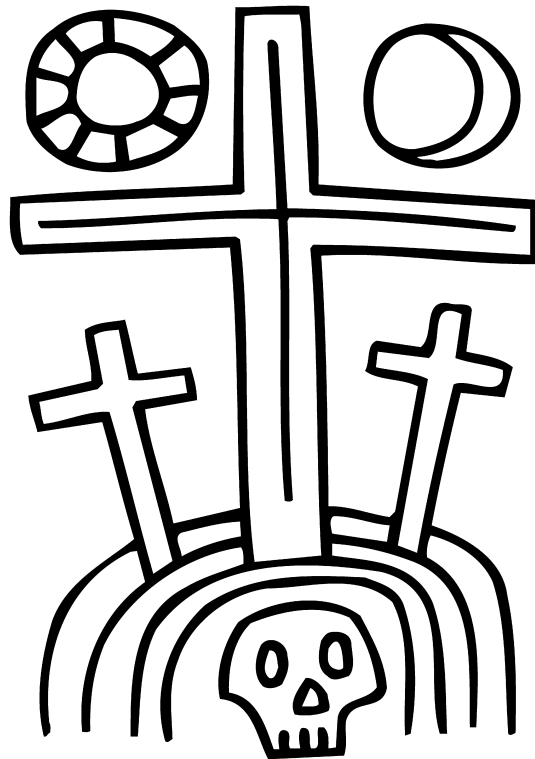


St. John United Lutheran Church Seattle, WA

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# Good Friday

March 29, 2024 - 7:00 PM



**Welcome Statement** - The community of St. John United Lutheran Church welcomes all persons into membership, leadership and full participation in the life of our community without regard to gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, race, age, ability, economic status, illness, or other human conditions. We affirm that Jesus Christ has entrusted the ministry of reconciliation and healing to the Church. We commit ourselves to racial equity and actively seek to include all who have felt excluded or alienated. We see you and affirm who you are.

**Land Acknowledgement** - We respectfully acknowledge that our church, St John United, and many of our homes are on the unceded land of the Duwamish people, the first stewards of this land who are still here and continue to acknowledge their ancient heritage.

# Welcome

## \*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame,  
**and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.**

The last words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## FORGIVENESS



## Luke 23:1-34

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.<sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying, ‘We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.’<sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ He answered, ‘You say so.’<sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, ‘I find no basis for an accusation against this man.’<sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.<sup>7</sup>And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.<sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign.<sup>9</sup>He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.<sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.<sup>11</sup>Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.<sup>12</sup>That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, ‘You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him.’

<sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together, ‘Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!’ <sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, ‘Crucify, crucify him!’ <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, ‘Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.’ <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

<sup>26</sup>As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the days are surely coming when they will say, “Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.” <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us”; and to the hills, “Cover us.” <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?’

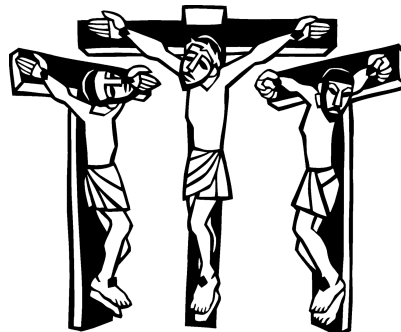
<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’

## I. FORGIVENESS

LUKE 23:34



## SALVATION

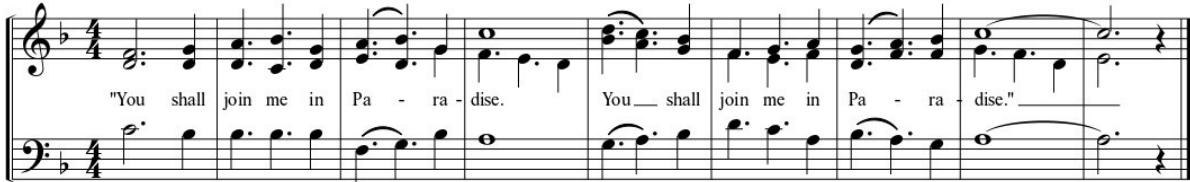


# Luke 23:39-43

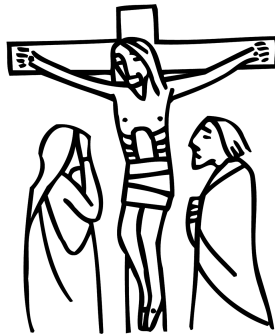
<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup>Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup>He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

## 2. SALVATION

LUKE 23:43



## RELATIONSHIP



# John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## 3. RELATIONSHIP

JOHN 19:26-27



# ABANDONMENT



## Mark 15:33-34

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

### 4. ABANDONMENT

MARK 15:34  
MATTHEW 27:46



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# DISTRESS



## John 19:28

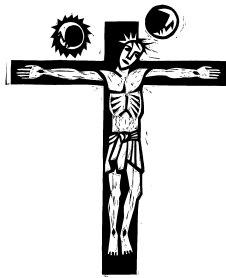
<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.'

## 5. DISTRESS

JOHN 19:28



## TRIUMPH



## John 19:29-30

<sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## 6. TRIUMPH

JOHN 19:30



## REUNION

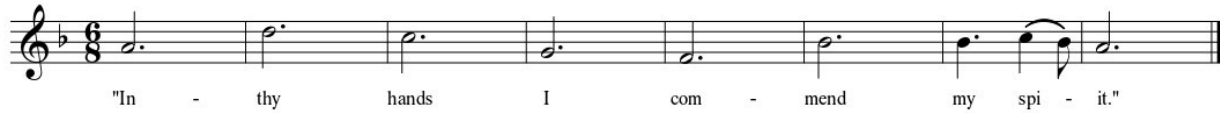


## Luke 23:44-46

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

## 7. REUNION

LUKE 23:46



Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world,  
**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

## Bidding Prayer

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world...

*A brief period of silence follows each petition.*

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

*The congregation is dismissed in silence.*

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**We give THANKS for our musicians!**

The combined voices of  
Woodland Park Presbyterian,  
St. John United Lutheran,  
and  
the Northwest Firelight Chorale.

**String Players:**

Violin 1: Rebecca Keith and Jason Forman  
Violin 2: Kenna Smith-Shangrow and Lauren Daugherty  
Viola: Charlene Utt and Joseph White  
Cello: Matthew Weiss and Maggie Niven  
Bass: Amelia Isabelle

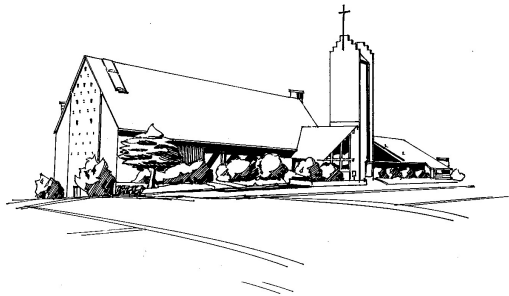
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**Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday**  
**Easter Breakfast 9:15am – 10:15am (fellowship hall)**  
**Service of Holy Communion 10:30am (sanctuary and YouTube)**

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