

**Welcome to Worship**  
**April 6, 2023 - Maundy Thursday**  
**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
*"Alive in the Spirit"*

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**OPENING SONG**  
**"When I Survey"**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing so divine,

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**L:** Made weak, weary and worn out by life in this world, we too often fall into temptation and fail to receive God's gifts in simple trust. So we confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness and grace.

**C:** Lord, we are prone to listen to the wrong voices. Instead of your clear direction for our lives, we hear the confusing and lying sounds of the brokenness around us. We are prone to find our own solutions to our problems. We ignore your clear word and follow instead the advice and temptations of the sinful world and our own crooked thinking. We are prone to forget. You give us promises to build up our hope and our courage, but we forget them. Forgive us for failing to receive your good gifts. Forgive us for neglecting and despising the refuge of your grace.

L: God does forgive. Every weakness in the face of temptation, every sinful choice, every failure to submit to God's plan is all forgiven for the sake of Jesus. You have his grace. Take shelter in his abiding love.

**C: Amen.**

### **OFFERING SONG**

#### **“LORD HAVE MERCY”**

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

**Chorus:** Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on me

#### **Repeat**

I have built an altar where I worship things of God  
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

#### **Chorus—2x**

### **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 26:17-30

### **SERMON**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION, LORD'S PRAYER, COMMUNION SONG**

#### **“O COME TO THE ALTAR”**

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the  
weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to  
the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for  
a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

**Chorus:** O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your  
regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows  
and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

#### **Chorus 2x**

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't He wonderful  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen  
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION**

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

**Psalm 22**