

The Journey April 13, 2025 9am

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 23:1-49

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man inciting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." 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."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 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. 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. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by vehemently accusing him. 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. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting 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. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" 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." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified, and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. 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.

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. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 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.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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. [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

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

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple

was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come Now Is The Time To Worship



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OPENING SONG

He Reigns

Words and Music by Peter Furler and Steve Taylor



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OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. to the glory of God the Father.

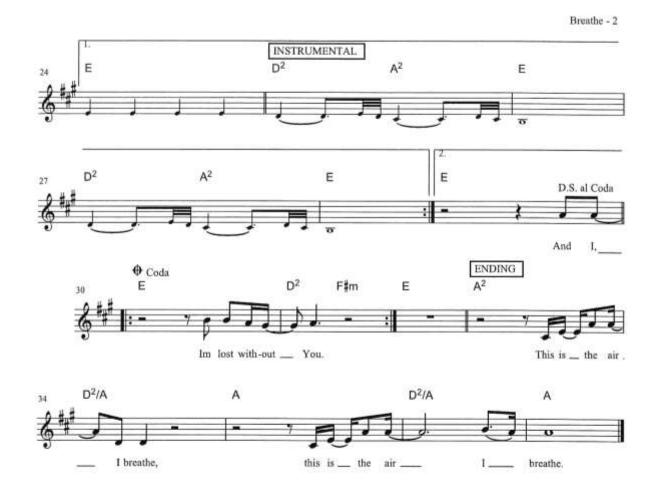
GOSPEL SONG

Breathe

Words and Music by Marie Barnett



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GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:28-40

A reading from Luke.

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

MESSAGE

The Contradictions of Christian Life

REFLECTION TIME

MESSAGE SONG

Every Praise

Words and Music by Hezekiah Walker and John David Bratton

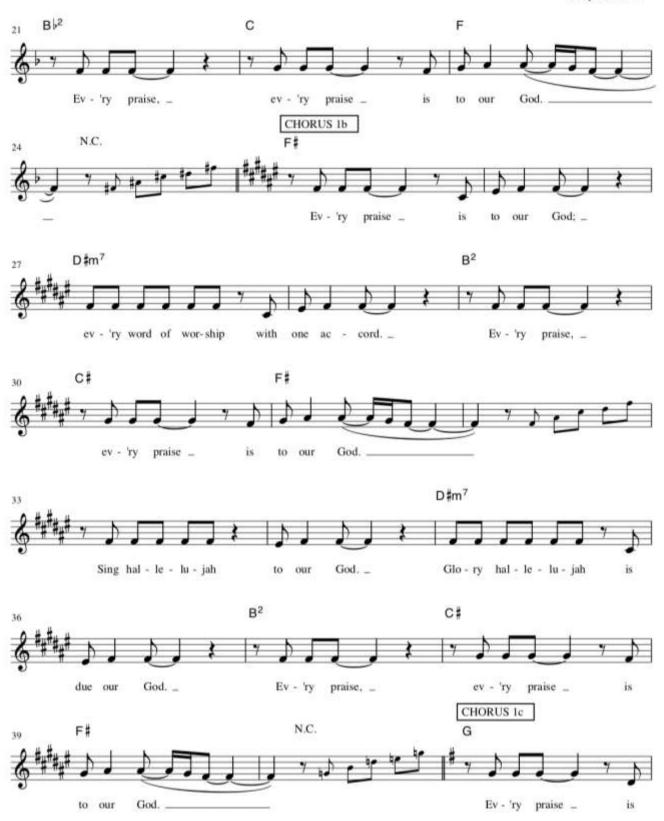


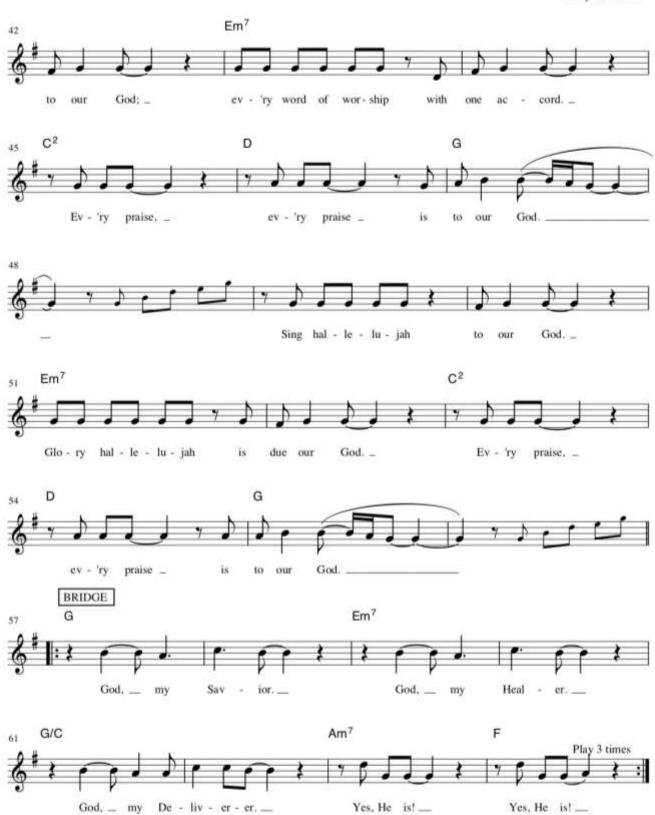














PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world that we may care for the earth you love.

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering We pray *especially* for those who have asked for our prayers, those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause).

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

OFFERING Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings as we offer our monetary gifts for the mission and ministry of this community of faith. For those who are online, you can offer your financial support for our mission and ministries by going to our website livinglordfl.org and clicking on the give button at the top of the home page.

OFFERING MUSIC

Total Praise
By Grace

Richard Smallwood

RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS

P Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

P Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

THE MEAL

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us sing as Jesus taught us.



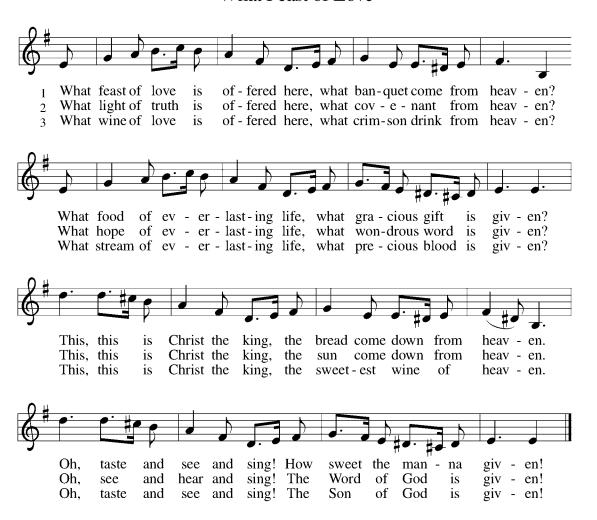
MEAL INSTRUCTIONS

Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are... **C Free**

MEAL SONG 1

(VS. 1, 3) **ELW 487**

What Feast of Love



Text: Delores Dufner, osB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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MEAL SONG 2

Holy Ground

Words and Music by Geron Davis



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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

C Amen

SENDING SONG

All The People Said Amen

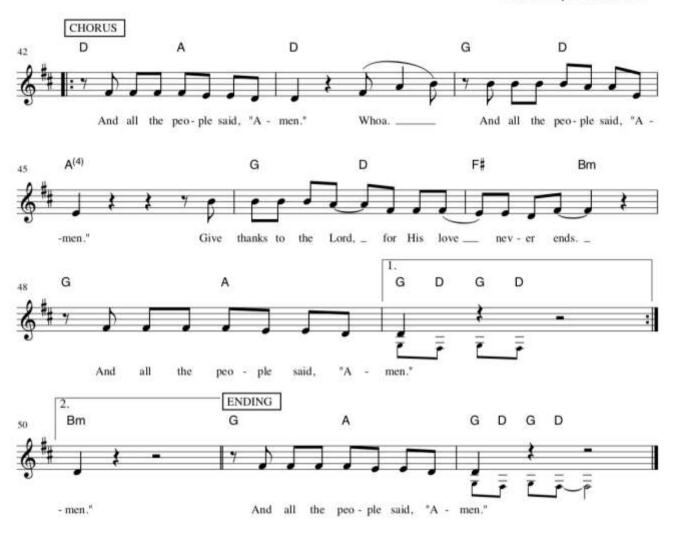
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The Altar Flowers are given by Dennis and Lisa Pyeatt. Happy heavenly birthday, Ruby Pyeatt.

The Eternal Candle for the month of April is given by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION All who have faith in the words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – <u>www.livinglordfl.org</u>. Extra copies of the **VOICE** are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.



Financial Support Thank you for your continued support for our ministry and mission. Offerings can be mailed to the church or online giving with banking or credit card payments at www.livinglordfl.org or scan this QR code, click Menu, Give, scroll down to give now.

Attendance Pads Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a "C" in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark ($\sqrt{}$) in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

Covid-19 Guidelines Update:

The Worship Team's current guidelines include: Optional masks. Each individual should choose what is right for them and the use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

Week of Apr 14 - Apr 20

Monday

Faith Talks 10am
AA Meeting 11:30am
Boy Scouts 6pm
GA Meeting 7pm

Tuesday

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 11:30 am Cub Scouts 6pm AA Meeting 7pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 9:30am, 11:30am **NO** Pastor's Bible Study Council Meeting 4pm Girl Scouts 6pm

Thursday

AA Meeting 11:30am
Euchre 1pm
Choir 6pm
Maundy Thursday Service
6:30pm
By Grace 7:15pm

Friday

GA Meeting 9:30am
Crafting 10:30am
AA Meeting 11:30am
Good Friday Service 6:30pm
AA Meeting 6pm, 8pm

Saturday

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 4pm

Sunday

9am The Journey 7:45am Traditional Service 11am Traditional Service AA Meeting 6pm NA Meeting 8pm **SCRIP** After each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards Campus Improvement. Purchase gift cards at the table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Ages 3 thru 3rd grade, available during both 9am and 11am Services, following Pastor's Children's Sermon. FAITH FORMATION for older children and teenagers 10:05 to 10:55.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05-10:50am in the Activities Hall. Dig deeper into the message of the Old Testament and Epistle lessons with other adults. Bring your snack, coffee, questions and insights as we explore and connections to our lives today.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD

FRIDAY Join us on April 28th and 29th for services at 6:30 pm. Easter Services will be at regular times, 7:45am, 9am and 11am.

ANNUAL FLORIDA BAHAMAS
SYNOD ASSEMBLY Will be held
June 12-14, 2025 in Kissimmee, FL.
Delegates from each congregation are
encouraged to attend. If you would
like to participate this year, reach out
to Pastor Ed at 941-753-9365.

GENERAL OFFERING #4010			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2025 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	
March 31, 2025	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024	
\$90,777.65	\$85,629.56	\$82,155.76	

APRIL 2025 MONDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS PLAN - 10:00-11:30

April 14, 2025 **The Gospel of John** MOVIE: 2 hours 10:00-Noon All invited to Activities Hall for this event

April 20, 2025 No Monday Class

April 28, 2025 LAST MONDAY ADULT CLASS

Story of the 12 Apostles 90 minutes documentary

The extraordinary stories of the men chosen by Jesus to bring God's plan to the world. From their early fear and discouragement at the shock of the Crucifixion, to the final acceptance of the Resurrection and their epic mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the known world, it's an inspiring story of the ordinary men who became the messengers of the Good News and founders of Christian communities.

Narrated by Martin Sheen and produced by the Paulist Productions for the History Channel.

DAYTIME CHRISTIAN LIFE GROUP will meet again in October.

Thank you so much for your support and kindness while Matt is battling cancer. It really gives us strength. We also truly appreciate all the support from the church community during this time. Again, Thank you so much. Kelly and Matthew Miles AGC Teacher



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