STREPITUS

For those who wish to leave your burdens at the foot of the cross please come and do so by hammering a nail into the large cross or placing by hand a nail into the smaller cross.

PLEASE EXIT THE BUILDING IN SILENCE ~ REFLECTING ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE DAY.

FOR THOSE ATTENDING: NOON SERVICE:
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BULLETIN IN RECYCLING BIN
FOR THE 6:30 EVENING SERVICE. ***THANK YOU!***

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WHITNALL PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday ~April 3rd, 2026

Pastor Michael Fazio is presiding.

We have come together today as members and guests to worship God and celebrate new life in Jesus Christ. We hope our worship will be uplifting and provide a source of hope and strength for the week ahead. Please sign our Guest Register and introduce yourself as you leave worship today.

If you believe that the Lord is truly present for us in the Sacrament in body and blood for the forgiveness of sin, you are welcome to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

ALL GATHER IN SILENCE.

CONFESSION (*FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH*)

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and 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.

C: Amen.

BIDDING PRAYER

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

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray for our bishop, pastors, musicians, educators, administrators, sextons, volunteers and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray for God's creation.

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silence for reflection

P: Let us pray for those in need.

Silence for reflection

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

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.

SEVENTH READING ~ *JOHN 19:23–30*

The seventh candle is extinguished and a nail driven into the cross.

HYMN *350 They Crucified My Lord Vs 3, 4 & 5*

3 They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
not a word, not a word, not a word.

4 The blood came streamin' down, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
the blood came streamin' down, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
not a word, not a word, not a word.

5 He hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
he hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
not a word, not a word, not a word.

EIGHTH READING ~ *JOHN 19:31–42*

The eighth candle is extinguished and a nail driven into the cross.

HYMN *353 Were You There*

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

PROPHETIC READING: *Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The early church saw in the servant's pouring himself out to death and being numbered with the transgressors important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very
high. [14]Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his
appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—
[15]so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not
heard they shall contemplate. [53:1]Who has believed what we have heard? And to
whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? [2]For he grew up before him like a
young plant and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we
should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. [3]He was
despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him
of no account. [4]Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we
accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. [5]But he was wounded
for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment
that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. [6]All we like sheep have gone
astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity
of us all. [7]He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is
silent, so he did not open his mouth. [8]By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
[9]They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had
done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. [10]Yet it was the will of the
LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall
see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall
prosper. [11]Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his
knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall
bear their iniquities. [12]Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall
divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was
numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made
intercession for the transgressors.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

The processional cross is carried in through the church.

P: Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: Lord Jesus, we give you thanks and praise.

P: Lord Jesus, we give you thanks and praise for your willingness to remain obedient to the Word of God, even to the point of death on this Holy Cross. It is because of you that we have life abundantly and live as free and forgiven people in your grace.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

The story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.

FIRST READING ~ *JOHN 18:1–11*

The first candle is extinguished and a nail driven into the cross.

HYMN *345 Jesus, I will Ponder Now Vs 1 & 4*

1 Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy passion; let your Spirit now endow me for meditation. Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish of your suff'ring, pain, and death, that I may not perish.

4 Let me view your pain and loss with repentant grieving, nor prepare again your cross by unholy living. May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, that I may in heav'n above sing your praise forever.

SECOND READING ~ *JOHN 18:12–27*

The second candle is extinguished and a nail driven into the cross.

HYMN *351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Vs 1 & 2*

1 O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

2 How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn; how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn! Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

THIRD READING ~ *JOHN 18:28–40*

The third candle is extinguished and a nail driven into the cross.

HYMN *351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Vs 3 & 4*

3 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

4 Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die; remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh. These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move; for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

FOURTH READING ~ *JOHN 19:1–7*

The fourth candle is extinguished and a nail driven into the cross.

HYMN *349 Ah, Holy Jesus Vs 1 & 2*

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

FIFTH READING ~ *JOHN 19:8–16A*

The fifth candle is extinguished and a nail driven into the cross.

HYMN *349 Ah, Holy Jesus Vs 3 & 4*

3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

SIXTH READING ~ *JOHN 19:16B–22*

The sixth candle is extinguished and a nail driven into the cross.

CHORAL DUET (NOON & 6:30 PM) ~ "*Weep, Oh Mary, Weep*" ~ *Kathy Graef and Robbie Ross ~ arr. ~ Libergen*

HYMN *350 They Crucified My Lord (Vs 1 & 2)*

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they crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
not a word, not a word, not a word.

2 They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
they nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
not a word, not a word, not a word.