



FIRST CHURCH
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of SAN DIEGO

APRIL 17, 2025 – 7:30 PM



First Church is a community growing
in grace and reaching out with love.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*With joy we welcome your presence today, wherever you are.
Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship together.*

Register Your Attendance

Welcome

Words of Inspiration

“Your devotion to God is illustrated, demonstrated, and authenticated by your love for others.”
~ Andy Stanley

Prelude Sarah Amos, Director of Music Ministries
O Mensch, beweine dein’ Sünde groß, BWV 622
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

• Silent Processional



Worship Guide Notes: • is an invitation to rise in body or spirit; **bold words** indicate congregational response



*Assistive listening and transcription available in First Church Sanctuary.
See pew card or usher to connect to Listen EVERYWHERE or Epiphany LiveScript.*

• **Call to Worship** Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin

The stories of Jesus are stories of life,
witnessing to the complete devotion
Jesus gave to God and others.

Life for those about whom the stories are told.

Life for the woman who anointed Jesus for death
and for the unbelieving and judgmental onlookers.

Life for us, who know the full story, and see now
the woman's deep trust.

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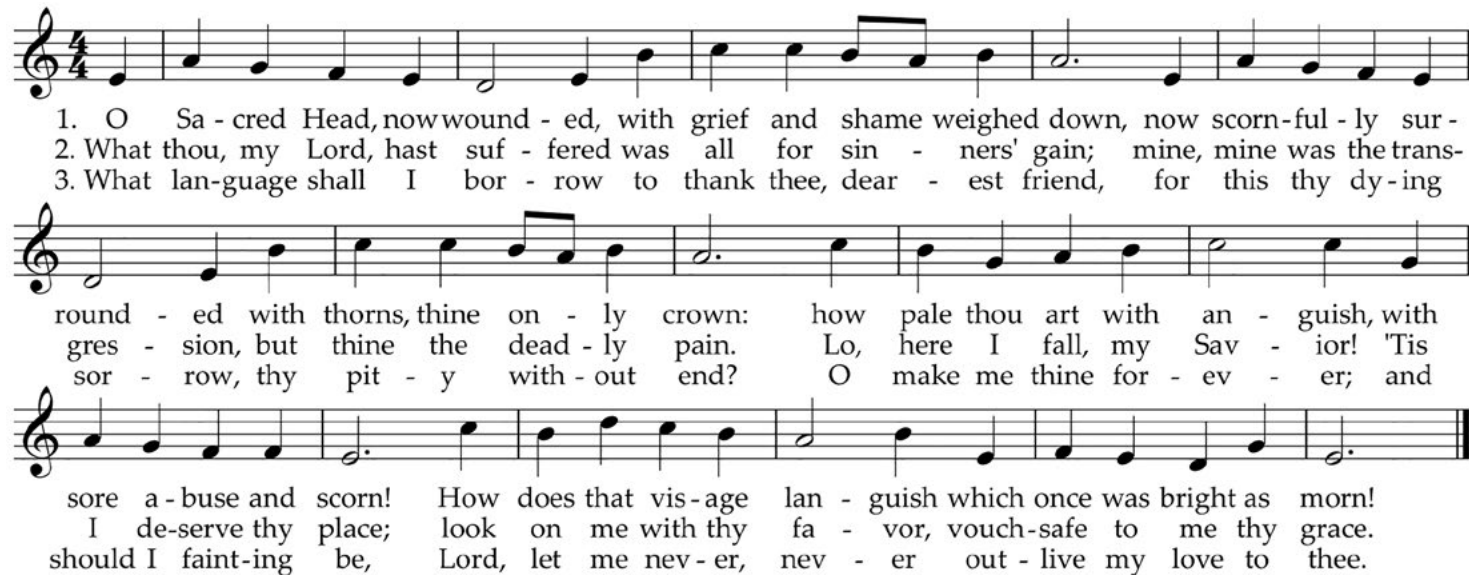
Life for us who know that the stories
are not just about another time and place.

They are about us.

**So we, too, will build stories around our devotion
to God and others as we seek to follow Jesus
more closely.**

TO CONSIDER THE CROSS

• **Hymn of Celebration #286: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded***



1. O Sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur -
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain; mine, mine was the trans -
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend, for this thy dy - ing

round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown: how pale thou art with an - guish, with
gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis
sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end? O make me thine for - ev - er; and

sore a - buse and scorn! How does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!
I de - serve thy place; look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
should I faint - ing be, Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

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• **Gospel Lesson: *John 12:1-8***

Inspiration and Images for Reflection Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Anthem Chancel Choir; Brian Woods-Lustig, Director

Greater Love

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods
drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man
than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name
of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called
you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye
present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto
God, which is your reasonable service.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

• **Invitation** Rev. Dr. Hannah Ka

• **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

• **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

• **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts: **we lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God: **it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's act of salvation and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The pastor concludes with:

...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

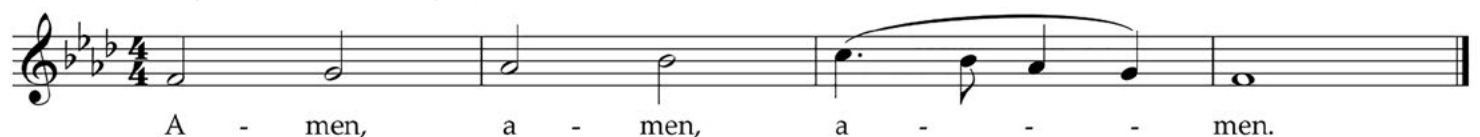


Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

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The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Communion Anthem Chancel Choir

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Communion Hymn #475: *Come Down, O Love Divine*

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine, and vis - it it with
2. O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn to dust and ash - es
3. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out-pass the

thine own ar - dor glow - ing; O Com-fort - er, drw near, with - in my
in its heat con - sum - ing; and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er
power of hu - man tell - ing; for none can guess its grace, till Love cre -

heart ap - pear, and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
ate a place where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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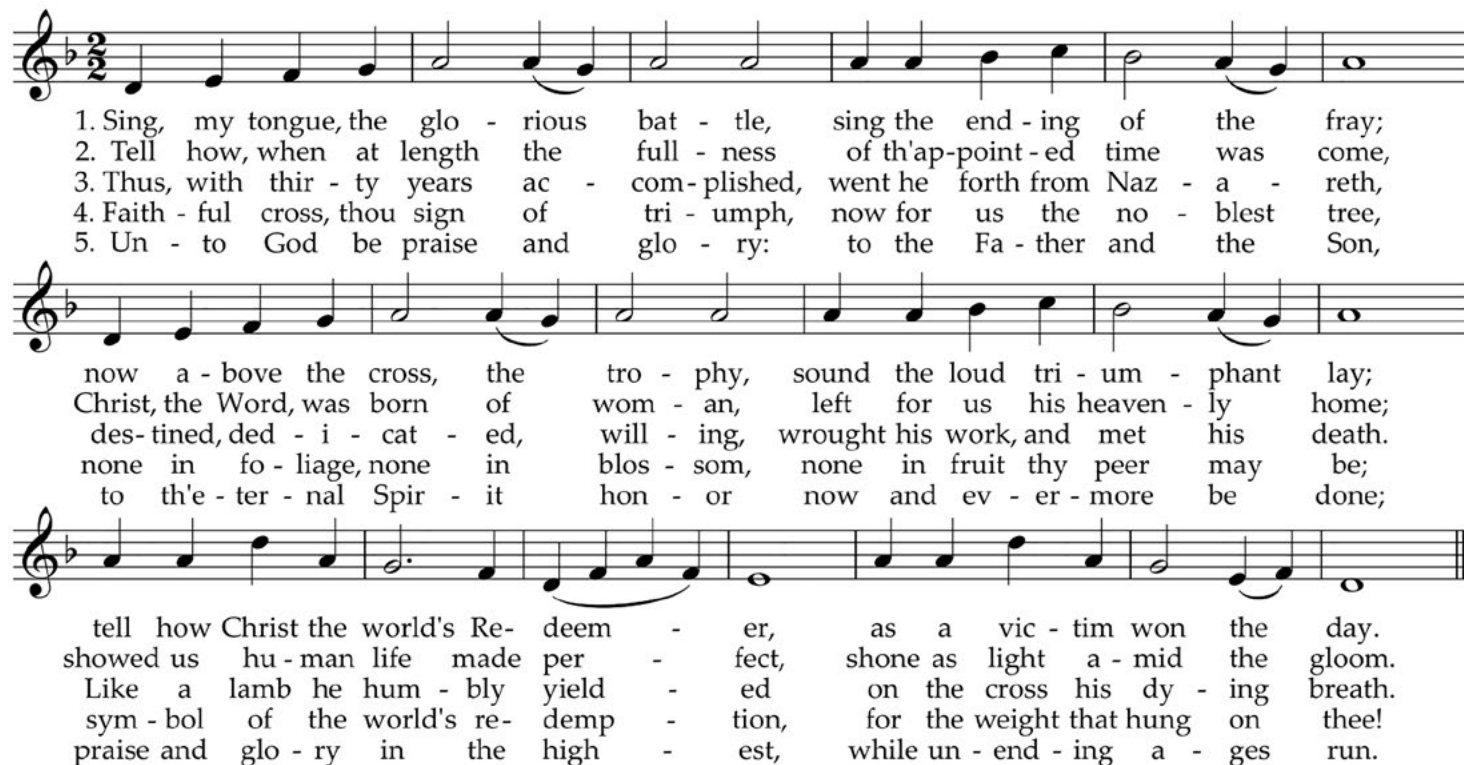
Prayer After Holy Communion

God of Life,
Give us Your story of devotion and let it be ours.
Let us write our own story of faith, trust and devotion
for we readily receive Your sacred gift
of life, bread, covenant, and hope.
Let our story reveal a deep understanding of You
and let us share all we can with our families and friends,
our community and our world. Amen.

TURNING TOWARD THE CROSS

• Gospel Reading: *John 13:1-18*

• Hymn of Consecration #296: *Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*



1. Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle, sing the end - ing of the fray;
 2. Tell how, when at length the full - ness of th'ap-point - ed time was come,
 3. Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com-plished, went he forth from Naz - a - reth,
 4. Faith - ful cross, thou sign of tri - umph, now for us the no - blest tree,
 5. Un - to God be praise and glo - ry: to the Fa - ther and the Son,

now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy, sound the loud tri - um - phant lay;
 Christ, the Word, was born of wom - an, left for us his heaven - ly home;
 des-tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing, wrought his work, and met his death.
 none in fo - liage, none in blos - som, none in fruit thy peer may be;
 to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;

tell how Christ the world's Re - deem - er, as a vic - tim won the day.
 showed us hu - man life made per - fect, shone as light a - mid the gloom.
 Like a lamb he hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.
 sym - bol of the world's re - demp - tion, for the weight that hung on thee!
 praise and glo - ry in the high - est, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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• Benediction Rev. Trudy D. Robinson

Postlude

Contemplation on "Wondrous Love"
 Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

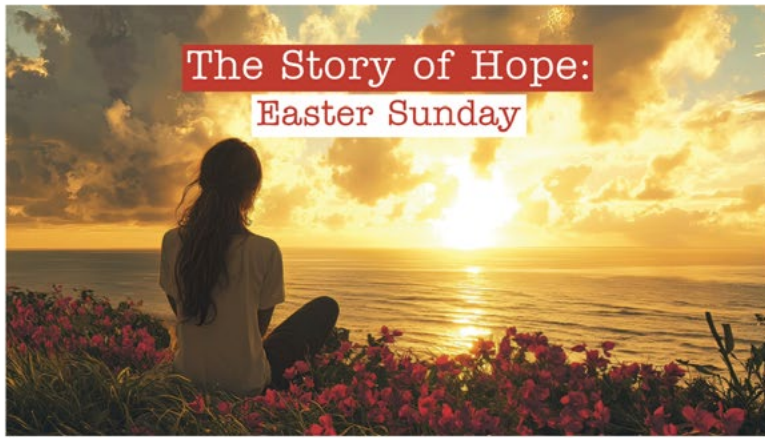
CONTINUING TO THE CROSS



The Story of Death:
Good Friday

Join Us Good Friday: April 18
Journey through a somber service of darkness

Tenebrae Service
 7:30 PM
 In-Person (Sanctuary) & Online



The Story of Hope: Easter Sunday

Join Us Easter Sunday: April 20
Progressive message, moving music & egg grab

Worship Service

9 AM & 11 AM

In-Person (Sanctuary) & Online

Easter Egg Grab

10:15 AM in Linder Hall

0-Preschool & K-5th Grade

FIRST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU IF...

You are single, married, divorced, gay, transgender, filthy rich, dirt poor, o no habla inglés,

You are a crying newborn, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds,

You can sing like Aretha Franklin or cannot carry a tune in a bucket,

You're "just browsing", just woke up, or you just got out of jail,

You've been a Methodist your whole life or haven't been in church except for your little niece's baptism years ago,

You've got an AARP card but have yet to grow up, or you're a teenager growing up, too fast.

We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, tree huggers, latte-sippers, vegans, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or struggling with addiction.

We welcome you if you're having problems, or if you're down in the dumps, or if you don't like "organized religion."

This church is for you, we've all been there.

If you blew all your money in Vegas, you're welcome here.

*We offer a special welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, those who work too hard,
those who don't work, can't spell, or found us because Grandma wants you to go to church.*

We welcome all those who are inked, pierced or both.

We welcome you if your ancestors arrived in chains, below the decks, captained those ships, or have been on this land since the beginning of time.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now (all of us could use a prayer right now).

We'd also like to welcome you if you had religion shoved down your throat, or you got lost on YouTube somehow and ended up here by mistake.

We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts...and you!



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