

## This Week's Calendar at a Glance

### Sunday 04/17/11

8:00 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School	
10:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.	3rd-8th Grade Youth Group	Craig's Cruisers
6:00 p.m.	Visitation Ministry	Gallery

### Monday 04/18/11

#### **Holy Week**

12:00 p.m.	Quilters	Downstairs
3:15 p.m.	Blais Dance	Family Life Center
4:00 p.m.	Life in Harmony Buying Club	
7:00 p.m.	Volleyball	Family Life Center
	Overcomers Outreach	Library

### Tuesday 04/19/11

9:00 a.m.	<b>Seniors Helping Our Parish</b>	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch	Fellowship Hall/ G.R.
6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meeting	Pastor Bill's Office
	Lay Ministry Meeting	Library
6:30 p.m.	UFO Group	Gallery
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room

### Wednesday 04/20/11

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

4:00 p.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
	Journey Thru Grief	Library
6:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Meeting	Gallery
	Children's Choir	Choir Room

### Thursday 04/21/11

#### **Maundy-Thursday**

12:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Gallery
6:00 p.m.	Maundy-Thursday Seder Meal & Service	

### Friday 04/22/11

#### **Good Friday**

9:00 p.m.	Pickleball	Family Life Center
12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service	United Methodist
7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

### Saturday 04/23/11

9:15 a.m.	Blais Dance	Family Life Center
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### Sunday 04/24/11

7:00 a.m.	Sonrise Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:00 a.m.	Easter Youth Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
8:45 a.m.	Resurrection Village	Family Life Center
10:30 a.m.	Easter Worship Service	Sanctuary

# He humbled himself



and became

obedient

to the

point of

death — even

## death on a cross.

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### Saturday, April 16, 2011

### 5:30 p.m.

### Sunday April 17, 2011

### 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



**W**ELCOME to this time of worship. **All visitors and members are encouraged to fill out the yellow attendance sheet.** You may use that sheet to write down any concerns, comments or questions you might have.

**CAN I TAKE COMMUNION HERE?** All baptized Christians are welcome to the table of the Lord here. If you are from other traditions, you are more than welcome to commune with us. Children generally take a first communion class before they commune.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** In each pew, you will find a "Pray for One Another" card. If there is anyone for whom you wish to request prayers, please complete the card and pass it to the center aisle. Please include their address for notification. You may also announce your concern during the announcements.

A **NURSERY** is available for your children who are four years and under. It is located near the front entrance to the building. **A sign-up sheet is available in the nursery for anyone who would like to volunteer. Consider volunteering for at least one Sunday.**

**HAVE YOU SILENCED YOUR CELL PHONE?**

**WE HAVE AN AUDIO INDUCTION LOOP.**  
Turn your hearing aides to the T-Coil setting.

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**THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT SUNDAY 04/24**

<b>Assisting Minister</b>		Travis Wilson
<b>Lector</b>	Sunday, 7:00 a.m.	Bonnie Nolan
	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Jim Borushko
<b>Servers</b>	Sunday, 7:00 a.m.	John & Deb Majkol
	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Deb & Abby Wosinski
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sunday, 7:00 a.m.	Kaela Carrier
	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Kaitlyn Sutton
<b>Ushers</b>	Sunday, 7:00 a.m.	Bill & Ruth Baxter
	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	George & Billie Bramer
		Einar Ness & Linda Long
<b>Flowers</b>		<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Eternal Candle</b>		Bud & Marilyn Fiser
<b>Sound System</b>		Paula Dusseljee
<b>Building Lockers</b>		Dolores Brondyke
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Easter Breakfast
<b>Counters for April</b>		Shirley DeVries & Sue Johnson
<b>Information Stations</b>		Kevin Hine & Jay Vaclavik
<b>Communion Bread</b>		Barb Pellerin
<b>Communion Set-up</b>		Jean Boxer
<b>Communion Clean-up</b>	Sunday	Sylvia Koski
	Sunday	Bev Uetricht
<b>Wednesday Night Dinner 04/27</b>		<b>Stewardship Ministry</b>

**Holocaust Remembrance Events**

Prayer Service at Samuel Lutheran Church  
on May 1 at 3:30 p.m.

Dinner at First Lutheran Church on  
May 2 at 6:30 p.m.

with speaker Dr. Miriam Winter, a child survivor

Tickets are \$25; Table of 8:\$160; Table of 10:\$200

If interested, please contact Sylvia Koski at 744-0822.

Deadline for tickets is April 26th.

**THOSE WHO SERVE THIS WEEKEND 04/16 & 04/17**

<b>Servers</b>	Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	Jessica Neumann
	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Ryan Mieler
	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Carl & Mary Luther
<b>Acolytes</b>	Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	<b>OPEN</b>
	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	<b>OPEN</b>
	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Kaitlin Rich, Kaela Carrier
<b>Ushers</b>	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Bernard & Carol Harrell
	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Jerry Borreson, Rich Elliott
		Roberta Goodman & Bill Webber
<b>Flowers</b>		Roberta Goodman
<b>Eternal Candle</b>		Bud & Marilyn Fiser
<b>Sound System</b>		Paula Dusseljee
<b>Building Lockers</b>		Youth Ministry
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Zizak family
<b>Counters for April</b>		Shirley DeVries & Sue Johnson
<b>Information Stations</b>		Bonnie Nolan & Stan Daszko
<b>Communion Bread</b>		Christine Livingston
<b>Communion Set-up</b>		Barb Pellerin
<b>Communion Clean-up</b>	Saturday	Sherree Neumann
	Sunday	Roberta Goodman

**NO Wednesday Night Dinner 04/20**

**Baptismal Anniversaries This Week**

<b>04/16</b>	<b>04/19</b>	<b>04/20</b>
John Jack	Emily Dean	Anna Alderman
<b>04/17</b>	Joellen Ball	<b>04/21</b>
Shirley DeVries	Lenny Stenberg	Holly TenBrink
Ken Newman	Lisa Le	Jeffrey Pfhistner
Megan Ball	Don Larsen	<b>04/22</b>
Merritt Archer Sr.	Aaron Stenberg	Barbara Bonifield
Bernard Harrell	Catharine Larsen	Natasha Carey
<b>04/18</b>	Andy Pfeiffer	Nicholas Carey
Aiden Frey	Robert Torz	Owen Hertel
Jordan Pruitt	Sherry Torz	
Brenda Endelman		
Suzann Tindall		
Delaney Dahlstrom		
Kurt Mieler		
Leonard Pruitt		
Brendan Tyler		



*PALM SUNDAY*

**Prelude**                      **“The Holy City”**                      **Janine Norwood**

**THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM**

**NARRATOR:** When he got near Bethphage and Bethany at the mountain called Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: “Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you’ll find a colt tethered, one that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says anything or asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘His Master needs him.’”

**NARRATOR:** The two left and found it just as he said...

**PEOPLE:** **As they were untying the colt, its owners said, “What are you doing untying the colt?”**

**PETER:** They brought the colt to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its back, they helped Jesus get on.

**NARRATOR:** As he rode, the people gave him a grand welcome, throwing their coats on the street. Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed:

**Hymn**                      **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**                      **see next page**  
*(As the members of the procession enter, please raise your palm branches.)*

**PHARISEE:** Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, get your disciples under control!”

**NARRATOR:** But he said, “If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise.”

# ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

<b>STATISTICS FOR THE WEEK OF 04/10</b>		
Attendance	Saturday 56	Sunday 38; 194
General Fund Offering		\$6,166.00
	<i>Offering needed per week</i>	\$6,745.00
Upkeep Offering		\$75.00
Building Fund		\$1,690.00
	<i>Offering needed per week</i>	\$1,969.39
Noisy Offering/Refurbishing the Handbells		\$216.02
Building Rental		\$500.00
<b>Please remember your church</b>		

**Calling ALL performers, singers, comedians, musicians, etc.**  
 We are excited to host the 1<sup>st</sup> (and only)

## **Travis Wilson International Talent Show**

We are recruiting acts to be a part of this once in a lifetime showcase of.... talent.

The show is schedule for **Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 starting at 5:30 p.m. during dinner.  
 You must sign up your act by April 17<sup>th</sup>!!!

## **FIRST LUTHERAN GOLF LEAGUE**

**(SIGN-UP SHEETS AT EACH WELCOME STATION)**

**MONDAY NIGHTS AT 5:15 P.M.**

**LEAGUE PLAY STARTS MAY 9TH**

**AT HICKORY KNOLL**



## Lenten Schedule

April 20	<i>NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING</i>	
April 21	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal & service
April 22	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Service at Community United Methodist Good Friday Service at First Lutheran
April 23	5:30 p.m.	NO Service
April 24	7:00 & 10:30 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	Easter Services Easter Breakfast Resurrection Village

**The altar flowers are given by Roberta Goodman  
in honor her birthday and 32nd anniversary with Jim.**

**The eternal light is given by  
Bud & Marilyn Fiser in memory William Fiser.**

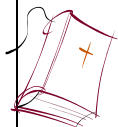
### Please Remember In Your Prayers

- Dan Kapson
- Amy & Adam Badley on the birth of Megan
- Marilyn Cooper
- Jeff Legard
- Toni Schillaci
- Tom Helms who is battling cancer
- Mark Barnhart



### Readings for Sunday, Easter

First Reading	Acts 10:34-43
Psalm	118:1-2, 14-24
Second Reading	Col 3:1-4
Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10



## PEOPLE:

### Hosanna! Come and Deliver

*Refrain*

Ho - san - na! Come and de - liv - er, come and de - liv -

er your peo - ple from death. Ho - san - na! Come and de - liv -

er, come and de - liv - er your peo - ple from death.

1 Bless - ed is the one, the one who comes . . . . . in the  
 2 Who is this that comes? Is this the one whose might will  
 3 Those who walked be - fore him and the ones who fol - lowed  
 4 Daugh - ters of Zi - on, your king is com - ing

name . . of the Lord.  
 fin'ly set us free— Ho - san - na!  
 af - ter cried a - loud:  
 on a hum - ble beast—

Bless-ed is the one, the one who comes . . . . . in the  
 Je - sus Christ of Na - za - reth, the proph - et from the  
 "Je - sus, Son of Da - vid, come, de - liv - er!" was the  
 Ser - vant of hu - man - i - ty, 7 great - ness clothed in

*Refrain*

name . . . of the Lord.  
 land of Gal - i - lee. Ho - san - na!  
 hope of this great crowd.  
 rai - ment of the least.

NARRATOR: When the city came into view, he wept over it. "If you had only recognized this day, and everything that was good for you! But now it's too late. In the days ahead your enemies are going to bring up their heavy artillery and surround you, pressing in from every side. They'll smash you and your babies on the pavement. Not one stone will be left intact. All this because you didn't recognize and welcome God's personal visit."

CHILDREN:

*O Jerusalem, you missed your time to sing,  
You missed your loving king  
When he came to bring  
You healing in his name  
And wholeness to the lame;  
You were blinded to his reign,  
So the children sang.*

### **THE PREPARATION AND THE EATING OF THE LAST SUPPER**

NARRATOR: The Feast of Unleavened Bread, also called Passover, drew near. The high priests and religion scholars were looking for a way to do away with Jesus but, fearful of the people, they were also looking for a way to cover their tracks.

JUDAS: That's when Satan entered Judas, the one called Iscariot. He was one of the Twelve. Leaving the others, he conferred with the high priests and the Temple guards about how he might betray Jesus to them. They couldn't believe their good luck and agreed to pay him well. He gave them his word and started looking for a way to betray Jesus, but out of sight of the crowd.

NARRATOR: The Day of Unleavened Bread came, the day the Passover lamb was butchered. Jesus sent Peter and John off, saying, "Go prepare the Passover for us so we can eat it together."

**PEOPLE:** They said, "Where do you want us to do this?"

## **Youth and Family Announcements**

**High school overnight:** We are planning an overnight for Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. So make sure you save that date for a great night of activities. This is open to all high school youth and their friends. You must sign up by April 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10 per person.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to donate food for our **Easter Breakfast**. The Youth Board, along with our youth, will be serving a breakfast Easter morning starting at 8:15 a.m. All are welcome.

**Resurrection Village**, a family event with activities for all ages, will be held Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 –10:15 a.m. Volunteers are needed to set up at 11:00 a.m. on April 23. Please call Robin Policka at 744-9264 or Ed Wosinski at 744-1522.

**The third thru eighth grade Youth group!** Join us for an afternoon of fun and games at **Craig's Cruisers**. Meet in the Family Life Center after worship for lunch. We will return to church around 3:30pm.

The **last Confirmation class** for the year will be held Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Confirmation** students and mentors will be dining together on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at the reserved table at 5:30 p.m. After the dinner and Talent show, students will finish their stoles and practice for the Confirmation service.

**Confirmation Sunday is May 1<sup>st</sup> during the 10:30 service.**

**Youth Bike event planned for May 15<sup>th</sup>!!** Following the luncheon on that day kids of all ages will gather outside in the parking lot for bike decorating, a bike parade, a challenge course, and fun. Please bring your bike and helmet for the event. Decorating materials will be provided.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Large print bulletins** are available. See an usher if interested.

We are looking for inexpensive **housing for our new intern** from August 2011 to August 2012. Please speak to Pastor Bill if you have a lead.

**The reigning Miss Michigan**, Katie Lynn LaRoche, will be coming to Fifth Reformed Church (2330 Holton Road, Muskegon) at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday to speak on “The Fight Against Human Trafficking.”

The next **new Adult Sunday School class has begun**. “A Nation Addicted: Why? And What Do We Do About It?” is our topic. Join us.

**An evening Bible Study** will be offered on Thursdays beginning May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will use the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday as the basis for our study.

**The Visitation Ministry training** will consist of two sessions being held on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8:00 p.m. If you are interested in this training, please contact Billie Bramer or Karen Eichelberger.

**The Young Adults Group** will gather for a time of fellowship, food, and laughter on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Muskegon Athletic Club. Afterward, we will travel to AMF Lanes in North Muskegon for bowling. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet at either information station so we can reserve a table at the MAC.

*Lunch Bunch will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.*

**Main Street Pub and Eatery** (1113 Ruddiman) will provide us 15% of the total proceeds from sales from their *Sunday morning brunch* from 10 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Sunday. The brunch is \$10.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children 5-12, and free for those under four.

NARRATOR: He said, “Keep your eyes open as you enter the city. A man carrying a water jug will meet you. Follow him home. Then speak with the owner of the house, “The Teacher wants to know, ‘Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?’ He will show you a spacious second-story room swept and ready. Prepare the meal there.” They left, found everything just as he told them, and prepared the Passover meal.

NARRATOR: When it was time he sat down, all the apostles with him, and said, “You’ve no idea how much I have looked forward to eating this Passover meal with you before I enter my time of suffering. It’s the last one I’ll eat until we all eat it together in the kingdom of God.” Taking the cup, he blessed it, then said, “Take this and pass it among you. As for me, I’ll not drink wine again until the kingdom of God arrives.’ Taking bread, he blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, given for you. Eat it in my memory.” He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant, written in my blood, blood poured out for you.”

## COMMUNION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERING “Were You There?” Children’s Handbell Choir**

NARRATOR: “Do you realize that the hand of the one who is betraying me is at this moment on this table? It’s true that the Son of Man is going down a path already marked out—no surprises there. But for the one who turns him in, turns traitor to the Son of Man, this is doomsday.”

**PEOPLE: They immediately became suspicious of each other and began quizzing one another, wondering who might be about to do this.**

NARRATOR: He said, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

JUDAS: Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Is it I, Master?”

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

PETER: Peter said, "Master, I'm ready for anything with you. I'd go to jail for you; I'd die for you."

NARRATOR: Jesus said, 'I'm sorry to have to tell you this, Peter, but before the rooster crows you will have three times denied that you know me.'

PETER: Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

PEOPLE: And so said all of the disciples, over and over again.

### THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

PEOPLE:

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflicts see,  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from His griefs away,  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

PEOPLE

### "Stay With Me"

Musical score for "Stay With Me" in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray."

ALL WOMEN: THE WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN COMPANIONS OF JESUS FROM GALILEE FOLLOWED ALONG. THEY SAW THE TOMB WHERE JESUS' BODY WAS PLACED. THEN THEY WENT BACK TO PREPARE BURIAL SPICES AND PERFUMES.

NARRATOR: They rested quietly on the Sabbath, as commanded.

### Song: "Now We Remain"

(This will be sung once. Then the instrumentalists will play it. Then it will be sung again. The last time it will be hummed)

Musical score for "Now We Remain" in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts. Liv - ing, now we re - main with Je - sus the Christ."

Today's service is inspired by Walt Wangerin's "The Cry of the Congregation." The Bible text comes from The Message Bible by Eugene Petersen.

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## Palm Sunday Readers

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Bill Uetrict  
Dave Neumann  
Mary Lou Bowen  
Jordan Norwood  
Travis Wilson  
Linda Mysen  
Patti Shaffer  
Lou Hanson

Bill Uetrict  
Judy Cantú  
Bob Laban  
Sadie Brown  
Travis Wilson  
Linda Mysen

Bill Uetrict  
Dave Neumann  
Mary Lou Bowen  
Stanley Shank IV  
Travis Wilson  
Dani Zizak  
Linda Mysen  
Sande Borushko

**SANCTUARY CHOIR****“O SACRED HEAD”**

*What language shall I borrow to thank thee,  
dearest Friend, for this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end:  
O make me thine forever; and, should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never out live my love to thee.*

NARRATOR: By now it was noon. The whole earth became dark, the darkness lasting three hours—a total blackout. The temple curtains split right down the middle. Jesus called loudly, “Father, I place my life in your hands!” Then he breathed his last. All who had come around as spectators to watch the show,

**PEOPLE: When they saw what actually happened, they were overcome with grief and headed home.**

ALL WOMEN: THOSE WHO KNEW JESUS WELL, ALONG WITH THE WOMEN WHO HAD FOLLOWED HIM FROM GALILEE, STOOD AT A RESPECTFUL DISTANCE AND KEPT VIGIL.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR****“WE ARE NOT ALONE”****LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON: BURIAL**

*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?*

PILATE: There was a man by the name of Joseph, a member of the Jewish High Council, a man of good heart and good character. He had not gone along with the plans and actions of the council. His hometown was the Jewish village of Arimathea. He lived in alert expectation of the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Taking him down, he wrapped him in a linen shroud and placed him in a tomb chiseled into the rock, a tomb never yet used.

NARRATOR: It was the day before Sabbath, the Sabbath just about to begin.

NARRATOR: Leaving there, he went, as he so often did, to Mount Olives. The disciples followed him. When they arrived at the place, he said, “Pray that you don’t give in to temptation.”

**PEOPLE: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, deliver us.**

NARRATOR: He pulled away from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father remove this cup from me. But please, not what I want. What do *you* want?”

**PEOPLE: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done. Thy will be done. Thy will be done.**

NARRATOR: He got up from prayer, went back to the disciples and found them asleep, drugged by grief. He said, “What business do you have sleeping? Get up. Pray so you won’t give in to temptation.”

**PEOPLE: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, even the evil within ourselves.**

JUDAS: No sooner were the words out of his mouth than a crowd showed up, Judas, the one from the Twelve, in the lead. He came right up to Jesus to kiss him

NARRATOR: Jesus said, “Judas, you would betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

JUDAS: Judas said, “Hail, Master.”

**PEOPLE: When those with him saw what was happening, they said, “Master, shall we fight?”**

PETER: One of them took a swing at the Chief Priest’s servant and cut off his right ear.

NARRATOR: Jesus said, “Let them be. Even in this.” Then, touching the servant’s ear, he healed him.

**PEOPLE: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

NARRATOR: Jesus spoke to those who had come - high priests, temple police, religious leaders: "What is this, jumping me with swords and clubs as if I were a dangerous criminal? Day after day I've been with you in the Temple and you've not so much as lifted a hand against me. But do it your way - it's a dark night, a dark hour. Then they arrested him -

## **THE JUDGMENT**

**PEOPLE:**

**Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame or loss;  
Learn from him to bear the cross.**

NARRATOR: Then they arrested him and they marched him off and took him into the house of the Chief Priest.

PETER: Peter followed, but at a safe distance. In the middle of the courtyard some people had started a fire and were sitting around it, trying to keep warm.

**PEOPLE: One of the serving maids sitting at the fire noticed him, then took a second look and said, "This man was with him!"**

PETER: He denied it, "Woman, I don't even know him."

**PEOPLE: A short time later, someone else noticed him and said, "You're one of them."**

PETER: But Peter denied it: "Man, I am not."

**PEOPLE: About an hour later, someone else spoke up, really adamant: "he's got to have been with him! He's got 'Galilean' written all over him."**

ALL MEN: THE PEOPLE STOOD THERE STARING AT JESUS, AND THE RINGLEADERS MADE FACES, TAUNTING, "HE SAVED OTHERS. LET'S SEE HIM SAVE HIMSELF! THE MESSIAH OF GOD--HA! THE CHOSEN--HA!"

ALL WOMEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES.

ALL MEN: THE SOLDIERS ALSO CAME UP AND POKED FUN AT HIM, MAKING A GAME OF IT. THEY TOASTED HIM WITH SOUR WINE: "SO YOU'RE KING OF THE JEWS! SAVE YOURSELF!"

ALL WOMEN: PRINTED OVER HIM WAS A SIGN: 'THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS'

ALL MEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. FORGIVE US, O LORD, OUR TRESPASSES!

JUDAS: One of the criminals hanging alongside cursed him, "Some Messiah you are! Save yourself! Save us!"

PETER: But the other one made him be quiet: "Have you no fear of God? You're getting the same as him. We deserve this, but not him; he did nothing to deserve this." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom."

**PEOPLE: Forgive us our trespasses, forgive us, O Lord, our trespasses!**

NARRATOR: And Jesus said to him -

**PEOPLE: and the power -**

NARRATOR: "Don't worry, I will-

**PEOPLE: and the glory -**

NARRATOR: Today you will join me in Paradise."

**PEOPLE: Forever and ever. AMEN!**



**PEOPLE:** They said, “We found this man undermining our law and order, forbidding taxes to be paid to Caesar, setting himself up as Messiah-King.”

PILATE: Pilate asked him, “Is this true that you’re ‘King of the Jews’?”

NARRATOR: “Those are your words, not mine,” Jesus replied.

PILATE: Pilate told the high priests and the accompanying crowd, “I find nothing wrong here. He seems harmless enough to me.”

**PEOPLE:** But they were vehement. “He’s stirring up unrest among the people with his teaching, disturbing the peace everywhere, starting in Galilee and now all through Judea. He’s a dangerous man, endangering the peace.”

PILATE: When Pilate heard that, he asked, “So, he’s a Galilean?” Realizing that he properly came under Herod’s jurisdiction, he passed the buck to Herod, who just happened to be in Jerusalem for a few days.

NARRATOR: Herod was delighted when Jesus showed up. He had wanted for a long time to see him. He’d heard so much about him. He hoped to see him do something spectacular. He peppered him with questions. Jesus didn’t answer, not one word. But the high priests and religion scholars were right there, saying their piece, strident and shrill in their accusations. Mightily offended, Herod turned on Jesus. His soldiers joined in, taunting and jeering. Then they dressed him up in an elaborate king costume and sent him back to Pilate.

PILATE: Then Pilate called in the high priests, rulers, and others and said, “You brought this man to me as a disturber of the peace. I examined him in front of all of you and found there was nothing to your charge. And neither did Herod, for he has sent him back here with a clean bill of health. It’s clear that he’s done nothing wrong, let alone anything deserving death. I’m going to warn him to watch his step and let him go.”

**PEOPLE:** At that, the crowd went wild: “Kill him! Give us Barabbas!”

NARRATOR: Barabbas had been thrown in prison for starting a riot in the city and for murder.

PILATE: Pilate still wanted to let Jesus go, and so spoke out again.

**PEOPLE:** But they kept shouting back, “CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!”

PILATE: He tried a third time. “But for what crime? I’ve found nothing in him deserving death. I’m going to warn him to watch his step and let him go.”

**PEOPLE:** But they kept at it, a shouting mob, demanding that he be crucified.

NARRATOR: And finally they shouted him down.

PILATE: Pilate caved in and gave them what they wanted. He released the man thrown in prison for rioting and murder, and gave them Jesus to do whatever they wanted.

## **FRIDAY MORNING: CRUCIFIXION**

**PEOPLE:**

**Calvary’s mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at His feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God’s own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

NARRATOR: And Jesus he gave them to do whatever they wanted.

ALL MEN: AS THEY LED HIM OFF, THEY MADE SIMON, A MAN FROM CYRENE WHO HAPPENED TO BE COMING IN FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE, CARRY THE CROSS BEHIND JESUS. A HUGE CROWD OF PEOPLE FOLLOWED,