



# A FULFILLING LIFE

## Holy Thursday

# MESSIAH

## A FULFILLING LIFE: HE FILLS OUR CUP



### Connect with us!

We invite everyone to fill a connection card.

Scan the code above or use the printed card located in each pew.

Ever seem like you're running on empty? As Jesus is about to empty himself of every last ounce of energy, as he is about to shed his holy and precious blood, as he is about to empty his lungs of their final breath, he fills our cup. For those thirsting for comfort, he literally filled a cup and said, this is my blood. It's for you! For those hungering for peace, he tore off a piece of bread and said, this is my body. It's for you. Tonight, we don't just receive a symbol of what Jesus once poured out for us. He comes again in bread and wine to fill our cups. He really gives his body with the bread. It's for you! He really gives his blood with the wine. It's for you!

### Welcome to Messiah

**Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. Exit the sanctuary turn right, and go through the double doors.

**Quiet room.** Children are always welcome in worship and we love hearing their little voices. However, if needed, a quiet room is located in the fellowship hall. Turn right when exiting the sanctuary and the quiet room will be on the left.

**Ushers** are available in the entry way to answer any additional questions you may have.

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## Opening Responses

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**

Be our light and scatter the darkness,  
**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

## Abide with Me

*CW 783 sts. 1–2*

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

## Devotion and Reading

### Jeremiah 31:31–34

#### *A New and Better Covenant*

<sup>31</sup>"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

## Abide with Me

CW 783 sts. 3–4

- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
but kind and good, with healing in thy wings,  
tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea;  
come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 4 Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,  
and though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;  
on to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

## Devotion and Reading

## Hebrews 10:15–25

### *The New Covenant Fills Us With Hope!*

<sup>15</sup>The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with them  
after that time, says the Lord.  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds.”

<sup>17</sup>Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts  
I will remember no more.”

<sup>18</sup>And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## Abide with Me

CW 783 sts. 5–6

- 5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!
- 6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

### *Jesus Fills Our Cup*

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

<sup>9</sup>“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

<sup>10</sup>He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, <sup>11</sup>and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

<sup>13</sup>They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup>After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

<sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

## The Lord’s Supper

### Confession

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.** (Psalm 121:2)

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for personal reflection*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

God, in his mercy, has redeemed us by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect (1 Peter 1:19). He forgives our iniquity and remembers our sins no more (Jeremiah 31:34).  
**Amen.**

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## Lamb of God

CW 550

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod,  
and to become the Lamb of God. *(Refrain)*

### *Refrain*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

- 2 Your gift of love they crucified,  
they laughed and scorned him as he died:  
the humble King they named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)
- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
but you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod,  
and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)

## Distribution

*The ushers will invite communicant members forward, one pew at a time. Visitors, we respectfully ask that you refrain from taking the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with the pastor.*

### *Jesus Is Arrested*

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup>but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

<sup>49</sup>When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” <sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup>But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

<sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup>Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”

<sup>54</sup>Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

### Prayer

#### 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 and ever. Amen.**

### Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.  
**Amen.**

### Abide with Me

*CW 783 st. 7*

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

Friday, April 18

6:30 p.m.

### **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

Early Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

Easter breakfast 9:30 a.m.

Late Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



## Our Mission

*Knowing Jesus, Sharing his Love.*

## Our Core Values

***Servant Heart.*** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).

***A Caring Community.*** "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).

***Anchored in the Word.*** "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).

***Adaptable.*** "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

***Outreach Focused.*** "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).

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## **Worship Schedule**

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School