



*For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

6:30 p.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

**Order of Service**  
**Saint Michael Lutheran Church**  
**3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901**

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**Maundy Thursday**

**April 17, 2025**

**Welcome**

*Pastor Dave Bass*

**Opening Hymn**

*"Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)"*

*words and music by  
Jordan Kauflin and Matt Merker*

Are you weary, heavy laden?  
Come and lay your burdens down;  
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you;  
Rest in Him.  
He is gentle, He is lowly,  
He delights to bring us peace;  
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior:  
Rest in Him.

***Chorus:***

How sure His compassions for us!  
Oh, how deep is His love;  
So come,  
Come to Jesus and rest in Him.

Are you hopeless, are you guilty?  
Caught in shame for all your sin?  
He pursues you to forgive you;  
Rest in Him.  
He has paid for ev'ry failure,  
Mercy flows in endless streams;

Come and follow, freedom calls you;  
Rest in Him.

***Chorus***

Are you waiting in your sorrows  
For this broken world to heal?  
He is coming, soon returning;  
Rest in Him.  
We will see Him, we will know Him,  
O what heights of grace revealed;  
From His kindness, ev'ry promise  
Then fulfilled.

Trusting Jesus, He will keep us  
To the end.

***Chorus (repeat)***

Come to Jesus and rest in Him.  
Come to Jesus and rest in Him.

**Invocation & Opening Sentences**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.

**People:** I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Pastor:** Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

**People:** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**Pastor:** Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**People:** Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.

# Prayer

## Christ in the Passover

Sahar Sadlovsky

### Hymn

*"Glory Be to Jesus"*  
(verses 1 and 6)

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Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!

Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

### Offering

As stewards of God's abundant gifts, we are called to use our time, talents and treasures to further His kingdom and serve one another in love. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Let us continue to grow in faith and generosity, trusting that God will provide for all our needs as we faithfully serve Him.

Online contributions and donations can be made by using this link: [tinyurl.com/SMLGiving](https://tinyurl.com/SMLGiving).  
You may also mail your offerings to the church office: 3595 Broadway, Ft. Myers, FL 33901.

### Holy Communion

*Pastor:* Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and the Holy Spirit?

**People:** Yes, I believe.

*Pastor:* Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**People:** Yes, I believe.

*Pastor:* Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

**People:** Yes, I believe.

*Pastor:* Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

**People:** Yes, I believe.

*Pastor:* Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

**People:** Yes, with the help of God.

*Pastor:* I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## Distribution Hymns      *"Just as I Am, without One Plea"*

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Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me  
come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

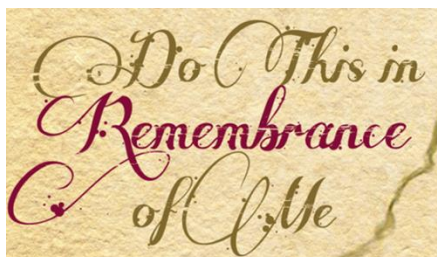
Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood  
can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Lord Jesus, think on me,  
And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free  
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be  
And taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
Amid the battle's strife;

In all my pain and misery,  
O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
That, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
And share Your joy at last.

*"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"*  
(verses 1-2, 4-5)

Here, O my Lord,  
I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch  
and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand  
the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness  
upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed  
upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee  
the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside  
each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh  
the calm of sin forgiv'n.

I have no help but Thine;  
nor do I need  
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord,  
enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might,  
Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin,  
but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt,  
but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge,  
and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness,  
O Lord my God.



## Blessing

## Closing Hymn

*"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*  
(verses 1-2)

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Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgement hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun no suff'ring, shame or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

## *Holy Week Schedule*

Good Friday, April 18 – 6:30pm in the Sanctuary  
Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19 – 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Please see the next page for our  
Easter morning schedule.

Please join us Easter Sunday for a fellowship lunch  
at 12:15pm in the cafeteria.

Ham and beverages will be provided.  
Please bring a side or dessert to share.





# EASTER SUNDAY

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## Worship Services

7:00 am - Outdoor Sunrise Service

9:00 am & 11:00 am

## Easter Breakfast 8:00 am - 10:45 am

Continental breakfast in the cafeteria

## Family Photo Opportunity

There will be 2 photo areas for your family to enjoy.

## Easter Story Walk

Families are invited to join us on Easter morning for an interactive journey that brings the gospel story to life. Join us in the grassy area across from the gym entrance to experience this meaningful celebration of Easter.

