



"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord"
Luke 19:38

Passion/Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022



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Welcome!

We are so glad to have you share in worship at Bethlehem today. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the pastors – they would love to greet you personally! At this time, we ask all worshipers to wear masks in worship.

Today's service will be recorded and live-streamed. Our camera operators take care to focus on worship leaders and don't regularly film worshipers. In the movement of the service, glimpses of people may occur. Please speak with a pastor if you have concerns.

Communicate with us: Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website - <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship. We have designated space within the sanctuary (underneath the window of Jesus, the Good Shepherd) that is reserved for families who may need additional space for strollers or carriers for children who cannot yet wear masks. If there is a way we can make worship a more hospitable environment for your family, please speak to a pastor or leave a comment through our website (see above).

Hearing assistance: Our sound system is equipped with personal hearing loop devices. Please ask an usher for a loop device.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please speak with one of our pastors.) Please see additional notes about the Sacrament in the service portion of the bulletin.

Our Perrin Street entrance is accessible. Please ask an usher or greeter for help if you need assistance operating the lift.

Please silence your cell phones: As a courtesy to others, we ask that you please silence your cell phones during worship.

Worship Leaders at BLC

As Lutheran Christians, **we believe that worship is not a passive experience, watching and listening to the Pastor. Worship is the work of the people – that's what liturgy means!** We all have a job to do in worship: lifting our voice in prayer and song, bowing our heads in prayer, opening our ears to hear the Word, and extending our hands to receive the Sacrament. It also takes many people to support the work of worship, both serving publicly and behind-the-scenes. **Each Sunday you're invited to visit the table in the Narthex and put your name next to the role you want and grab the corresponding bulletin.**

Want to learn more about a specific worship role or sign-up for a pre-scheduled role? Fill out the survey on the table in the narthex and place it in the basket. We will follow up with you.

Sunday, April 10, 2022 ~ *Passion/Palm Sunday*

Prelude:

Triumphant Spirit

Nicholas A. Hanson

The Chancel Bells (Raelynn Clare, director)

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here." ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

WE WORSHIP GOD:

As we sing the gathering hymn, we raise our palms in praise and join the song of others in the Bethlehem community whose faces we see in a virtual parade!

Gathering Hymn: 344	All Glory, Laud, and Honor	ELW
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Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special Music:

Hosanna! Blessed Is He

words and music: Michael Bedford

The Children's Choir (Raelynn Clare, director)

Karen Bigenwald, piano

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

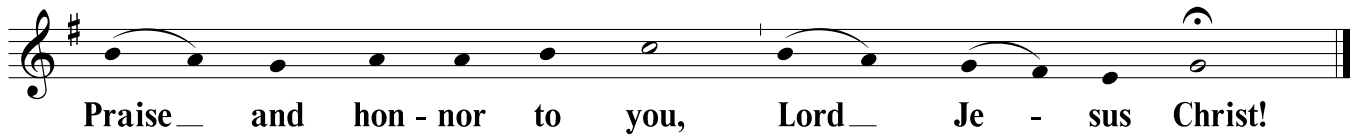
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



Refrain: Leader

Refrain: All

Proper Verse: Leader

*Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above ev'ry name.*

Refrain: All

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 22:14--23:56

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. On the cross Jesus offers forgiveness to those who crucify him. Witnessing his mercy, a soldier praises God and proclaims Jesus' innocence at the foot of the cross.

The story of the Passion is the ultimate story of God's saving love made visible for all. As you hear the story of the Passion, listen carefully to the role that each person and group plays in the events of Jesus' last days. Consider:

- 1) Who do you identify with the most?*
- 2) Whose actions do you struggle to understand?*
- 3) What does Jesus say or do that helps you glimpse another aspect of the nature of God's saving love?*

Today's gospel is divided into five scenes. Following each scene, the congregation sings a verse of the Hymn of the Day, Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless, ELW 357.

SCENE ONE: The Last Supper (Luke 22:14-38)

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

ELW 357 st. 1

SCENE TWO: The Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-53)

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

ELW 357 st. 1

SCENE THREE: At the Chief Priest's House (Luke 22:54-62)

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

ELW 357 st. 1

SCENE FOUR: Jesus' Trial (Luke 22:63-23:25)

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

ELW 357 st. 1

SCENE FIVE: Jesus Is Crucified (Luke 23:26-56)

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

ELW 357 st. 3
with

Amen

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Prayers of the People:

Our prayers are always offered on behalf of the whole community.

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

#1 We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

#2 We pray for peace as war rages. Shelter all living in fear; protect those seeking refuge in neighboring countries; sustain families separated by the horrors of war; tend to those who are injured; comfort all who mourn their dead. Direct your people into the way of peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

#3 We pray for siblings in Christ around the world, especially those in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross. Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this community of faith, help us to see, learn from, and love each other. Today we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Adam & Lisa (Jakob & Noah), Matt & Vicki, Mia, Ryan, Karen, Tonya & William (Makenna & Owen). We give thanks for the celebrations of joy and thanksgiving that we share with one another.

We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:

- The safe delivery and birth of Oscar Cole, son of Todd and Theresa, grandson of Sandy, nephew of Carol, on March 28

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remember us when you come into your kingdom, Lord, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. We pray for the comfort of those who grieve.

We pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of:

- Norman (father of Brendan) who died on 4/1
- Ron (son-in-law of Mary and husband of Denise) who died on 2/3

We pray for those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Margaret as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on 3/25
- Susan (mother of Hans) who is anticipating surgery on 4/13
- MaryJane who is having cataract surgery on 4/5 and 4/19
- Tom who is recovering from another surgery due to an infection
- Art who is recovering at home after having a defibrillator put in on 3/31
- Those who are caregivers for loved ones
- Those who are ill from Coronavirus and all who care for them

We offer to you the cares of those we name before you silently or out loud.

Silence for people to offer their prayers

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WE SHARE GOD’S MEAL:

The Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet those with whom you worship physically with a sign of peace. At home, extend the peace of Christ through the comments section or text to those who are at a distance.

Offering

Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God’s blessing and fulfill God’s purpose. We celebrate the opportunity to share our abundance – of compassion, of time, and of material resources.

If you would like to make a one-time gift electronically, scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page. For recurring gifts, download the Tithe.ly app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450. Those worshipping in person may leave their offerings in the basket in the narthex.



Whatever form your offering takes, we give thanks to God for you and your generosity.

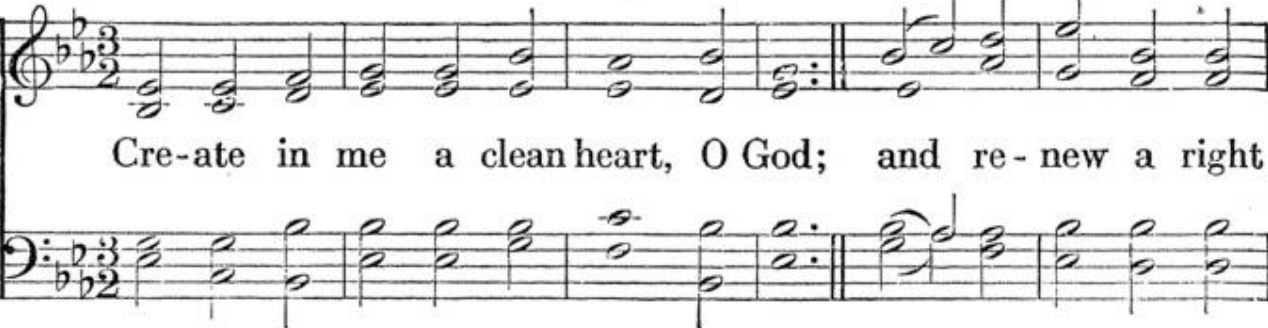
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Forsaken

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music: Dan Forrest

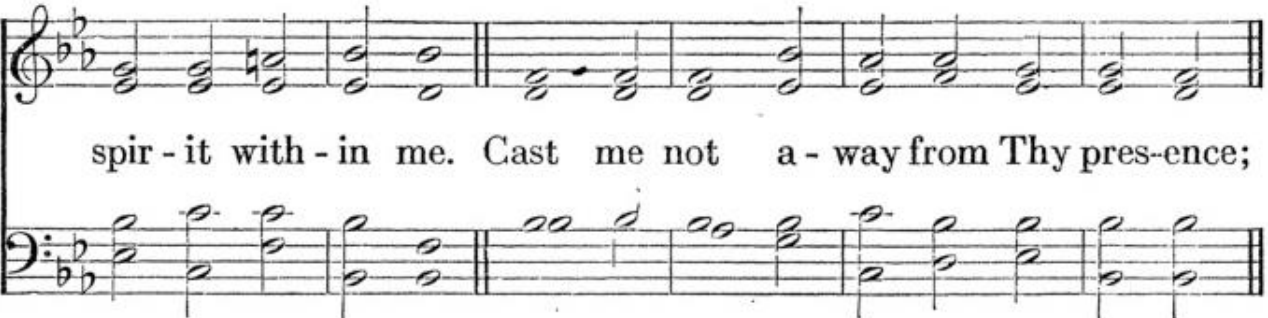
The Chancel Choir (Jim Jefferis, director)

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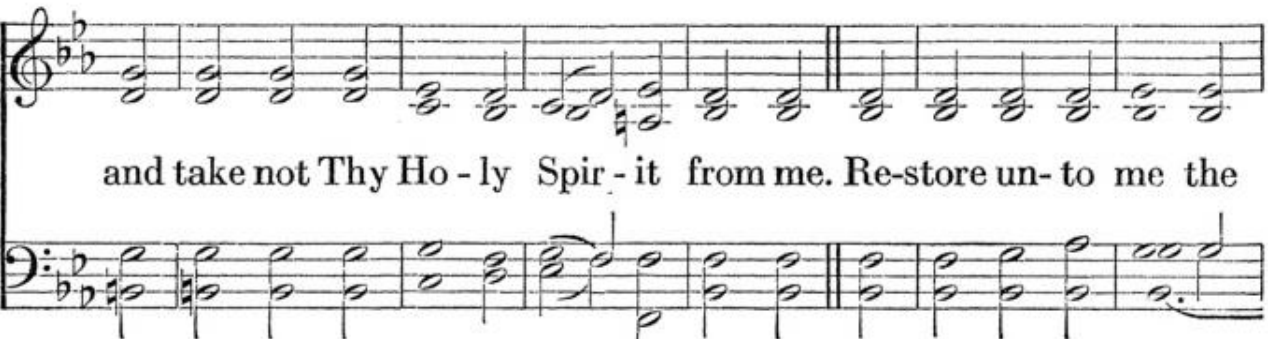
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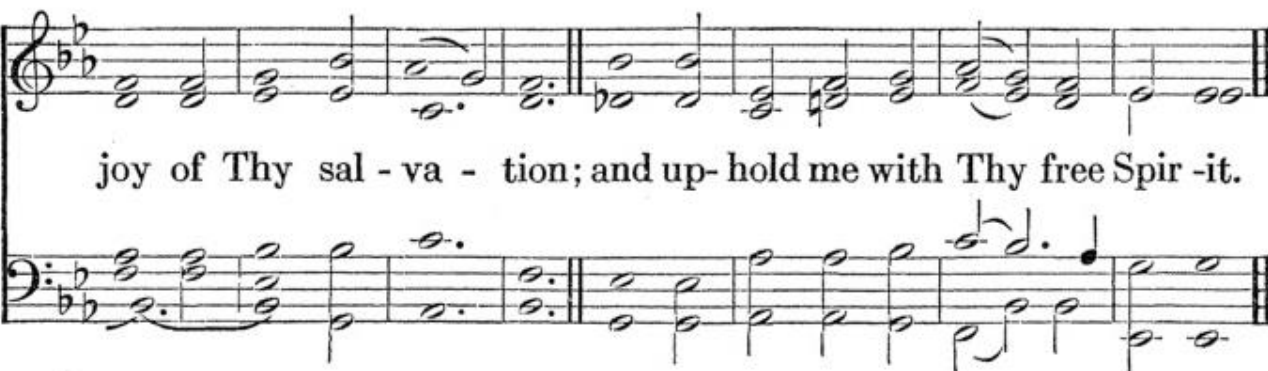
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God; and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence;



and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the



joy of Thy sal-va-tion; and up-hold me with Thy free Spir-it.

Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. Gracious God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Words of Institution:

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who
sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion:

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Communion:

Please come forward at the direction of the worship leaders. All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please contact one of the Pastors.) Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please indicate your need to the pastor or communion assistant. You may lower your mask as you receive communion. If you worship through the Livestream and wish to receive communion, please reach out to one of the pastors.

The Communion:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymns sung during communion:

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

Lamb of God

ELW 336

Table Blessing:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen

WE LEAVE TO SERVE:

Hymn:	My Song is Love Unknown	ELW 343, stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6
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Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Organ Sonata No. 6 in D Minor, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Choral: "Vater unser im Himmelreich"

(Our Father in Heaven)

II. Fuga

Thank you to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! If you would like to learn more about participating in a worship role, please speak to one of the co-pastors or contact the church office.

Happening today (4/10):

Palm Sunday!

- 8:55 am Worship with Communion (in-person and livestream)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation
 - pre-K to 5th grade gathers in the Sunday School Wing
 - 6th-8th grade gathers in the Confirmation room
- 10:15 am Book Study (Fellowship Hall or Zoom)
- 10:15 am 100th Anniversary Tree Planting
- 11:15 am Children's Choir (Choir Room)

Calendar for April 10 – April 17

(Last updated on 4/6/22 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 4/10

Palm Sunday

8:55 am Worship with
Communion (in-
person and livestream)
10:15 am Adult Book
Study (In-person or [Join](#)
via Zoom -
ID 859 4251 6915)
10:15 am 100th Anniversary
Tree Planting
10:15 am Faith
Formation
11:15 am Children's
Choir
12:30 pm 2nd Sunday
Dinner Ministry
(delivery only)

Monday, 4/11

1:00 pm Ruth Circle

Tuesday, 4/12

2:00 pm Support Group for
Caregivers
6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019
Meeting

Wednesday, 4/13

BLC Office Closed

9:30 am Bible Study –
(in-person or
[Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)
5:45 pm Chancel Bells
6:00 pm Folk Group
7:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, 4/14

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship with
Communion (in-
person and livestream)

Friday, 4/15

Good Friday

12:00 pm – 3 pm Private
prayer and silent devotion
in the sanctuary (Enter
through the Perrin Street
lift entrance.)
7:00 pm Stations of the
Cross (in-person and
livestream)

Saturday, 4/16

Sunday, 4/17

Easter Sunday

7:30 am Outdoor Worship
with Word, prayer and
Communion (rain or
shine, this service will
NOT be livestreamed)
8:55 am Worship with
Communion (in-
person and livestream)

Beth Schoenfeld will be out of the office on Wednesday, April 13

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M - F from 9 am to 12 noon. Our co-Pastor's schedules vary from week to week. Both are available for scheduled appointments.

Zoom Meetings at BLC: The easiest way to join is to use the direct link available in the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website. If you don't see your meeting in the Calendar of Events or have questions, please contact your group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details!

In-Person Meetings at BLC: Submit details at <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/> for each planned meeting, event and activity at BLC. This allows us to check for availability, reserve the space, and plan accordingly. Please contact the church office to confirm or with any questions following your submission.

A Place with Jesus

The movement of this day—from shouts of praise to words of denial and cries for crucifixion—mirrors the path of discipleship. The lives of Jesus' followers hang in the balance between faithfulness and betrayal. For Peter, the act of denial is subtle and insidious. He claims not to know Jesus; he claims to have no place as his disciple. On the surface it is seemingly harmless. It happens, and then is over in a moment. In reality, the harm is deep and lasting. Subtle but harmful denial happens in a split second as disciples compromise faith for the sake of self-protection—as they're too embarrassed to give thanks; as someone knows how to help but fails to do so because it's inconvenient; as resources are hoarded. While Peter withholds everything for his own sake, Jesus, for the sake of others, withholds nothing. As disciples fail to claim their place with Jesus, Jesus' embrace claims them. From the cross, Jesus offers mercy wide enough to claim even those who do not know what they do.

Cover Image

Our cover art today was drawn by Jeff Tokarz, a member of the Bethlehem community. Jeff resumed drawing two years ago and recently created this image of Christ as he reflected on the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection. We are grateful for Jeff's openness to sharing this image for our reflection this Holy Week.

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