

# For Us



## MIDWEEK *Lenten Service*

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
7:00PM**

**West Portal Lutheran Church  
200 Sloat Boulevard  
San Francisco CA 94132  
415-661-0242**

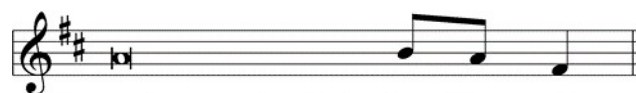
# VESPERS

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*Stand*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

PSALMODY

Psalm 41

- P** Blessed is the one who considers the poor!  
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- C** the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed  
in the land;  
You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- P** The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;  
in his illness You restore him to full health.
- C** As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against You!”
- P** My enemies say of me in malice,  
“When will he die and his name perish?”
- C** And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while  
his heart gathers iniquity;  
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- P** All who hate me whisper together about me;  
they imagine the worst for me.
- C** They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;  
he will not rise again from where he lies.”
- P** Even my close friend in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- C** But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I  
may repay them!  
By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout  
in triumph over me.
- P** But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in  
Your presence forever.
- C** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to  
everlasting! Amen and Amen.

*Sit*

**HYMN*****Love, How Deep******LSB 544***

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

*Stand*

- △ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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*Sit*

**READING****Mark 8:31-9:1****L** A reading from Mark, the eighth chapter.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.**C** Thanks be to God.**PASSION READING****Mark 15:33-47****L** A reading from Mark, the fifteenth chapters.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"



**SERMON**            **“For Us Betrayed”**  
**Text: Mark 8:31-9:1**

*Stand*

**CANTICLE**

***My Soul Rejoices***

***LSB 933***

- 1 My soul rejoices,  
My spirit voices—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
For God my Savior  
Has shown me favor—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
With praise and blessing,  
Join in confessing  
God, who is solely  
Mighty and holy—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
His mercy surely  
Shall rest securely  
On all who fear Him,  
Love and revere Him—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
- 2 His arm now baring,  
His strength declaring—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
The proud He scatters,  
Their rule He shatters—  
Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
Oppression halted;  
The meek exalted.  
Full are the hungry;  
Empty, the wealthy—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
Here is the token  
All that was spoken  
To Abr’ham’s offspring  
God is fulfilling—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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## PRAYER

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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

## COLLECTS



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** O Lord, as we have known the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of the angel to the virgin Mary, so by the message of His cross and passion bring us to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## COLLECT OF PEACE

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BENEDICAMUS



## BENEDICTION



**HYMN**      *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

*LSB 685*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.
  
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.
  
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.
  
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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**WELCOME!** A cordial welcome is extended to all who have come to worship with us today. May God's loving presence fill us with joy and hope as we prepare ourselves to follow Christ. If you are a guest or visitor with us, please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Swenson and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

**LENTEN SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOLDERS** are available on the Narthex table. Please feel free to take one. This year's offerings will be used for the ministries of Christ's Kingdom here at West Portal.

**HELP YOURSELF TO** Lenten Devotional Booklets that are available in the Narthex.

# HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Palm Sunday Services</b>	<b>March 29</b>
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper	
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>April 2</b>
7:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper	
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 3</b>
8:30AM Sunset Campus Chapel	
11:15AM Sloat Campus Chapel	
7:00PM Tenebrae Service	
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>April 4</b>
5:00PM Easter Vigil	
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper	
Easter Brunch following Worship Service	
Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn following the Brunch	

**Everyone is welcome to attend all Services  
and to join us at the Easter Brunch.**

If attending the Easter Brunch and/or Egg Hunt, please kindly  
RSVP by Sunday, **March 29th** with the names and number of  
adults & children attending to May Luu by email or voicemail at  
*May.luu@wplsf.com*  
415-661-0242, ext. 221

*(Each child should bring his/her own personal Easter Basket.)  
For more information, please contact the Church Office at  
415-661-0242*



## Easter Flowers

As we look forward to the celebration of Easter, the Altar Guild is again planning to have special floral arrangements around the Altar area. If you would like to help by donating to the flower fund, please complete this form and return it to the Church Office by **Sunday, March 29th**. The suggested minimum donation is \$15.00. Please make the check payable to **Altar Guild -West**

**Portal Lutheran Church.**

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Name of person(s) donating flowers

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Name of person(s) honored or remembered.

If you have any Calla Lilies growing in your garden and would like to share some with us, please bring them on Wednesday Bible Class, Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. There will be containers in the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 5



The Easter Service with Lord's Supper at 10:00 AM.

The Easter Brunch following the Easter Service.

The Easter Egg Hunt will follow after Easter Brunch. It will be located on the Church lawn featuring our special guest, "The Easter Bunny" for children ages up to 10 years old.

Please RSVP for Brunch or Egg Hunt (or both) as early as possible but no later than **Sunday, March 29th** with the names and number of adults & children attending to May Luu by email or voicemail at:

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**Worship Services**

Saturday, 5:00PM  
Sunday, 10:00AM

**Bible Classes**

Wednesday, 11:00AM  
Sunday, 9:00AM

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