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301 Faith Partners

We are three welcoming faith communities working together with the vision "Weaving a tapestry of love, hope and justice for the world."

Our Mission - 'What we do'

301 Faith Partners is an inclusive community dedicated to be more, and do more together, while respecting individual gifts and traditions. We welcome all people and offer a spiritual refuge with opportunities for individual and collective growth. We commit to work for social justice and to protect all creation.

We have learned we can be more and do more together as ecumenical partners, building a truly helpful presence in the neighborhood and sharing in ministry, education and worship. With the "301 Faith Partners Covenant" each church continues to be a unique entity retaining all the beliefs and practices of each of our faith traditions. We approach our partnership like a marriage between unique individuals. Our covenant with one another is not exhaustive - and the foundation of decision-making is love and respect grounded in the mission of Christ. This mission has a church - here at 301 E Stuart St.



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**301 Faith Partners
April 3, 2026**

Good Friday



301 East Stuart Street Fort Collins, CO 80525

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Trinity Lutheran - Mary of Magdala, Ecumenical Catholic - St. Paul's Episcopal



Mary of
Magdala
Ecumenical Catholic
Community



Welcome!

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ.

Parents and Caregivers: Please know that God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table.

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Restrooms are located on the east (Men's & Family/gender inclusive/Handicapped accessible) and west (Women's) sides of our Fellowship Hall, through the double doors.

IN MINISTRY TODAY

Pastor Felicia SmithGraybeal-St. Paul's Episcopal
 Pastor Rick Reiten-Trinity Lutheran
 Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt-Trinity Lutheran
 Mother Rosean Amaral-Mary of Magdala
 Pastor Jane Reina-Mary of Magdala
 Laurie Gudim-St. Paul's Episcopal
 Kerrie Anderson-Mary of Magdala
 Clinton Ellerbe-Trinity Lutheran Musician
 Claire Pickerel-AV Technician
 Janie Stein & Martin Bates-On Site Musicians

Seventh Word: With a last gasp of breath, Jesus cried out with a loud, gasping voice, "Abba, Amma, into your hands I commend my spirit." Slowly his head sank to his chest and Jesus breathed his last breath.

L: In this place today, we remember the members of the Body of Christ whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We remember those who perpetuated violence, whose lives are forever changed by the brokenness of human sin: Zackary Worrell, Aaron Mack, Brittany King. And we remember our sibling in Christ who has died in God's great love: Timothy Van Dyke.

CLOSING SONG

"On Holy Ground"

Geron Davis

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VENERATION OF THE CROSS W/ ROSE PETALS

PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE.

Easter Services:

Saturday, April 4

@ 5 pm Trinity Lutheran Easter Worship

Sunday, April 5

@ 9 am St Paul's Episcopal Easter Worship

@ 10:30 am Trinity Lutheran Easter Worship

@ 12:30 pm Mary of Magdala Easter Mass

First Word: As the morning sun rose, the soldiers stripped Jesus and the prisoners of their clothes. They dressed them in orange jumpsuits, fashioned a crown of barbwire for their heads, and beat them. They were forced to carry a heavy cross through the streets to be crucified. The cross was used to strike fear in the people's hearts; it said, "Fall in line. Don't challenge authority. Keep silent." The soldiers and crowds taunted the prisoners as Jesus was nailed to the cross. As it was raised in place, Jesus spoke: "**Father, forgive them, for the do not know what they are doing.**"

Second Word: Jesus was placed between those condemned who were also being hanged. One of them berated Jesus saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us! Show your power." Another criminal chastised the first saying, "Do you not fear God? Unlike us, this man has done nothing wrong." Turning his head toward Jesus, he said. "Remember me, when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "**Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.**"

Third Word: As Jesus hung from the cross, he gazed down and saw his mother weeping along with many of his followers who were outraged by the inhumane treatment of Jesus and all the other people detained. The disciple he loved was also there. Jesus spoke to them, "**Woman, here is your son.**" Then he said to the disciple, "**Here is your mother.**"

Fourth Word: At high noon a great darkness covered the whole land like a blanket until three in the afternoon. Those in power wondered if they had made a mistake in persecuting Jesus and the people detained. They hid in fear from the people calling for justice. Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "**Eloi, Eloi lema sabachthani?**" which means, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**"

Fifth Word: After his plea, Jesus knew that he had stood in solidarity with the people he loved, as the ancient Sacred Scriptures had said. Close to death and so scripture might be fulfilled he spoke again in a dry, rasping voice, "**I am thirsty.**"

Sixth Word: A soldier offered Jesus a cup of bitter wine, a last meal of a kind. Jesus gulped some of the wine to ease his throat, and spluttered when it was too much. Then Jesus looked out at the followers detained with him and up at the heavens and spoke, "**It is finished.**"

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, Christians remember Jesus' crucifixion and death. Through the cross, God shared human suffering and death; through the resurrection, death and evil are emptied of their power. As we reflect on Jesus' death through Faure's Requiem, a traditional mass for the dead, we remember God's love in Jesus that extended to the gift of his life. As we pray at the cross, we look toward Easter and the promise and reality of resurrection: life that conquers death, love that conquers hatred, and justice that conquers evil, for us and for all the world.



GATHER IN SILENCE

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

L: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

PASSION OF JESUS:

In the morning, after Jesus was arrested in garden – the elders and scribes commanded Jesus be led away, and handed over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him. Pilate tried to release a prisoner. Pilate asked the crowd what should be done to Jesus. Pilate handed him over to be crucified.

Kerrie Anderson— The soldiers clothed him in a purple cloak, twisted a crown of thorns, mocked him...beat him, led him out, to crucify him, to a place called Golgotha. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. As the cross was set in place, those who crucified him taunted him. Jesus raised his head and said: **Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**

Silence

Mother Rosean Amaral— One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God? This man has done nothing wrong." "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, **"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."**

Silence

Laurie Gudim— Jesus looked down at the crowd, saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, **"Woman, here is your son."** Then he said to the disciple, **"Here is your mother."**

Silence

Pastor Jane Reina—When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, **"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

Silence

*Our worship continues at 2630 Illinois Dr, Fort Collins, where violence has occurred. (There is street parking, or in the Bachus & Shanker public parking lot.)
Please Join us in our procession.*

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS TO THE PLACE OF VIOLENCE

*The Cross will process out first, everyone will follow the Cross as we move locations
and continue our worship.*

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

L: Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

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C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

AT THE PLACE OF VIOLENCE:

L: Christ Jesus, you lived and died in solidarity with your people- facing violence and death so that you could bring forth new life for all people.

C: **We know that human systems and human actions are still crucifying your body today.**

L: At this place of violence, we remember that your life, your death, your love, and your resurrection are for all people still today.

C: **We cry out with every member of the Body of Christ that experiences violence, suffers persecution, or feels alone in this world.**

PASSION OF JESUS

While Jesus was speaking in the Garden, those in power came searching for him, their flashlights shining bright, pepper spray that burned the eyes of Jesus and his followers at the ready. Jesus was handed over to them and led away to Pilate, while many of the people were detained also. It was a long night of questioning and eventually those in power were able to sway the court of public opinion. They cried, "Crucify him, Crucify them."

HYMN

“Were You There?”

ELW #353

African American spiritual

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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

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Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

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 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Pastor Rick Reiten— After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, and so scripture might be fulfilled, said, **I am thirsty.**

Silence

Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt— When Jesus had received the wine, he said, **“It is finished.”**

Silence

Pastor Felicia SmithGraybeal— Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”** Having said this, he bowed his head and breathed his last.”

Silence

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

ELW #351

Paul Gerhardt; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler

arr. Johann Sebastian Bach Public Domain

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

BIDDING PRAYER

(We invite you to sit or kneel during the prayer.)

- P: Vulnerable and loving God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that we may recognize in the Passion of your Son the signs of your profound, self-emptying love. May we take on the mantle of our Savior and bring healing, peace, and an abiding knowledge and love of you to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: And now let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask:
- C: **Our Father in heaven, holy 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.**

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VENERATION/ADORATION OF THE CROSS

'In the 4th Century a Spanish nun named Etheria made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She was in Jerusalem during Holy Week and went to every service and wrote down the details of the liturgies. Her journal became the source of introducing these Jerusalem Holy Week liturgies to the western church. One of those customs at the Good Friday liturgy was the veneration of the cross, a time when people came forth to be at the foot of the cross to pray, to have a quiet time, to offer a thanksgiving for Jesus' love and gift to us of his life.'

During the singing of the hymn you are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross. You may take rose petals from the basket and place them on the cross. You may also visit the Stations of the Cross along the back walls of the sanctuary.