



28 for salvation from the LORD.  
Let them sit alone in silence  
beneath the LORD's demands.

29 Let them lie face down in the dust,  
for there may be hope at last.

30 Let them turn the other cheek to those who strike them  
and accept the insults of their enemies.

31 For no one is abandoned  
by the Lord forever.

### John 19:31-37

31 It was the day of preparation, and the Jewish leaders didn't want the bodies hanging there the next day, which was the Sabbath (and a very special Sabbath, because it was the Passover). So they asked Pilate to hasten their deaths by ordering that their legs be broken. Then their bodies could be taken down. 32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus. 33 But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. 34 One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out. 35 (This report is from an eyewitness giving an accurate account. He speaks the truth so that you also can believe.) 36 These things happened in fulfillment of the Scriptures that say, "Not one of his bones will be broken," 37 and "They will look on the one they pierced."

### Luke 23:50-56

50 Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph. He was a member of the Jewish high council, 51 but he had not agreed with the decision and actions of the other religious leaders. He was from the town of Arimathea in Judea, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come. 52 He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. 53 Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet of linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb that had been carved out of rock. 54 This was done late on Friday afternoon, the day of preparation, as the Sabbath was about to begin.

55 As his body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw the tomb where his body was placed. 56 Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to anoint his body. But by the time they were finished the Sabbath had begun, so they rested as required by the law.



# Holy Week @ LAKEVIEW

## Holy Saturday Order of Service

**Welcome & Fireside Story** — God is not done — he will finish what He started!

**Scripture Reading** — Lam 3:19-26, 28-31 (see below for Scripture, congregation please read vv. 22-23)

**Brief Message** — Waiting patiently and prayerfully (Lam 3:19-26; Luke 23:50-56)

**Scripture Meditation** — John 19:31-37 and Luke 23:50-56.

**Collective Response to Message** — 2 symbolic actions for us as a response.

- ✦ leaving the confusions and fears of our own and those around us at the foot of the cross for God to deal with (just like we did for the Good Friday service).
- ✦ Praying together — as each prayer is offered, we will respond together with the words, "Lord, hear our prayer." *Note: any and all are welcome to walk to the microphone to offer short prayers of their own.*

**Closing Scripture Reading** — Lam 3:22-23

### Scriptures for reflection (referenced at various points in the service)

#### Genesis 12:1-3; 17:3-8; 22:15-18

1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

3 At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said to him, 4 "This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! 5 What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. 6 I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them!

17.7 "I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God



and the God of your descendants after you. 8 And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God.”

22.15 Then the angel of the LORD called again to Abraham from heaven. 16 “This is what the LORD says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that 17 I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. 18 And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”

### Exodus 19:3-6

3 Then Moses climbed the mountain to appear before God. The LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; announce it to the descendants of Israel: 4 ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. 6 And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.’ This is the message you must give to the people of Israel.”

### Jeremiah 30:18-22; 31:31-34

18 This is what the LORD says:  
“When I bring Israel home again from captivity  
and restore their fortunes,  
Jerusalem will be rebuilt on its ruins,  
and the palace reconstructed as before.  
19 There will be joy and songs of thanksgiving,  
and I will multiply my people, not diminish them;  
I will honor them, not despise them.  
20 Their children will prosper as they did long ago.  
I will establish them as a nation before me,  
and I will punish anyone who hurts them.  
21 They will have their own ruler again,  
and he will come from their own people.  
I will invite him to approach me,” says the LORD,  
“for who would dare to come unless invited?  
22 You will be my people,  
and I will be your God.”

31.31 “The day is coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. 32 This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of

Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife,” says the LORD.

33 “But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the LORD.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already,” says the LORD. “And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”

### Ezekiel 36:22-28

22 “Therefore, give the people of Israel this message from the Sovereign LORD: I am bringing you back, but not because you deserve it. I am doing it to protect my holy name, on which you brought shame while you were scattered among the nations. 23 I will show how holy my great name is—the name on which you brought shame among the nations. And when I reveal my holiness through you before their very eyes, says the Sovereign LORD, then the nations will know that I am the LORD. 24 For I will gather you up from all the nations and bring you home again to your land.

25 “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

28 “And you will live in Israel, the land I gave your ancestors long ago. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

### Lamentations 3:19-26, 28-31 (vv. 22-23 to be read together)

19 The thought of my suffering and homelessness  
is bitter beyond words.  
20 I will never forget this awful time,  
as I grieve over my loss.  
21 Yet I still dare to hope  
when I remember this:  
22 **The faithful love of the LORD never ends!  
His mercies never cease.**  
23 **Great is his faithfulness;  
his mercies begin afresh each morning.**  
24 I say to myself, “The LORD is my inheritance;  
therefore, I will hope in him!”  
25 The LORD is good to those who depend on him,  
to those who search for him.  
26 So it is good to wait quietly