



THE EASTER WATCH
 A Holy Week Prayer Vigil
 Oakton United Methodist Church
 March 29 – April 3, 2010

Readings & Meditation

DAY	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	GOSPEL
MONDAY	Isaiah 42:1-9	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
<p>God of steadfast love, light of the blind and liberator of the oppressed, I see your holy purpose in the tender compassion of Jesus, who calls me into new and living friendship with you. May I, who takes shelter in the shadow of your wings, be filled with the grace of his tender caring; may I, who stumbles in selfish darkness, see your glory in the light of his self-giving. I ask this through him whose suffering is victorious, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.</p>			
TUESDAY	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
<p>Christ our God, your love is poured out in death for my sake. Hold me in your embrace as I wait for Easter's dawn. Comfort me with the promise that no power on earth, not even death itself, can separate me from your love; and strengthen me to wait until you are revealed to all people in all your risen glory. Amen.</p>			
WEDNESDAY	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
<p>Troubled God, in every generation you call your people to contend against the brutality of sin and betrayal. Keep me steadfast even in my fear and uncertainty, that I may follow where Jesus has led the way. Amen.</p>			
MAUNDY THURSDAY <i>5:00PM-9:00PM Prayer Vigil and Communion in Sanctuary. Labyrinth - Large Hall.</i>	Exodus 12:1-14	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
<p>Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies. Amen.</p>			

<p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p><i>12 noon -2:45PM – Devotions in the Sanctuary: The Passion Narrative of John.</i></p> <p><i>2:45PM-9:00PM -- Prayer Vigil and Communion in Sanctuary. Labyrinth - Large Hall.</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 52:13-53:12</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:16-25</p>	<p>John 18:1-19:42</p>
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Grieving God, on the cross your Son embraced death even as he had embraced life: faithfully and with good courage. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may hold fast to our faith in him exalted and may find mercy in all times of need. Amen.

<p>HOLY SATURDAY</p> <p><i>5:00PM - 8:00PM Prayer Vigil and Communion in Sanctuary. Labyrinth - Large Hall.</i></p> <p><i>8:00PM - 9:00PM Easter Vigil Service in Sanctuary.</i></p>	<p>Job 14:1-14</p>	<p>1 Peter 4:1-8</p>	<p>Matthew 27:57-66</p>
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Eternal God, rock and refuge: with roots grown old in the earth, river beds run dry, and flowers withered in the field, I wait for revival and release. Abide with me until I come alive in the sunrise of your glory. Amen.

