

The Church of the Bells

# **April 6, 2025**

5th Sunday in Lent | Holy Communion 8:00 am & 11:00 am

3320 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90018

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#### **CENTERING MOMENT**

God turns our tears to shouts of joy. Christ turns our weeping into laughter.

**PRELUDE** 

"Now Behold the Lamb" Kirk Franklin

Robert Johnson, Jr.

Organist

WELCOME

Rev. Louis A. Chase Minister of Community Outreach

**GREETING** 

Theodore King Liturgist

Abingdon Worship Annual

(Rebecca Gaudino)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we have been hurt and lost, People: God brings us laughter and joy. Leader: When our lives reach a dead end, People: God opens a way forward. Leader: When the rivers of our lives dry up,

People: God sends living water to quench our thirst.

Leader: God has done great things for us!

People: Let us rejoice!

# OPENING PRAYER

God of Love, you know our lives inside and outthe times of joy and laughter, and the times of loss and pain. You accompanied our ancestors of faith into exile and then journeyed with them back to the Promised Land. Jesus our sibling, you wept at the grave of Lazarus, and then you celebrated at the dinner table with your resurrected friend. Be with us in times of plenty and times of want, and let us rejoice in your presence, for you see us and care for us. In the name of the Embracing Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Rebecca Gaudino

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS** 

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (v. 1-4)

Hymnal #94 Hymnal #269

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** 

"Jesus Paid It All" arr. Robert Sterling

Holman Choir

**SCRIPTURE** 

John 12:1-8 New Revised Standard Version

**SONG OF PREPARATION** 

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Holman Choir

Mark A. Miller

**MESSAGE** 

"Beyond the Why"

Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi West District Superintendent Cal-Pac Conference

# INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**INVITATIONAL HYMN** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**HOLY COMMUNION** 

A Service of Word and Table II

Hymnal, p. 12

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

# THANKSGIVING FOR TITHES & OFFERING

#### **BENEDICTION**

Leader: Jesus left the house of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus on his way to Jerusalem.

People: Jesus left this house of comfort and friendship,

knowing the deep love of his disciple Mary.

Leader: So let us leave this house of peace today,

knowing we will meet Jesus in Jerusalem soon.

People: And while we travel from here to there,

may we carry fragrant love for our brother,

savior, and beloved friend. Amen.

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** 

"Lord, Make Us More Holy" arr. J. David Bowick

Holman Choir

**POSTLUDE** 

"Seek the Lord"

Robert Johnson, Jr.

Fred Pratt Green, George Henry Day

**TODAY IN WORSHIP:** Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi, District Superintendent, Cal-Pac West District; Rev. Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Lead Pastor; Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oliver, Associate Pastor; Rev. Louis Chase, Minister of Community Outreach; In Memoriam Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., Pastor Emeritus; Theodore King, Liturgist; Holman Choir, William Campbell, Jr., Director; Robert Johnson, Jr., Organist; David R. Sears, Production Mixer; Mark Conway, Video Director; Keith McGruder, House Mixer; Fitzroy Younge, House Mixer; Jules Green, Post-Production; Mychael Carter, Audio Tech/Mixer



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#### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**PRAYER LIST** | All those affected by recent wildfires and storms, Dawn Gragg Banks, Renée Gragg Williams, Thelma Warren, Gayla Kelly-Fisher, Margie Ellington, Eretha Minor, Tiffany Hall, Toni Edwards, Maritza Brown, Kamille Linton, Hazel Storey, Ovis Massey, Cynthia Marroquin-Henley, Thresa Thomas, Gweneth Alexander, Samantha McQueen, Larry Turner, Freddie Muse, Jr.



**BEREAVEMENT** | A memorial service for Joshua Streeter, the son of Sandra Jo Streeter, is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at 11:00 am in the Holman sanctuary. Please remember the Streeter family in prayer.

#### AFTER WORSHIP

- Join us for **Fellowship Hour**, hosted by the Hospitality Ministry in L. L. White Hall, immediately following the worship service.
- Holman 80th Anniversary t-shirts are available for pick-up after worship today in L. L. White Hall.
- **Easter Lilies** are now on sale for \$18 each. To purchase lilies, visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/holmanlilies">https://tinyurl.com/holmanlilies</a> or obtain an order form from a greeter. If using the form, please place your completed form with donation in the offering basket.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Our online Lenten Study and Prayer concludes this Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 pm. It's not too late to sign-up and receive the daily online prayer journal for use throughout the year.
- There will be **two Storehouse Ministry events** this week: Wednesday Group meets April 9, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in the Education Building. Food distribution continues Thursday, April 10, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in the Education Building.
- Saturday School for African American History (SSAAH) continues on Saturdays, April 12 and April 26, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Visit <a href="https://holmanumc.com/calendar">holmanumc.com/calendar</a> to register.
- Visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/holmanseder">https://tinyurl.com/holmanseder</a> to register for our **Maundy Thursday Seder Meal**, which will be held Thursday, April 17 from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm in L. L. White Hall and online.



# www.holmanumc.com/calendar

Sunday, April 6

**Worship Service | Holy Communion** 

8:00am-9:15am | Sanctuary

Adult Sunday School: Zoom + Phone

9:30am-10:30am | Every Sunday | Online

**Book Talk** 

9:15am-10:15am | Every Sunday | Online

Noel Leo Erskine, Black Theology and Black Faith

Children's Church

**DIGITAL LESSON "The Perfume of Love"** 

9:30am-10:30am | Every Sunday | Johnson Chapel

**Worship Service | Holy Communion** 

11:00am-12:15pm | Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 8

**A-MAN STEM Center: After School Program** 

3:30pm-5:30pm | Every Tuesday | Education Building

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)
Monthly Meeting

6:30pm-7:45pm | Online

Wednesday, April 9

**Storehouse Ministry Wednesday Group** 

10:00am-1:00pm | Love Education Building

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** 

12:00pm-2:00pm | Crockett Library

**Lenten Study & Prayer: Practical Steps to** 

**Live Out Your Faith Every Day** 

7:00pm-8:00pm | Online

Thursday, April 10

**Storehouse Ministry Food Distribution** 

10:00am-1:00pm | Love Education Building

Thursday, April 10

**United Women in Faith: Leadership** 

**Monthly Meeting** 

7:00pm-8:30pm | Online

Friday, April 11

Friday Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

7:30am-8:30am | Every Friday | Phone

Saturday, April 12

**Holman United Methodist Men** 

Monthly Meeting
9:00am | Online

Saturday School for African American

History (SSAAH)

9:00am-12:00pm | Love Education Building

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, April 13

**Palm Sunday** 

Thursday, April 17

**Maundy Thursday Seder Meal (Sign-up)** 

6:30pm-8:00pm | L. L. White Hall & Online

Friday, April 18

**Good Friday** 

Sunday, April 20

**Easter Sunday | Resurrection Day**