

MAUNDY THURSDAY



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 28, 2024

GATHERING

Upon entering the sanctuary, we help to create a worship environment by keeping movement and noise to a minimum. The time may be used for prayer, pre-reading the Scriptures or hymns for the day, or simply preparing for an encounter with God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We invoke -"call upon"- the Triune God to be present with us - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

We are silent.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**C We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, renew us and lead us,

**so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution - We hear the Good News of the Gospel - our sins are absolved, forgiven and taken away according to the promise of Christ Himself.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

We stand.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit by with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Heavenly Father, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 12: 1-4, 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the

first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

(after the lesson is read) R Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

116: 1-2, 12-19

Sung responsively. The cantor will sing the portions in plain font.

The congregation will sing the portions in **bold**.



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¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ¹ear to me**
whenever ¹I called.

¹²How shall I re- ¹pay the LORD
for all the good things God has ¹done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup ¹of salvation**
and call on the name ¹of the LORD.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD
in the presence of ¹all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your ¹sight, O LORD,**
is the death ¹of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I ¹am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed
me ¹from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice ¹of thanksgiving**
and call upon the name ¹of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD
in the presence of ¹all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of ¹the LORD's house,**
in the midst of you, ¹O Jerusalem.

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that
the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of

bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(after the lesson is read) R Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

JOHN 13: 1-17, 31B-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he

poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

After the gospel is read

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit


SERMON

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

We gather our individual and communal intercessions and thanksgivings, remembering our connection to the universal Church on earth and heaven.

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

each petition ends with...

P Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

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*Before we approach the Table of the Lord, we take the time to embody our calling to be agents of reconciliation and peace with one another. Let us ensure that each person in this room knows that God's peace is intended for them as we greet each other with the words, "**Peace be with you.**"*

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

After you have greeted your neighbors you are invited to sit.

THE OFFERING

We join Christians all over the world in worshiping God through the giving of our financial resources. If you are a first-time worshiper, you are our guest and we do not expect you to give an offering. For members and friends, the mission and ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon the faithful stewardship of what God has given us. Our offering is a significant act of worship.

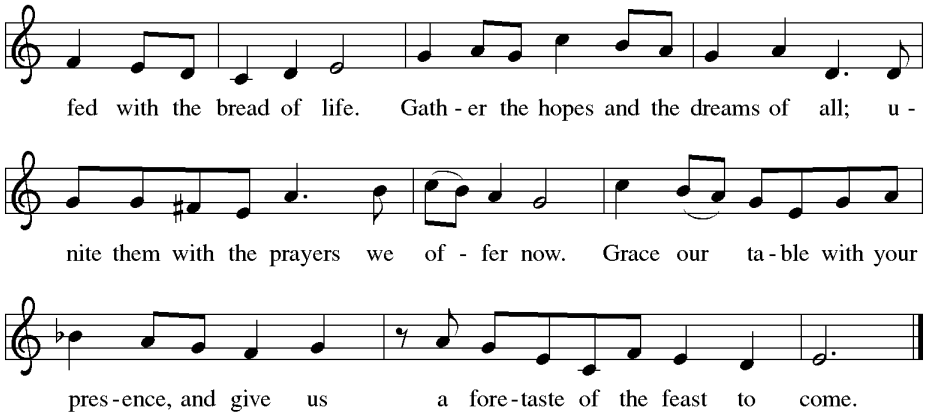
We stand as the offering is brought forward



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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P Let us pray.

C **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

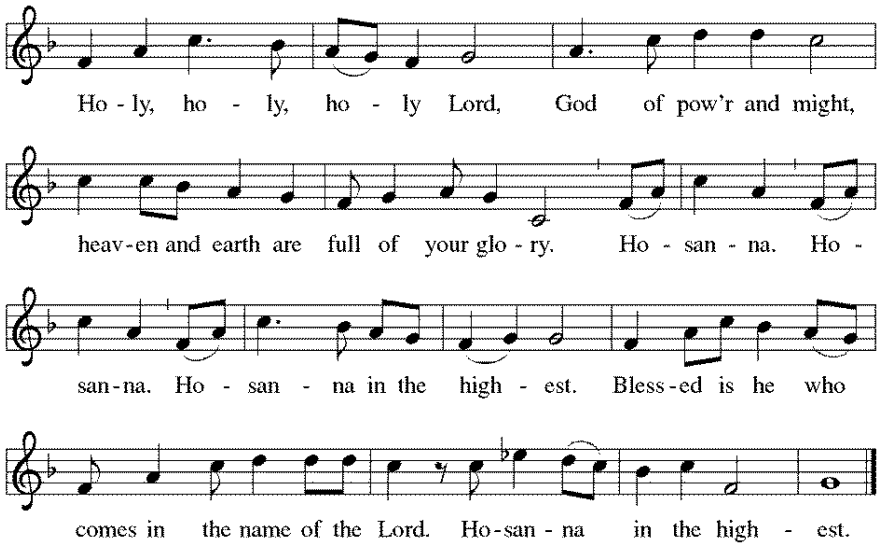
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able... to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and you are all invited.
Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

We sit

DISTRIBUTION

The Table of the Lord is open to all baptized Christians who believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament. "In, with, and under" the signs of bread and wine are indeed the very Body and Blood of Christ, given for us. If you wish to receive communion please wait until the usher has invited you to come forward. A post-communion blessing will be offered to the entire congregation once everyone who wishes to receive communion has done so. If you are not yet baptized but would like to explore this beautiful and precious gift from God to you, please reach out to Pastor Chris and she would love to talk to you about it.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

We stand.

COMMUNION HYMN

When Twilight Comes

1 When twi-light comes and the sun sets, moth - er hen pre-pares for
2 One day the Rab - bi, Lord Je - sus, called the twelve to share his
3 So gath-er round once a - gain, friends, touched by fad - ing glow of
night's rest. As her brood shel-ters un - der her wings, she
last meal. As the hen tends her young, so for them he
sun's gold, and re - count all our frail hu - man hopes: the
gives the love of God to her nest. Oh! what joy to
spent him - self to seek and to heal. Oh! what joy to
dreams of young and sto - ries of old. Oh! what joy to



feel her warm heart - beat and be near her all night long;
be with Christ Je - sus, hear his voice, oh! sheer de - light,
pray close to - geth - er, kneel-ing as one fam - i - ly,



so the young can find re - pose, then re - new to - mor - row's song.
and re - ceive his ser - vant care: all be - fore the com - ing night.
by a moth - er's love em - braced in the bless-ed Trin - i - ty.

We stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Having shared in this holy meal, we now prepare to leave the table, giving thanks for spiritual nourishment and praying for strength to be sent in witness to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

C Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for seating us at your table and serving us with the food of eternal life. We who once were dead are now living members of your Son, awakened by the breathing of your Spirit. Send us out to awaken others to the mystery of your love, which is revealed to all the world in the one who came to give himself away, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We sit

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

While Psalm 22 is read members of the altar guild will strip the altar and chancel area (the space around the altar) of all liturgical vessels, paraments, candles and symbols. This symbolic removal of all Christian symbols represents the departure of Jesus and his disciples to Golgotha where he will be crucified. These items will be replaced on Easter morning.

PSALM 22:1-23

*Read responsively. The congregation will read the text in **bold**.*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

**On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me
you have been my God.**

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my
heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

**For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;**

I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;

**they divide my clothes among themselves and for my clothing
they cast lots.**

But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid

**Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the
dog!**

Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

**I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of
the congregation I will praise you:**

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Please note: after the altar is stripped and the pastor leaves the sanctuary we leave in respectful silence.

There is no “Go in peace. Proclaim God’s mission for us...”

This service continues Friday evening at 7:00 pm with the Good Friday (Tenebrae) service.