



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 1, 2021- 6:15 PM



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lent began on Ash Wednesday with an extended confession of sins and the imposition of ashes. As we move into the final days of Lent, we gather to confess our sins one last time in preparation for our spiritual journey with Christ through his arrest, crucifixion, entombment, and resurrection to new life.

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

At the conclusion of the service is the stripping of the altar. This emptying of our worship space marks the transition from our Eucharistic celebration to our contemplation of Christ's crucifixion and death. The congregation leaves in silence following this somber rite.

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Trinity Staff by Russ and Lani Wise.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

There in God's Garden
setting for piano by Nancy M. Raabe

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends 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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

**Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
love were made. Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. We come, with all our
heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.**

**We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and
chosen wrong, half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along, by pow'rs and systems
close confined, yet seeking hope for human kind.**

**Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us
as your own, not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone. We strain to glimpse your
mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.**

**Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and
call us friends. Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends to work till all creation
sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.**

**Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your
joy to share. Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair, and offer all that
faith can do while love is making all things new.**

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy God, 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.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus.

The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

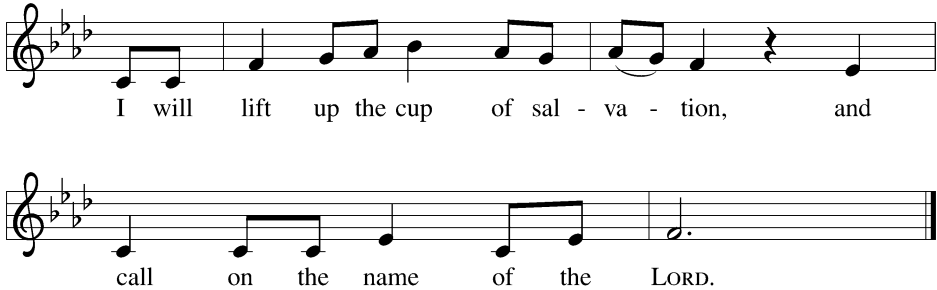
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

*The refrain is first introduced by the cantor.
Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*

*Psalm
Refrain*



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, and
call on the name of the LORD.

*Psalm
Tone*



- ¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
²**for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.
- ¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?
- ¹³**I will lift the cup | of salvation**
and call on the name | of the LORD. ☩
- ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.
- ¹⁵**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**
is the death | of your servants.
- ¹⁶O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.
- ¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving**
and call upon the name | of the LORD.
- ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,
- ¹⁹**in the courts of | the LORD's house,**
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem. ☩

A reading from First Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Now 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.

^{31b}"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 the Son in himself 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

And During Supper

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus abound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.**

**Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.**

**Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered in our homes on this Maundy Thursday, let us pray for the needs of the world.

Blessed are you, O God, for the church. Strengthen your people, gathered around the globe on this holy day in homes, in churches, and outside under your sky. Bless the church's deacons and all congregational ministries. Give us hunger for your word and joy in receiving it. Feed us at all our tables with your blessing. Hear us, holy God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for this good earth. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for our drinking and our washing. Sustain crops and herds that provide our food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, bountiful God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for our nation. Lead us out of ancient patterns of prejudice. Protect all people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish wise and just leadership in every place and peace where there is violence and war.

Hear us, sovereign God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for caring for the needy. Feed the hungry. Give jobs to the unemployed. Embrace all who are isolated and lonely. Comfort those living with guilt and those who mourn. Hear us, merciful God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for accompanying the sick. Bring an end to this pandemic, and restore healthy and hearty connections between persons. Empower medical personnel. Receive our prayers for all we name here before you: . . . Hear us, faithful God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for serving us, we who are your servants. Receive now, we pray, our silent petitions. Hear us, loving God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death and lived in service to others. Unite us with them in hope until we join with them at your everlasting banquet. Hear us, eternal God.

We call upon your name.

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

☒ **Peace be with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

Adult Choir

Ave Verum Corpus - W. A. Mozart

English translation:

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, whose side was pierced, from which flowed water and blood:

Be for us a foretaste of heaven during the trial of our death.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me A Clean Heart

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Let us pray. Faithful God,

you walk beside us in the wilderness,

and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

Accompany us in this meal,

that we may pass over from death to life

with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

*Worshippers who gather with family at home are invited to share the bread and wine with each other using these words spoken directly to each person, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you."
Worshippers who are gathering with the community from their individual homes are invited to receive the bread and wine while saying these words, "The body of Christ given for me," and "The blood of Christ shed for me."*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Refrain

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to
serve the neighbors we have from you.***

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us
with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection.
May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us
that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- ²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.
- ³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.
- ⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- ⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
- ⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”
- ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.
- ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.
- ¹²Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- ¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion
- ¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.
- ¹⁷I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.
- ¹⁸They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.

- 19But you, O LORD, be not far away;
 O my help, hasten to my aid.
- 20Deliver me from the sword,
 my life from the power of the dog.
- 21Save me from the lion's mouth!
 From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- 22I will declare your name to my people;
 in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
- 23You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
 Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- 24For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
 neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
 but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- 25From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- 26The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
 Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- 27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
 all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- 28For dominion belongs to the LORD,
 who rules over the nations.
- 29Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- 30Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
 whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- 31They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
 saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

*There is no blessing.
Worship continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 6:15 pm*

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