



Maundy
Thursday

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14, 2022 - 6:15 PM



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 Sue Boeker on her birthday by Ralph and Marilyn Boeker.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand as able

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.

The Congregation is seated.

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive individual absolution of sins.

*The worshiper's forehead is marked with the cross of Christ
as the Ministers proclaim absolution of sin with these words.*

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

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GATHERING HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

#358

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 humankind.

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 along. 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.

Please be seated

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 God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

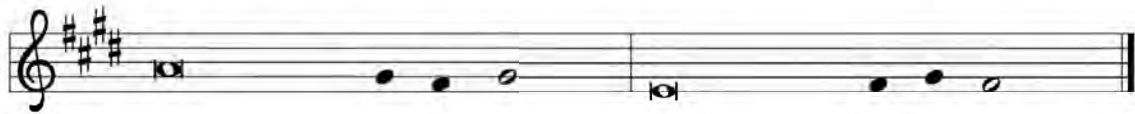
*The refrain is first introduced by the cantor.
Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*

*Psalm
Refrain*



I will lift 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,
**²for 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?
- ¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD. R**
- ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.
- ¹⁵Precious 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.
- ¹⁷I 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,
- ¹⁹in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem. R**

A reading from First Corinthians.

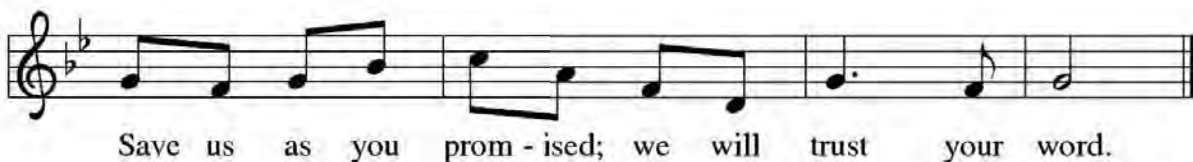
²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after 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 God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹It was before the Feast of Passover, and Jesus realized that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to God. He had always loved his own in this world, but now he showed how perfect this love was. ²The Devil had already convinced Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. So during supper, ³Jesus knowing that God had put all things into his own hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God ⁴rose from the table, took off his clothes and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵He then poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and dry them with the towel that was around his waist. ⁶When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said, "Rabbi, you're not going to wash my feet, are you?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You don't realize what I am doing right now, but later you'll understand." ⁸Peter replied, "You'll never wash my feet!" Jesus answered, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Then, Rabbi, not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Any who have taken a bath are clean all over and only need to wash their feet and you're clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹For Jesus knew who was to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After washing their feet, Jesus put his clothes back on and returned to the table. He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done for you? ¹³You call me "Teacher," and "Sovereign" and rightly, for so I am. ¹⁴If I, then your Teacher and Sovereign have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. ¹⁵I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶"The truth of the matter is, no subordinate is greater than the superior; no messenger outranks the sender. ¹⁷Once you know all these things, you'll be blessed if you put them into practice.

³¹Once Judas left, Jesus said, "Now is the Chosen One glorified and God is glorified as well. ³²If God has been glorified, God will in turn glorify the Chosen One and will do so very soon. ³³My little children, I won't be with you much longer. You'll look for me, but what I said to the Temple authorities, I say to you: where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you're to love one another the way I have loved you. ³⁵This is how all will know that you're my disciples: that you truly love one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

MEDITATION

Pastor Crowell

Stand

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

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.

Please be seated

FOOT WASHING

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as Jesus has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

As the feet of those who have been asked to represent us are washed, we observe in silence and reflect upon the command of Jesus to serve one another, as Jesus has served us.

Stand as able

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service to your gospel and for your people.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for leaders in every land, especially those currently ravaged by war and injustice. Kindle compassion and equity in all those called to administer justice. Guide those in positions of power away from temptations of abuse and direct them toward work for the common good.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who struggle to survive under harsh hands of power. Illuminate paths to end hatred, bigotry, and oppression. Surround marginalized communities with your love and mercy. We pray especially for transgender youth in our state and across our country who are currently facing an onslaught of harmful legislation. Silence hateful voices. Change the hearts of those who speak against your children in your name. Guide us all to follow Jesus' example of servanthood to one another.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Let the understanding that Christ's body and blood was given and shed for each of us and all of us resonate deeply within our hearts and spirits.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill. Whether their illness be temporary, ongoing, or terminal, allow them to feel the comfort of your love. Strengthen caregivers, medical workers, and hospice nurses in continued service to your beloveds. Have mercy on those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... You have the power to heal.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith. Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you.

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

All are encouraged to remain at your seats and extend a sign of peace by waving, bowing, making the peace sign, placing your hand over your heart, or sending a text.

Peace be with you.

R **Peace be with you.**

Please be seated

MEAL

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas

Adult Choir

Ola Geilo

Stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me A Clean Heart

#186

**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. Extravagant God,
**you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
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-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, 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**

Please be seated

COMMUNION

Worshippers will come forward to receive the bread and wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements. All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God

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.

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***

Stand as able

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

The congregation may be seated.

- 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. All leave the church in silence.

The Good Friday Service is an online service and will premier at 6:15 pm.

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