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# MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024 - 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 lonely. 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.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please 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, all your sins are forgiven.

*Please stand as able*

GATHERING HYMN

*Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

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**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 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. 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, through 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.

<sup>1</sup>God said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell 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. <sup>4</sup>If 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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This 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 God. <sup>12</sup>For 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 your God. <sup>13</sup>The 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. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to God; 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*



*Psalm  
Tone*



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

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from First Corinthians.

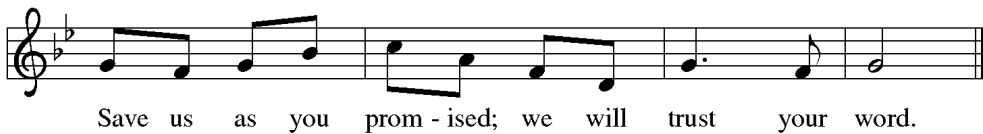
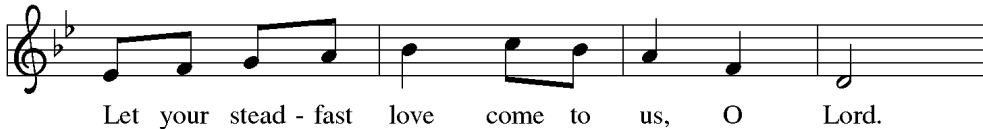
<sup>23</sup>For I received from Christ what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same 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." <sup>26</sup>For 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.**

*Please stand as able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>It was before the Feast of Passover, and Jesus realized that the hour had come for him to pass from this world to Abba God. Having loved God's own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The Devil had already convinced Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. So during supper, <sup>3</sup> Jesus—knowing that God had put all things into his own hands, and that he had come from God and was returning to God—  
<sup>4</sup> rose from the table, took off his clothes and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> He then poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and dry them with the towel that was around his waist. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said, "Rabbi, you're not going to wash my feet, are you?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You don't realize what I am doing right now, but later you'll understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter replied, "You'll never wash my feet!" Jesus answered, "If I don't wash you, you have no part with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Then, Rabbi, not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup> For Jesus knew who was to betray him. That is why he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup> After 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? <sup>13</sup> You call me "Teacher," and "Sovereign"—and rightly, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I, then—your Teacher and Sovereign—have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> "The truth of the matter is, no subordinate is greater than the superior; no messenger outranks the sender. <sup>17</sup> Once you know all these things, you'll be blessed if you put them into practice. <sup>31</sup> Once Judas left, Jesus said, "Now is the Chosen One glorified and God is glorified as well. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified, God will in turn glorify the Chosen One and will do so very soon. <sup>33</sup> My 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. <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you're to love one another the way I have loved you. <sup>35</sup> This 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.**

*Please be seated*

MEDITATION

*The Truth of Our Dirty Feet*

*Please stand as able*

**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

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Reconcile your church into you. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Make a way for victims to find safety and live in peace. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of all who have been exploited. Make a way for aggressors of these violent acts to be made new and experience forgiveness. Help all in pain to know that you are near. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who was arrested, bring an end to innocent and unfair arrests. Stop violent and unjust policing. Bring about an America where black and brown people are not arrested and incarcerated at a disproportionate rate when compared to their percentage of the population. Help us to reimagine our justice system so that it is equitable, fair, and humane. Eradicate racism and hate crimes, teaching us to celebrate one another. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to us each time we boldly come to your table. Open more inclusive tables so that the queer community and all others who have been told they do not have a place in the body of Christ may find a comfortable seat among friends. Show us new ways to lavishly welcome all people! Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage for this work. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints. In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.  
**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

# MEAL

ANTHEM

*I Give You A New Commandment*  
by Peter Nardone

Adult Choir

*Please stand as able*

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. God of good gifts,  
**receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

## 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.*

*At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the bread into the wine to receive Communion by intinction.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

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.

HYMN

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

#708

*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***

**Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,  
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;  
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,  
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.**

**Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!  
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing  
of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,  
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.**

**Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,  
reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.  
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,  
seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.**

*Please 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.*



- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
- <sup>8</sup>“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.
- <sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.
- <sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- <sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion
- <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.  
while they stare at me and gloat.
- <sup>15</sup>My 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.
- <sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.
- <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.
- <sup>18</sup>They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.
- <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.

- <sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.
- <sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
- <sup>23</sup>You 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.
- <sup>24</sup>For 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.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied.  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.
- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, 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.
- <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- <sup>31</sup>They 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.*

*Worship continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 6:15 pm.*

## SERVING TONIGHT

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Carl Brune
Prayers	Mary Cannon-Spencer
Cantors	Russ and Lani Wise
Communion Assistants	Chris Barsody Philip Wessinger
Acolyte	Lexi Thomas-Harewood
Greeters	Mark Allen Anne Harmon Pattimarie Janssen Sarah Weeks
Ushers	Kay Cook Calvin Harmon David Potts
Foot Washing Participants	Mary Cannon-Spencer Brandy Merritt Pat O'Neill Lisa Rehm Suzanne Rudisill Reid Tidwell
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