

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday – March 28, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.



Maundy Thursday

This evening 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. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Service of Handwashing and Holy Communion

In the bulletin: The asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

Boldface type indicates the congregation's responses. At the sign of the cross (†), you are invited to make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.

✠ GATHERING ✠

Prelude

Adagio in G Minor

Tomasso Albinoni

***Call to Worship**

The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

In the growing darkness we gather,
our Lenten journey having brought us here.

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us -
a towel,
a bowl,
bread,
and a cup.

He gives us an example
and a commandment ever new:
to love one another as he has loved us.

This is how everyone will know
we are his disciples:
by our love for one another.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Water is poured into the font.

Jesus said,
those who have bathed do not need to wash.
In our baptism,
we have been bathed by the grace of God.
Trusting in the steadfast love of Jesus Christ,
who has delivered us from sin and death,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Lord Jesus Christ,
how well you know our hearts,
**and still you love us -
you have loved us to the end.**

We have denied you,
**and we have denied our calling
to serve one another.**

We have betrayed you,
**and we have betrayed your commandment
to love one another.**

Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.
**Teach us to love and serve you faithfully
and to love and serve one another
by the example you have set for us;
in your holy name we pray.**

Amen.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Sisters and brothers,
believe the gospel:
in † Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

Amen.

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat, and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
as you wash the feet of your disciples
make us ready to follow you,
loving and serving one another
in your name.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

A reading from Exodus.

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 deities 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 116:1-2, 12-19

To be read responsively.

¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

**²for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay 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.**

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.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] 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.

Word of God, word of life.

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.

***Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

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. ...

³³"Little 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Understanding

Bring your word near to us, O God.
May it rest not only on our lips,
but also reside in our hearts.

Amen.

Message

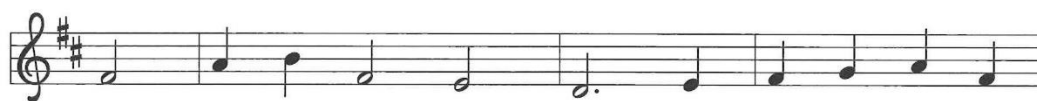
Pastor Becki Verbridge



Holy Week

*Hymn No. 343

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
stow; the world that was his own would not its
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624–1683, alt.
Music: John Ireland, 1879–1962
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LOVE UNKNOWN
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Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE

✠ HANDWASHING ✠

You may come forward by the center aisle to the front of the sanctuary where the pastor will wash your hands, reminding you to love and serve others in Jesus' name.

Choral Anthem at the Handwashing *Ubi Caritas*

John Purifoy

Hymn at the Handwashing No. 642 *Ubi Caritas*

(Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there.)

Sing repeatedly, in harmony.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est." and features a triplet of eighth notes on the word "i". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, on this night we remember Jesus humbly washing the feet of his disciples. Jesus has set an example for us;

help us to follow him.

We pray for the church and all who serve others, especially those in need. Jesus has set an example for us;

help us to follow him.

We pray for peace and nations and religions, and peace among people. Jesus has set an example for us;

help us to follow him.

We pray for those who suffer because of hatred and hard-heartedness. Jesus has set an example for us;

help us to follow him.

We pray for those who are injured by acts of violence or natural disaster. Jesus has set an example for us;

help us to follow him.

We pray for those who are sick or dying, for those who are frightened or distraught. Jesus has set an example for us;

help us to follow him.

Merciful God, renew in us your call to love one another, to welcome the stranger, and to show Christ's mercy in all we do. It is for his sake that we pray.

Amen.

✘ MEAL ✘

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

Offering Anthem

Thy Will Be Done

by Craig Courtney

***Offertory Hymn No. 188** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

*Invitation

Christ comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine to nourish our faith.
The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness and
mercy of Christ come to us in this simple meal that spans all time and space.
All of God's children – regardless of denominational background –
are welcome and invited to share it with us.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

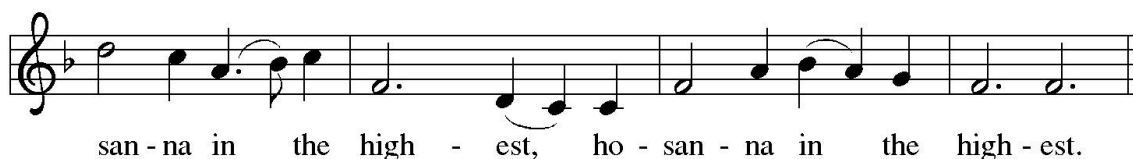
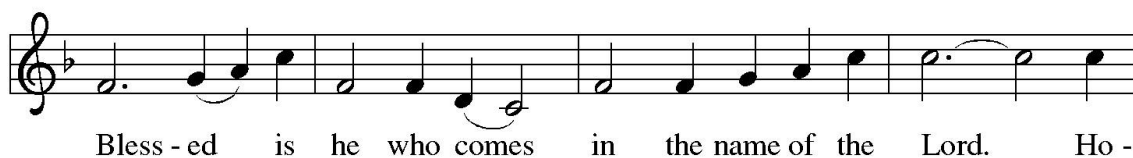
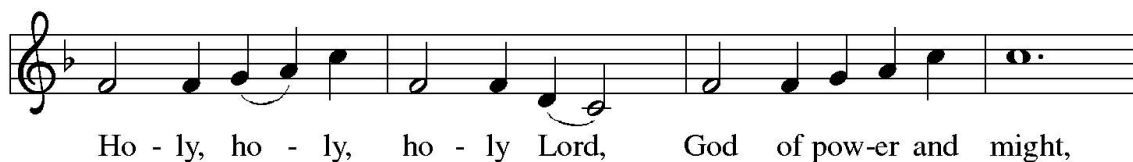
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O 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 your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***Prayer at the Table**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross,
 opened his arms to all.

 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread,
 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.

Remembering, therefore,
 his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills
 of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer**

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.

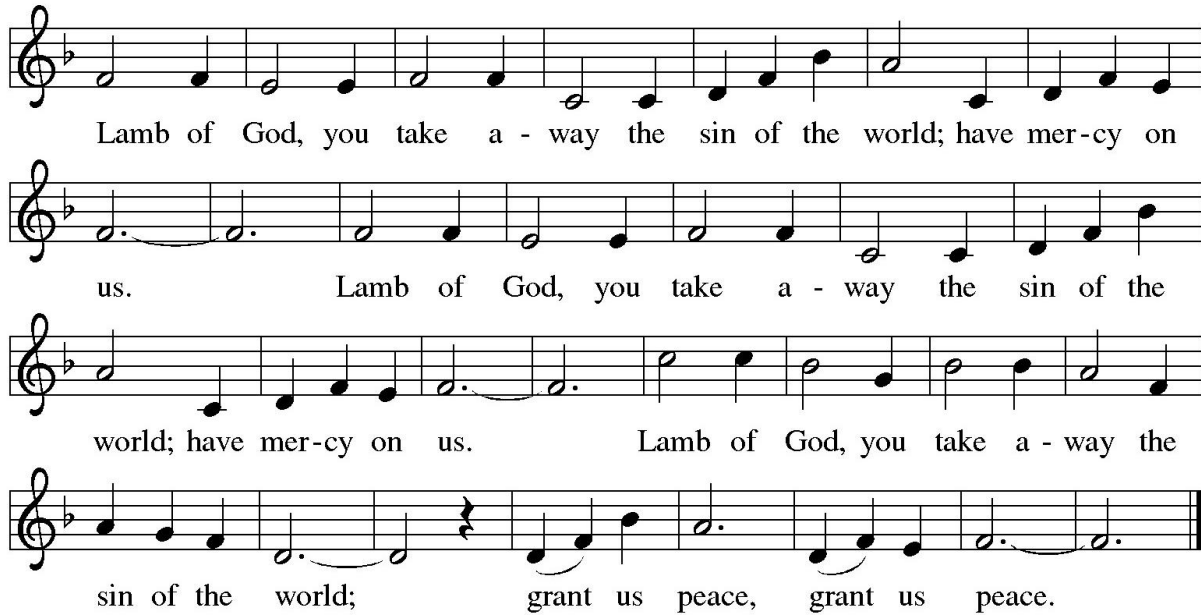
God's love is poured out for us in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Communion Hymn

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.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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*The Communion

Those celebrating with us from your homes: please share the bread with one another using these words:

The Body of Christ, given for you. An *Amen* or *Thanks be to God* is spoken in response to this gift.


(Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.)

Hymn No. 481

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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Hymn No. 471

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Hymn No. 464

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.

Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards
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✠ SENDING ✠

***Prayer after Communion**

Holy One,
you have refreshed us again with food from your table.
Be with us in the days to come,
that having been filled with your grace,
we may go forth to live holy lives
to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***Charge**

This is our new commandment:

to love one another,
as Jesus loves us.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Psalm 22 and Stripping of the Altar

Cantors sing the psalm.

The chancel is stripped of its ornamentation, signifying the humiliation of Christ.

For those joining us online, you may wish to strip your home worship space of decoration, leaving only the candle.

Please depart in silence.

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We gather tomorrow, Good Friday, at noon at Holy Trinity and at 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran in Fairlawn.

Easter Sunday breakfast is served at 8:30 am in the Chapel Lounge.

Easter Sunday Service of Word & Sacrament is at 9:30 am.