

# *Maundy Thursday*

March 28, 2024

6:30 pm

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome to Worship**

## **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 and self-examination.*

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.**

## **Absolution of Sin: ELW #616 "Jesus, Remember Me" (repeat 3 times)**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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## **Greeting**

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.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**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.**

## *Readings and Psalm*

### **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.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD 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 the LORD. <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 the LORD. <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 the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

### **Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

<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 whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay 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.**

<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.**

## **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.*

<sup>23</sup>For 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, <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.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. (*John 13:34*)

The Holy Gospel according to the book of John, beginning with the Thirteenth chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: 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.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After 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?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at

once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day: ELW #708 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"**

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

- 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***
- 2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***
- 3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love, all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***
- 4. Kneeling at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

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## **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PEACE

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

### Offering

#### Offering Prayer

**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.**

### 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. 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. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near (*especially for Arlen, Lan-Shiang, Vivian, Ken, Deb, Ellen, Ruth, Barry, Monica, Chloe, Jeff, Eric, Joan, Michelle, and the Sing Family*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints (*especially Vicki Reedstrom, Rachel Nelson and Viola Pierson*). 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.**

## **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 thanks and praise.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

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.

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

## **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.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

## **Distribution Hymn: ELW #481 "Come to the Table"**

**Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

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## **Post-communion Blessing**

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

## **Prayer after Communion**

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.**

## **Stripping of the Altar**

*The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books, are all removed from the worship space.*

## Reading: Psalm 22

*(After the reading of Psalm 22, you may stay in the sanctuary as long as you wish. When leaving the sanctuary, please leave in silence until you are outside of the building. Respect the moment. Thank you.)*

## Psalm 22

### Plea for Deliverance from Suffering and Hostility

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night but find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by others and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
they sneer at me; they shake their heads;

<sup>8</sup> "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

<sup>9</sup> Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup> On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

<sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;

it is melted within my breast;

<sup>15</sup> my mouth<sup>[a]</sup> is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they bound my hands and feet.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;  
18 they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

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

20 Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life<sup>[c]</sup> from the power of the dog!

21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued<sup>[d]</sup> me.

22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;<sup>[e]</sup>  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

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

24 For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me<sup>[f]</sup>  
but heard when I<sup>[g]</sup> cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

26 The poor<sup>[h]</sup> shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.<sup>[i]</sup>

28 For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.

29 To him,<sup>[j]</sup> indeed, shall all who sleep in<sup>[k]</sup> the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.<sup>[l]</sup>

30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord

31 and<sup>[m]</sup> proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

*Depart in silence.*



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