

## 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The presiding minister invites the assembly into the confession.*

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.

*All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination. The presiding minister leads the assembly in the confession.*

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.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

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.**

## HYMN

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

ELW#359

*Stand*

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

## 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

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST 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.

### SECOND 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 gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to John, Chapter 13

## **Glory 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. <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 concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows.*

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

**ELW #494**

*Kneel or Sit*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Let us pray.

*A brief silence.*

You make a new covenant with your people. Gather your church around word and table in love and promise as these three holy days enfold us. Open us to behold the mystery of our salvation. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You give us our daily bread, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Bless those who labor and tend to their crops and those who prepare our meals.

Strengthen us to advocate for food justice and a fair distribution of resources.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You, our Savior and Teacher, stoop down to us in servant love. Inspire national and local leaders (*especially*) with a renewed sense of public service. Increase in them a humility to serve with equity and fairness. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to us in every need. Befriend all who are lonely. Comfort those who grieve. Soothe any who are anxious. Console all who are distressed. Graciously tend to the hurts of your children who suffer in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You inspire your people to praise in word, song, and art. We give thanks for artists (*especially Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach*) whose gifts enrich the church’s worship. Kindle in us appreciation for all who beautify our worship space throughout the changing seasons. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Precious in your sight is the death of your faithful ones. We remember and give thanks for the those who have died (*especially*). With them, we trust your promise to love your own until the end. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace*

*The service continues with the offering.*

### **OFFERTORY**

*Stand*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

### **MEAL**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

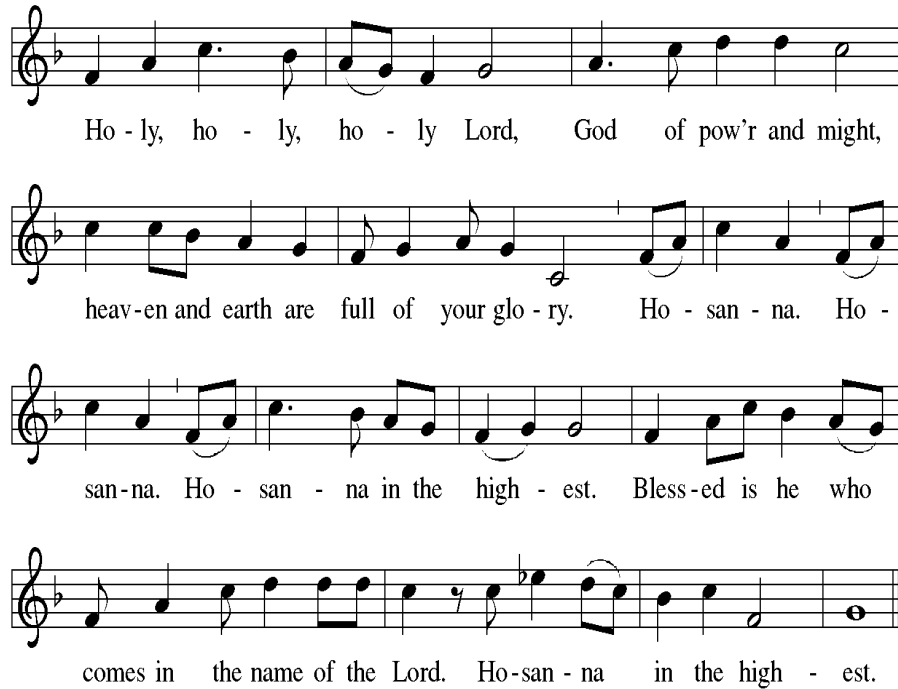
## **PREFACE**

*The presiding minister continues:*

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

**\* THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
 Your mercy is everlasting  
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
 to the land of milk and honey.  
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With name/s and your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**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.

### **COMMUNION**

*Sit*

*Please follow the directions of the ushers. We welcome to the Lord's Table all visitors who are eligible to receive the Sacrament in their home congregation. After the pastor and assisting ministers have communed, the ushers will direct the congregation to the altar. Please take a glass as you come to the altar. Kneel (or stand) to receive the bread and wine (or grape juice). Return to the pew by the center aisle after placing the empty glass in the tray held by an usher. Children and those who do not receive communion, may come forward for a blessing.*

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.

### **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
**The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
and each person may respond **Amen.****

*Stand*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

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

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

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 assembly sits or kneels. The candles are extinguished and the lights dimmed.*

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space with the help of all Altar Guild Members.*

### **Psalm 22 –**

- <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.

<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!"

*The blessing and dismissal are omitted.*

*All depart in silence following the recession of the pastor and worship assistants.*

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Prayer request forms may be found in the card holders in each pew.

We will meet again tomorrow, Good Friday 7:00 pm.

Easter services will be held on Saturday Evening at 5 pm and on Easter Day at 8 am and 10:30 am.

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#### **ASSISTING AT WORSHIP**

**COUNCIL GREETER:**

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Debbie Hummel

**GREETERS & USHERS:**

**COUNTING TEAM:** Brian Ferrence, Brian Staller

**LECTOR:**

## Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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## For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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