

MAUNDY THURSDAY

HOME WORSHIP

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First Lutheran Church  
BOTHELL

## *STATEMENT OF WELCOME*

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

## **DIRECTIONS**

THIS SERVICE IS DESIGNED TO BE USED AT THE TIME OF THE EVENING MEAL. THE SERVICE STARTS BEFORE THE MEAL WITH THE CONFESSION AND THEN THE SYMBOLIC WASHING (EITHER HANDS OR FEET, YOUR CHOICE). AS YOUR FAMILY GATHERS AT THE TABLE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A LOAF OF BREAD AND WINE AND/OR GRAPE JUICE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER. IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO SING THE HYMNS, HAVE SOMEONE READ THE WORDS. FOR THOSE WHO FIND THEMSELVES ALONE ON THIS EVENING - PLEASE FEEL FREE TO FOLLOW THIS SERVICE = IN THESE PECULIAR TIMES WE TRUST THAT GOD IS WITH US AND THAT JESUS WILL FULFILL HIS PROMISES TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT. YOU ARE NOT ALONE - WE SHARE THIS MEAL TOGETHER.

## **+ GATHERING +**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.

**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 we have been saved. Our sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.**

**Amen.**

## 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 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.

## HANDWASHING

*Tonight, we will hear our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We are called to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of hands, following our Lord's example. Preparing for dinner, you may wash your own hands, recalling Jesus washing his disciples' feet. One may speak the following during the washing:*

We begin by washing, as we were washed in our baptism. We cleanse our hands as we were cleansed in the waters of new birth. We do this not because we are afraid, but because we were commanded to love: and to cleanse our hands, and gather in spirit, is how we love our neighbors. May we be instruments of love. May the sacrifices we make be for the good of our human family near and far.

## SONG: *Love Consecrates the Humblest Act* (ELW 360)



- 1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
- 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
- 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917

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

## + WORD +

*As you eat dinner, take turns telling the stories of our faith.*

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14**

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.

Word of God,  
**word of life.**

**PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19**

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,  
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.  
Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.  
O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving  
girl. You have loosed my bonds.  
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.  
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**Praise the LORD!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

*You may have a loaf of bread and wine on the table so you can share The Lord's Supper as you read this passage. When you share the bread remember to say, "The body of Christ, broken for you" and the wine, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

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, 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." (*At this time share the bread.*)

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." (*At this time share the wine or grape juice.*)

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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**GOSPEL: *John 13:1-7, 31b-35***

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon

Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

"Now the Son of Humanity has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in Godself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new

commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

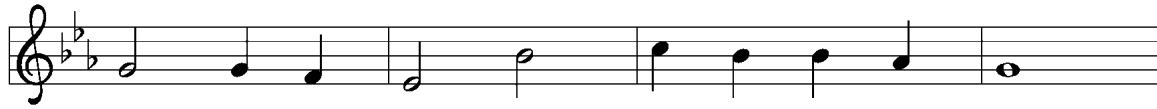
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## REFLECTION

*Think on what you have read. Consider the following prompts:*

- *What does it feel like to have someone else wash your hands? Is it nice, weird, comforting ...*
- *When you heard the story of Jesus washing his disciples feet, what do you think they were thinking?*
- *The psalmist asks the question, How shall I repay the Lord? What do you think the answer to this question might be?*
- *In all of what Jesus teaches us, it all is summed up with the words, love one another. What does this look like?*
- *Are there any other observations or thoughts you might have after hearing these lessons?*

SONG: *Abide with Me* (ELW 629)



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Your family can take turns reading each petition.*

United with Christians around the globe on this Maundy Thursday, let us pray for the church, the earth, our troubled world, and all in need.

Blessed are you, holy God, for the church. Gather all the baptized around your presence in the Word. Strengthen the body of your people even when we cannot assemble for worship. Grant all ministers and worship leaders faithfulness and creativity for their ministry in this time, and accompany those preparing for baptism.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, holy God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, bountiful God, for this good earth and for the flowering of springtime. Save dry lands from destructive droughts. Protect the waters from pollution. Allow in this time the planting of fields for food. Make us into caregivers of your plants and animals.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, bountiful God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God, for our nation. Inspire all people to live in peace and concord. Grant wisdom and courage to heads of state and to legislators as they face the coronavirus. Lead our elected officials to champion the cause of the needy.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, sovereign God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, faithful God, for you accompany suffering humanity with love. Abide wherever the coronavirus has struck. Visit all who mourn their dead; all who have contracted the virus; those who are quarantined or stranded away from home; those who have lost their employment; those who fear the present and the future. support physicians, nurses, and home health aides; medical researchers; and the World Health Organization.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, faithful God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, for you care for the needy. We beg you to feed the hungry, protect the refugee, embrace the distressed, house the homeless, nurse the sick, and comfort the dying.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, gracious God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, loving God, that your Son knelt before us, your unworthy servants. Preserve our lives, comfort our anxiety, and receive now the petitions of our hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

Hear us, loving God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith, especially the martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whom we commemorate today, and those whom we name before you here.

*A brief silence.*

At the end, bring us with them into your everlasting glory. Hear us, eternal God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive, merciful God, our prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the host of our meal of life, who died and rose that we might live with you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name.**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### PSALM 88

*Finally, remembering Jesus going to his arrest and his death, the events from which all the mercy that fills this night flows, pray this Psalm. You may also use this time to clear the table and worship elements.*

O Lord, my God, my Savior,  
by day and night I cry to you.  
Let my prayer enter into your presence;  
incline your ear to my lamentation.  
For I am full of trouble;  
my life is at the brink of the grave.  
I am counted among those who go down to the pit;  
I have become like one who has no strength;  
lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you  
remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.  
You have laid me in the depths of the pit,  
in dark places, and in the abyss.  
Your anger weighs upon me heavily,  
and all your great waves overwhelm me.  
You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred  
by them; I am in prison and cannot get free.  
My sight has failed me because of trouble;  
Lord, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.  
Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?  
Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave, your faithfulness in the  
land of destruction?  
Will your wonders be known in the dark  
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
Lord, why have you rejected me?  
Why have you hidden your face from me?  
Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death;  
I have borne your terrors and am helpless.  
Your blazing anger has swept over me;  
your terrors have destroyed me;  
they surround me all day long like a flood;  
they encompass me on every side.  
My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,  
and darkness is my only companion.

*A time of silence.*  
*The worship continues tomorrow with Good Friday.*

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