



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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**Helping people make life-changing connections with God
through Jesus Christ.**

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Notes for Worship

- Hymnals: ELW: cranberry ACS purple.
- Individually wrapped gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.
- We invite children of all ages to be in worship with us. Children are welcome to use the Pray-Ground in front of the church on the piano side as a comfortable space to experience worship. If you feel your child(ren) are being too disruptive, you are welcome to move into the Chapel.

About Tonight's Service

With the beginning of this liturgy, our Lenten observance comes to its culmination. We gather with Christians around the world in celebrating the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Our remembering is more than a retracing of the last days of Jesus' life. Rather, throughout these Three Days, through word, sacrament, and ritual, we participate in the saving power of Jesus' Passover from death to life. As the Three Days begin, we are invited to glory in the cross of Christ – our salvation, our life, our resurrection.

On this day we hear Jesus' new commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example, living out our baptismal vocation with humility and care for one another, and especially for the poor and the unloved.

We gather around the Lord's table to remember the sacrifice of Jesus' life. His love was revealed in the emptying of his life for us. We share the holy meal, becoming what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, the altar and chancel furnishings are removed, preparing the worship space for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. We leave in silence, ready to continue the celebration of the Three Days on Good Friday.

GATHERING

We gather in silence in the Narthex.

PRELUDE

Go to Dark Gethsemane

David Cherwien

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ... 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...that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

Please go to the baptismal font to receive individual assurance of absolution. A pastor will lay both hands on your head and say:

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

A Lenten Love Song

Helen Kemp
Sing for Joy

Sung in Latin, based on 1 John 4:16

Ubi caritas et amor,

Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are found

God is there.

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, ...with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING:

Exodus 12:1-14

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 gods 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

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

- 1) *The organist plays the refrain.*
- 2) *The cantor sings the refrain.*
- 3) *All sing the refrain.*
- 4) *The congregation joins the cantor for all the bold print verses and sing the refrain when marked (R).*

I will lift the cup of sal - va - tion and
call on the name of the LORD.

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

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

¹² How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord. R**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. R**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Give You a New Commandment

Leader Assembly

Love one an - oth - er. Love one an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34

Music: Ike Sturm

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GOSPEL:

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John.
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."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³Little 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.

SERMON

Pastor Hooper

HYMN OF THE DAY

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

ACS 930



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

MEAL

OFFERING

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

setting, Robert Hobby

Two Options to Use Your Phone to Give



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April Mission: Tanzania Partnership: We give thanks for our Tanzania partnership and offer our gifts to continue to support five congregations that are arranged into two parishes, Kilimamoja and Mararoni. We support them through prayer, through learning, through relationship building and through financial assistance as well.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, ... sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you...

Praise to you...

In the night...

Again, after supper...

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 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.

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.

COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion, regardless of church affiliation. Receive our Lord in the bread and wine of this meal. Juice and individually wrapped, gluten-free wafers are available from the server by request.

LAMB OF GOD

ACS pg.40

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

God Is Love

ACS 1041

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -
 oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.
 God is love. God is love.

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

ACS 1044

1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an-gels, not for wis-dom to dis -
 2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, love is ten - der, true, and
 3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, love will not re - joice in
 4 In the day this world is fad - ing, faith and hope will play their

cern, not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, for this
 kind; love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, gen - er -
 wrong; nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, love be -
 part; but when Christ is seen in glo - ry love shall

bet - ter gift we yearn:
 ous of heart and mind: may love be ours, O Lord.
 lieves and suf - fers long:
 reign in ev - 'ry heart:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 88

Psalm 22

All leave in silence, returning to worship tomorrow.

The service continues tomorrow, Good Friday, as we dwell on the death of Jesus for us.

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First Communion

We celebrate with those and their families who are completing their Communion

Education: Ryker Czarniak and Maya De Los Santos.

Holy Week, and Easter Worship Schedule

Good Friday Service, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

There will not be a 5:00 p.m. worship Saturday, April 19.

Easter Sunday worship, April 20, normal schedule, 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Light continental breakfast served between services.

Church office is closed Monday, April 21.

Serving:

Presiding:

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Music:

Assisting Minister:

Lector:

Communion Assistant:

Altar Care:

Ushers:

Pastor Jordan

Pastor Hooper

Michael Schaner

Steve Wiley

Dawn Thompson-Weber

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