



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2, 2026, 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP *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.

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.

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, ... and reigns 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

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

The cantor will sing the refrain first, then all are invited to sing the refrain. Congregation sings the bolded verses, and the R is the refrain sung by all.

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

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

²**for the LORD has given | ear to me
 whenev- | er I called.**

¹²How shall I re- | pay 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**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
 in the presence of | all Gods people.

¹⁵**Precious 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.

¹⁷**I 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 Gods people,

¹⁹**in the courts of | the LORDs house,
 in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem. R**

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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*

F. Melius Christiansen
arr. G. Winston Cassler

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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

O God, maker of heaven and earth, ... to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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 in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today 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.

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



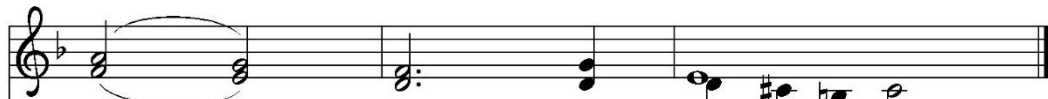
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMN *Stay with Me*

ELW 348



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and



pray. Watch and pray.

HYMN *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

ELW 708

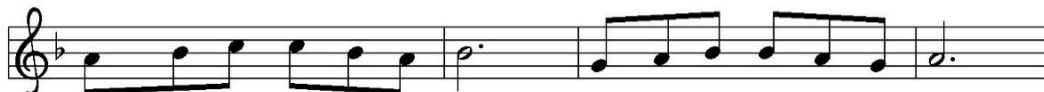
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

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.

HYMN *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.

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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Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

Good Friday worship, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

No 5:00 p.m. worship Saturday, April 4.

Easter Sunday worship, April 5, at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Serving:

Presiding:

Pastor Hooper

Preaching:

Pastor Hooper

Music:

Michael Schaner

Assisting Minister:

Dan Jorvig

Acolyte:

Lector:

Sharon Wood

Altar Care:

Kathy Fontaine & The Worship Committee

Worship Tech:

John Christiansen

Communion Assistants:

Kathy Fontaine

Laura Cameron

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Jay Fontaine

Steve Wiley

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