

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.



*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace,
for the sake of the World."*

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Worshipers responses in bold

Sit

Music for the Beginning of Worship

"When Twilight Comes"

Tom & Sherry Webster

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Welcome

Stand

Confession of Sin and Promise of Forgiveness:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Kyrie

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and an organ line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son." for the first system, and "Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son." for the second system. The organ part provides a harmonic accompaniment to the vocal line.

Pastor: 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 Three Days reconciled with God and one another.

A brief silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: **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 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.

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Sit

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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.

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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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

All: for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

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

All: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

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

All: Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

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

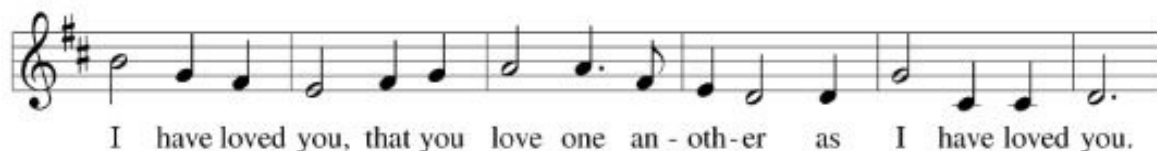
All: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

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

All: in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

John 13:1-7, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th chapter.

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. 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 Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself 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 Jews 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
Sermon

Emma Janzen, Intern

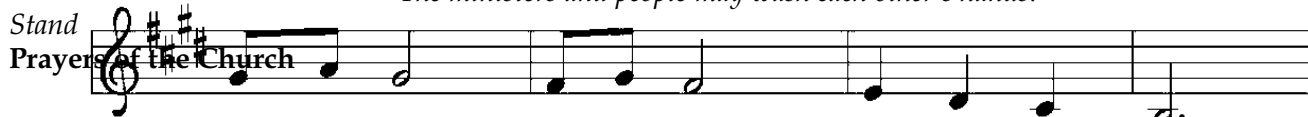
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Hymn of the Day

"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"

No. 360

Sit
Hand-washing

The ministers and people may wash each other's hands.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

After "Generous God," worshipers respond "**Pour out your Love.**"
Repeat "Hear Our Prayer" after the completion of the intercessory prayers.

WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*Worshipers share a sign of God's peace with one another,
greeting each other with words like "Peace be with you... And also with you."*

Sit

Offering

Please **date** and complete the fellowship registration pad.

Offering Music

"Ubi Caritas"
Sanctuary Choir

Janet Hill

*Ubi caritas et amor; Deus ibi est.**

Love of Christ has gathered us into one. Ubi caritas et amor; Deus ibi est.

Let us rejoice in the Lord and be glad. Ubi caritas et amor; Deus ibi est. Amen

*Ubi caritas et amor; Deus ibi est translates

Where charity and love abide, God is dwelling there.

Stand

Offering Response

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.

5 Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty to turn from guilt and dull de - spair,

9 and of - fer all that faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Offering Prayer

Asst.: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

All: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving - Grace Before the Meal

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.

Pastor: 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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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 in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: 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 to you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it 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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

Invitation to the Meal

Pastor: If you desire to receive what God offers, come to this Table. Come with your faith and your doubt. Come with your questions and your hopes. Come with your grief and your love. Come taste the Lord's goodness. There is room for you here because this is Christ's table. You are welcome.

Sit

Holy Communion - the Lord's Supper

All are welcome at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. All communion servers will have sanitized their hands before handling the communion elements. Ushers will direct you to come forward. The pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread (gluten-free) and the other servers will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Individually packaged gluten free wafers and sets of completely sealed elements (wheat wafer and grape juice) are available on the stands near the bread distributors. You may pick on of those up yourself, if you prefer. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the tables as you return to your seat.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference to the servers.

Lamb of God

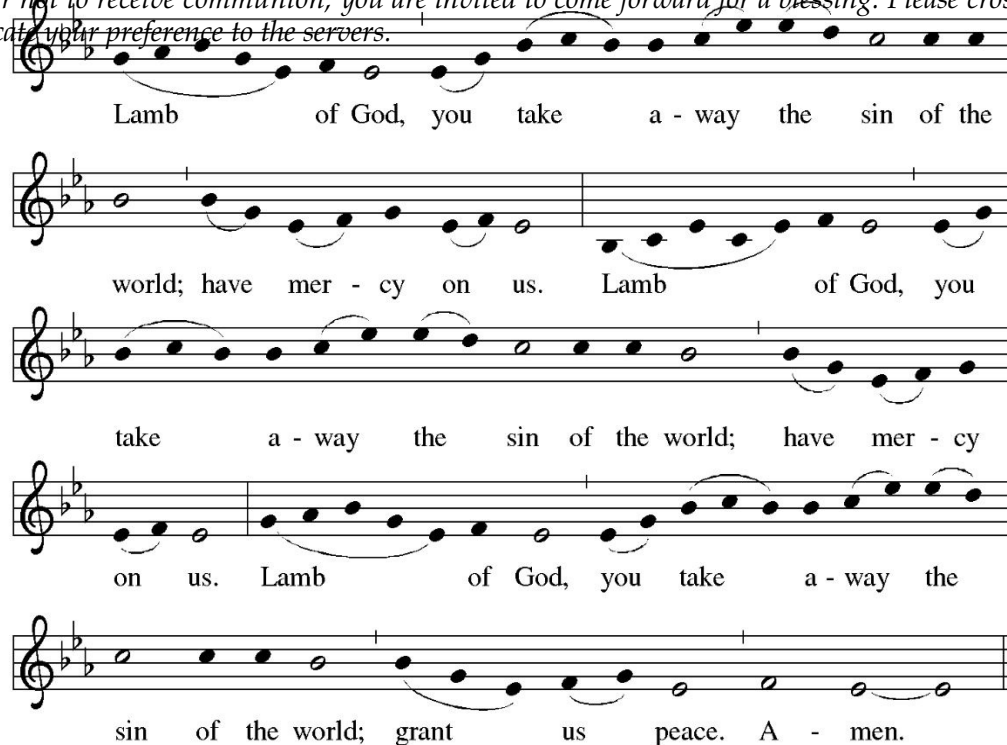


Table Blessing

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

All: Amen.

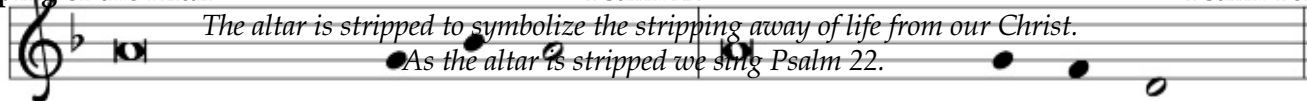
Asst.: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

Psalm Tone 9



Cantor: My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?
 Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?
 My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;
 by night, but I | find no rest.

High voices: Yet you are the | Holy One,
 enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

Low voices: Our ancestors put their | trust in you, they trusted,
 and you | rescued them.

High: They cried out to you and | were delivered;
 they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

Low: But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
 scorned by all and despised | by the people.

High: All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
 they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

Low: Trust in the Lord; let the | Lord deliver;
 let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him."

High: Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
 and kept me safe on my | mother's breast.

Low: I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
 you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.

High: Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near, and there is no | one to help.

Low: Many young bulls en- | circle me; strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.

High: They open wide their | jaws at me, like a slashing and | roaring lion.

Low: I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
 my heart within my breast is | melting wax.

High: 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.

Low: Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
 they pierce my hands | and my feet.

High: I can count | all my bones while they stare at | me and gloat.

Tonight's Servers

Presiding Pastor: Rachel Laughlin
Worship Asst.: Emma Janzen
Reader: Lisa Creed
Ushers: Don Eklov
Sound System: Paul Guthrie
Video Switcher: Paul Swodzinski
Sacristy Asst.: Kathy Eklov
Altar Guild: Gail MacNellis
Communion Assistant: Sandy Mertz
Handwashers: Lisa Creed, Emma Janzen, Pastor Rachel Laughlin, Sandy Mertz
Altar Strippers: Kathy Eklov, Emma Janzen, Gail MacNellis, Marilyn Storch

Join us for continuing worship during Holy Week and the celebration of Easter

Good Friday *March 29* 7:00 PM

Our journey with Jesus continues as we hear the passion narrative once more. We honor the cross of Christ as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation.

Easter Vigil March 30 7:00 PM

To celebrate Christ's passage from death to life, we gather around strong signs of our faith: new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the great stories of salvation from the Hebrew Scriptures, the water and Word of baptism, and the first resurrection meal.

Easter Sunday March 31 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
with enhanced Fellowship

We continue the celebration of Christ's resurrection with communion and special music.

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