

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday – April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m. Live-stream



Maundy Thursday

*This evening we gather with Christians around the world at the beginning of the Paschal Triduum,
the three great days that recall Jesus' death and resurrection.*

*Tonight we share Christ's last meal with his disciples and remember his commandment to love.
As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service.*

*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.

To prepare for worship:

You are encouraged to have a candle, a bowl of clean water and a towel at the place where you gather.

Confession and Forgiveness

Please light the candle as we begin.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sin.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin,

in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***Gathering Hymn**

When You Woke that Thursday Morning

JEFFERSON



1. When you woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior, Teach - er, faith - ful Friend,
2. Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing with tor - ment - ed heart
3. What was there that you could give them that would nev - er be out - spent,
4. One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, all one bo - dy, you the head,
5. One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright vi - sion glo - ri - ous,



thoughts of self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing how the day would end;
to be with your dear ones on - ly for a qui - et hour a - part:
what great gift that would out - live them, what last will and test - a - ment?

when we meet, by you in - vit - ed, you are with us, as you said.
and your saints will know the rap - ture that your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, now at last the hour had come
sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, one last Pas - chal meal to eat,
"Show me and the world you love me, know me as the Lamb of God:

One with you and one a - noth - er in a u - ni - ty sub - lime,
when the longed - for peace and u - nion of the Great - est and the least



when but One could pay sin's wa - ges: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
one last les - son as their teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.
Do this in re - mem - brance of me, eat this Bo - dy, drink this Blood."

see in us your sis - ter, broth - er, one in ev - ery place and time.
meet in joy - ous, blest com - mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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**

Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

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 deities 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.

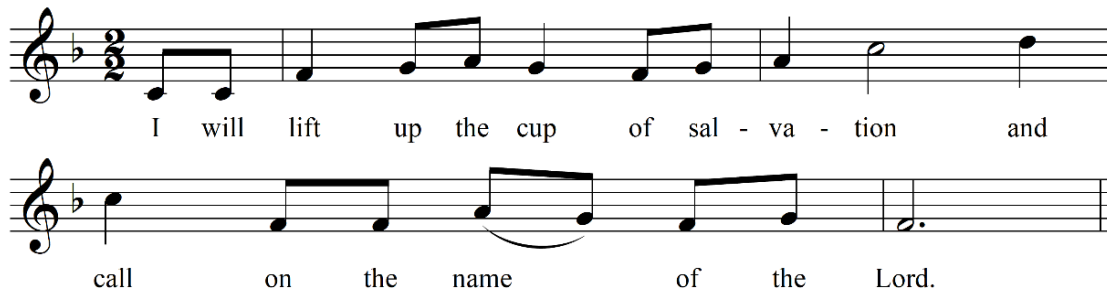
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:12-19

A cantor introduces the refrain; all repeat it.

Cantors sing verses, all sing the refrain.



I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called. How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me? I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people. **Refrain**

Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants. O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people, in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **Refrain**

Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

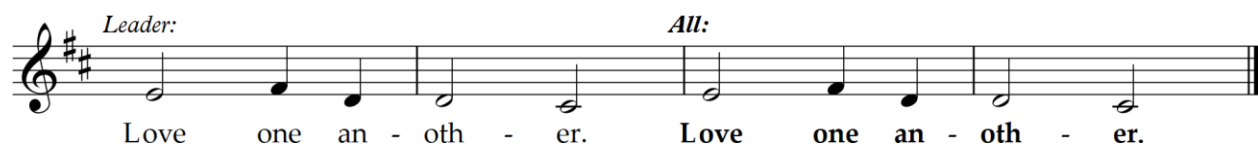
[Paul writes:] ²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the 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

All sing the acclamation as indicated. A cantor sings the proper verse. All repeat the acclamation.



Verse: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.

***Gospel Reading**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

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. ...

³³"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.' 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.

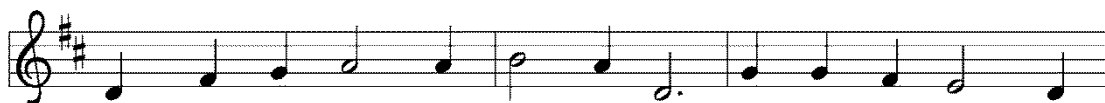
Sermon

Pastor David Nevergall

*Hymn No. 358

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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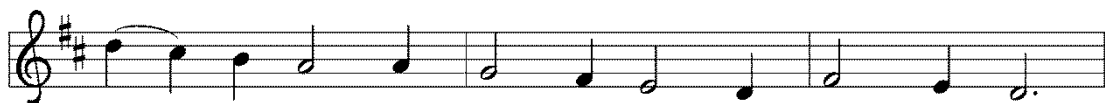
1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Washing of Hands

Christ knelt to wash the feet of his disciples, offering himself in servant love to them.

Tonight we wash one another's hands, a sign of our desire to follow Christ's example of love for one another.

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.**

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, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear son.

In the beginning you spoke over the waters of chaos and brought creation to birth,
making humankind us in your image, and calling us blessed.

From the waters of the flood you rescued Noah and his family
for the sake of a new covenant.

You led Israel through the sea, brought rain upon Carmel,
and caused the deserts to bloom with joy.

And now in these latter days, you sent to us Jesus your Son
who was baptized in the Jordan, who calmed the sea,
and who thirsted as he was obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took water and a towel,
knelt before his friends and washed their feet.

He asked that they remember him and commanded them to love as he loves.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of that love, O God.

Be with us as we wash each others' hands this night in remembrance and faith.

Help us to embody your kingdom by acts of love for one another,
for the sake of the Jesus Christ our Lord,

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

Amen

Taking the bowl and towel, we wash the hands of all in our household.

After a time of silence, we continue with the prayers.

***The Prayers**

Let us pray for new life in the church, new hope for the world,
and God's love for all who are in need.

*A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. We respond: **Your mercy is great.***

The collect ends our prayers.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

✠ MEAL ✠

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Offertory Hymn

What Does the Lord Require of You?

MOON

Sing repeatedly, following the leaders.

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you?

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^{2.} Jus - tice, kind - ness, walk hum-bly with your God.

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you?

Jus - tice, kind - ness, walk hum-bly with your God.

^{3.} To seek jus-tice and love kind-ness and walk hum-bly with your God.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

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.

Indeed, we give you thanks, Father...

...in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

***The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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.**

***The Communion**

Those celebrating with us from your homes: please share the bread with one another using these words:

The Body of Christ, given for you. *An **Amen** or **Thanks be to God** is spoken in response to this gift.*

Communion Music *Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior*

Healey Willan

***Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

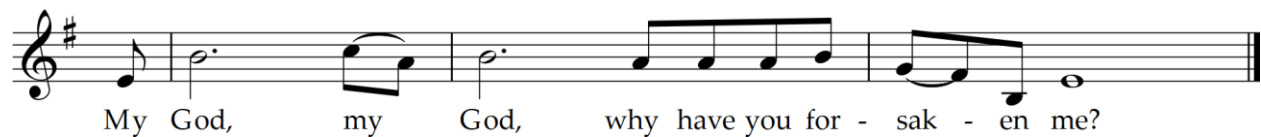
Amen.

Psalm 22

A cantor introduces the refrain; all repeat it. Cantors sing verses, all sing the refrain.

The chancel is stripped of its ornamentation as we sing, signifying the humiliation of Christ.

You may wish to strip your home worship space of decoration, leaving only the candle.



My God, my God, why have you forsaken 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. Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel. Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them. **Refrain**

They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame. But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people. All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads. "Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him." **Refrain**

Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help. Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me. **Refrain**

They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax. 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. Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet. **Refrain**

I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat. They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid. Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me. I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. **Refrain**

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. 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. From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD. The poor shall eat and be satisfied. Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God. For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations. ***Refrain***

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. Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!" ***Refrain***

*The candle lit at the beginning of our worship is extinguished.
Our liturgy continues on Good Friday at 7:00pm via live-stream.*

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