

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024 | 7.00pm

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PRELUDE | WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF SERVICE | PRAYER

SERMON

Pastor Tom Jacobson

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 1-3)

Green Book 109

The people please stand.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

P: In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together

we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.



Confession and Absolution

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The people kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

ABSOLUTION

The pastor stands and addresses the assembly.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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 sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

All who desire may come forward and kneel or stand to receive individual absolution. The minister addresses each in turn:

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

THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: to love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who loves and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The people may be seated.



The Liturgy of the Word

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A: A reading from Exodus.

God prepares the people of Israel for their final meal before leaving Egypt for freedom.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

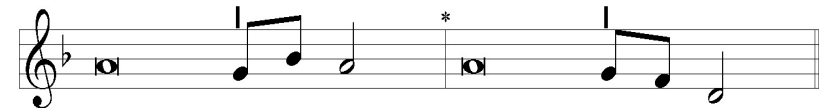
A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

The psalm is chanted alternately by verse.



¹I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

²**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me;***
I came to | grief and sorrow.

¹²I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord* in the presence of | all his people.

¹³**Precious in the sight | of the Lord* is the death | of his servants.**

¹⁴O Lord, I | am your servant;* I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving* and call upon the
name | of the Lord.

¹⁶I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord* in the presence of | all his people,

¹⁷in the courts of | the Lord's house,* in the midst of you,
O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

Jesus has given to his church his Holy Supper.

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

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE VERSE

The people stand.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to

The people stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



The Liturgy of Holy Communion

OFFERING

Stationary plates have been placed in the sanctuary for giving offerings before or after service. Online giving through the church’s website is also highly encouraged. Quiet music will play to provide a time for prayer and reflection.



Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷ Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” ⁸ Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

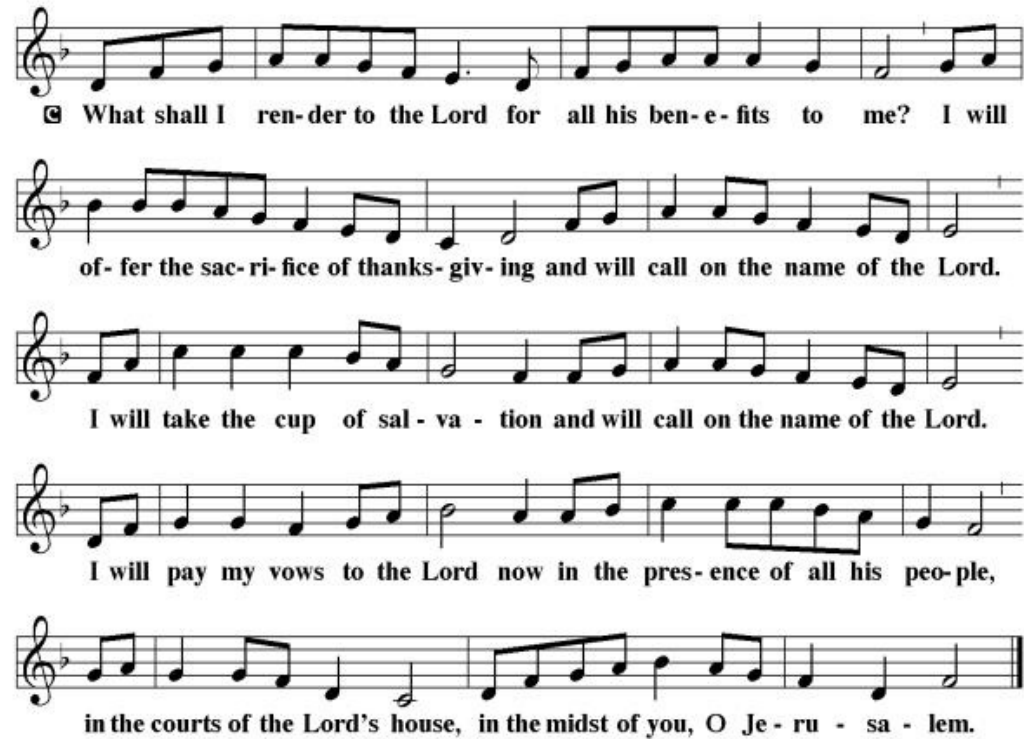
^{31b} Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

Musical notation on a staff with lyrics: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

As the gifts are presented, the people stand.



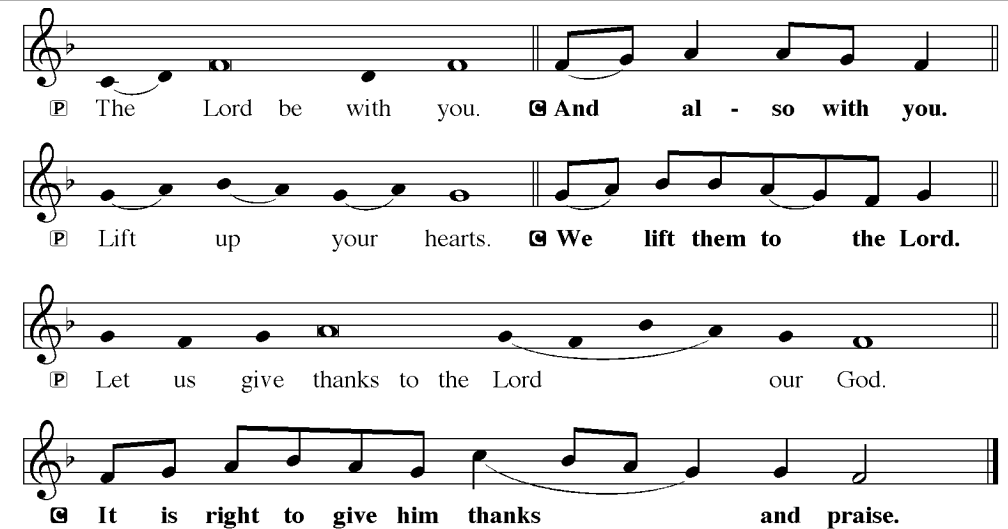
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will
of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

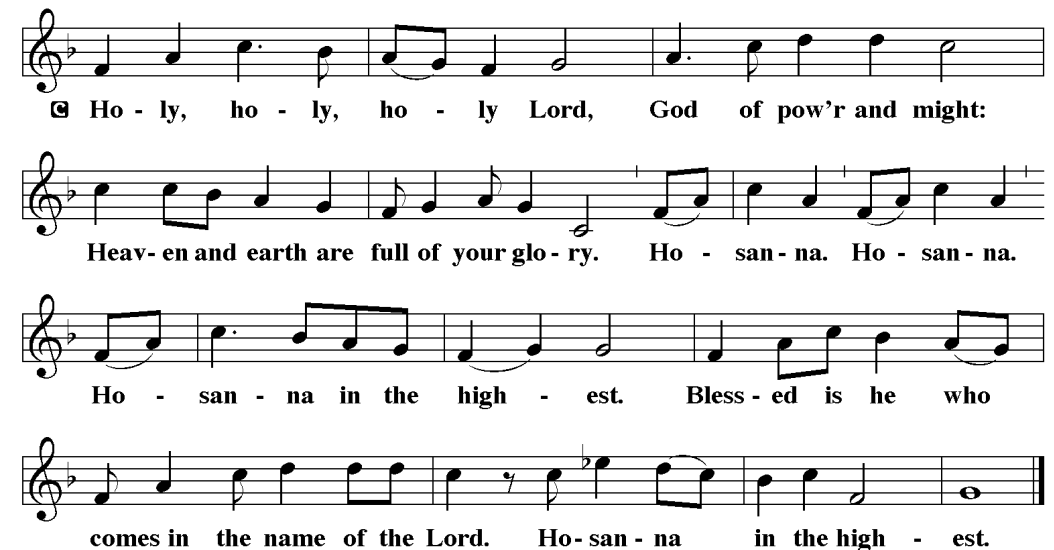


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



C 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. Ho - san - na.
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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord Jesus us took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

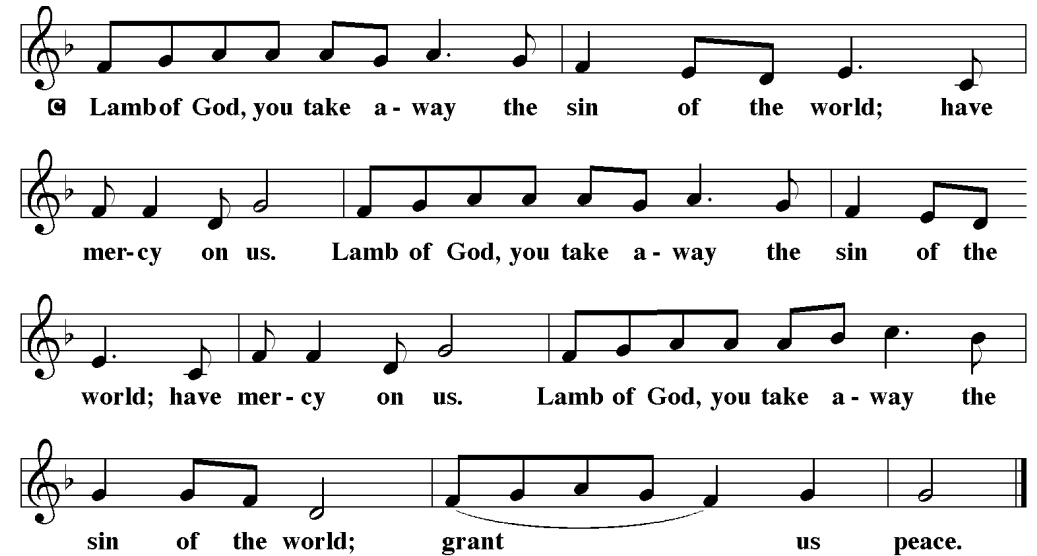
THE FRACTION

P: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

C: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The people may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



☞ 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.

DISTRIBUTION

Lutherans teach that Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) was instituted by Jesus Christ himself for us to eat and drink. As his words declare, with bread and wine, he imparts to us his body and blood, and with it the grace of God. This sacrament is God's way of giving us the good news of Jesus in a concrete, physical way as we continue our pilgrimage on earth. We are rightly prepared to receive this great gift when we come before God with humility and faith. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Ushers will dismiss rows to form two lines down the center aisle. Receive bread from the pastor and proceed to the wine station nearest you. After you have received the bread, an usher will provide each person with an individual cup that will then be filled with wine by the assisting minister. Only individual cups with grape juice will be filled before hand. Coming forward to receive only the bread is perfectly acceptable. Those choosing not to receive communion can come forward for a blessing signaled by having your arms crossed over your chest. When you have communed, you may return to your seat by way of the side aisle.

Hymns during distribution: Green Book 200, 214, 212

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The people please stand.

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

C: Amen.

HYMN *Where True Charity and Love Abide* (sing 7 times) Blue Book 665

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption that you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The people may kneel or be seated.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Deliberate and unhurried, the stripping of the altar concludes our Maundy Thursday Liturgy while a lone voice reads Psalm 22. The transition is made from the celebration of Holy Communion to Jesus' crucifixion and death.

Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. All leave in silence. There is no benediction or postlude. The service continues with the Good Friday Liturgy tomorrow at 7:00pm. Please remain and pray as long as you wish.

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Remaining Holy Week Schedule:

March 29 - Good Friday - Worship at 12:00pm & 7:00pm here

March 30 - Easter Vigil - Worship at 7:00 pm

March 31 - EASTER - Worship at 8:00 & 10:30am, Breakfast 8-10am

Serving Maundy Thursday:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson

Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought

Lector: Twila Rodgers

Organist: Sue Ellen Simmons