

Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024
7:30pm



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MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST

On this holy night we gather with Christians around the world to begin the Triduum (The Three Days) during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life. The Maundy Thursday liturgy often centers on Jesus' commandment to love one another. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

DEDICATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 let us enter into the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, we confess that we in bondage 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 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. **Amen.**

The congregation is invited to come forward to kneel (or stand) at the altar rail for the laying on of hands as the minister says:

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare unto you the entire forgiveness of 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

Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, **on the night of his betrayal, Jesus shared a meal of bread and wine with his disciples saying, “Do this in remembrance of me.”** Now, as we remember Christ’s passionate suffering and death, and the love he poured out on us and all people, for the forgiveness of sin, give us the courage to follow him by way of the cross. **This we pray through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Panis angelicus* - Cèsar Franck David Gustafson
Thus the Bread of Angels is made the Bread of humans today: the Living Bread gives end to earthly forms: O wondrous gift indeed! The poor and lowly may feed upon their Lord and Master.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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... 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 116 (*move after* |)

I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my |
supplication, for the Lord has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.

**How shall I re- | pay 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.

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

O Lord, truly I | am your servant;

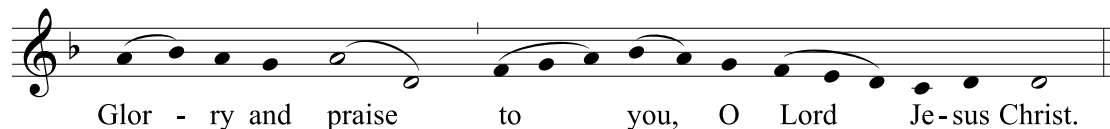
**I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed
me | from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving

and call upon the name | of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows¹ to the Lord in the presence of¹ all God's people,
in the courts of¹ the Lord's house, in the midst of you,¹ O Jerusalem.
Glory be to the Father, and¹ to the Son, and to the¹ Holy Spirit.
As it was in the begin-¹ning, is now and will be fore-¹ver. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)



Cantor: I give you a¹ new commandment, that you love one another just as I¹ have loved you. (John 13:34) **Repeat Antiphon.**

GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Gospel according to 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...”

^{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.** (*please be seated*)

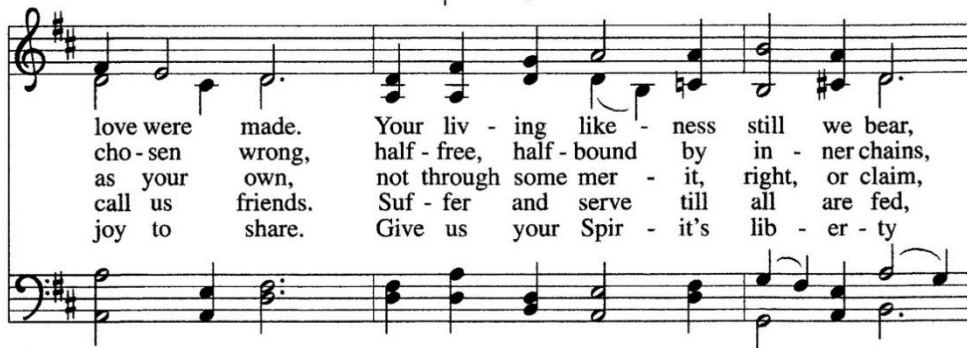
HOMILY

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

HYMN OF THE DAY Great God, Your Love Has Called Us *(please stand)*



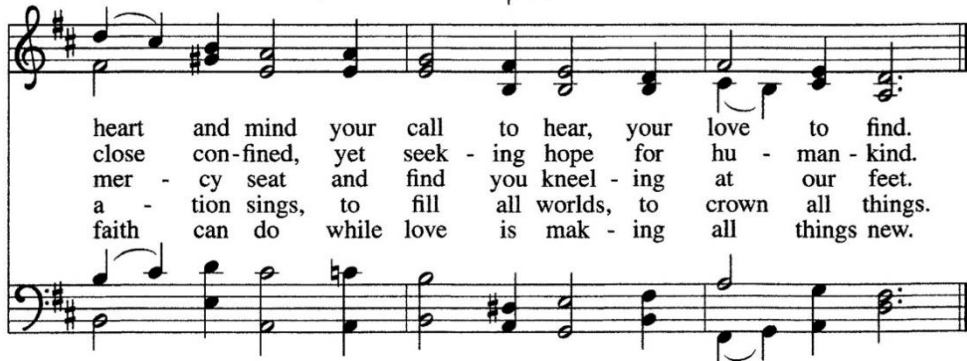
1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please be seated)*

PEACE

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

ANTHEM *O Rest in the Lord* Mendelssohn Alyse Jamieson

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



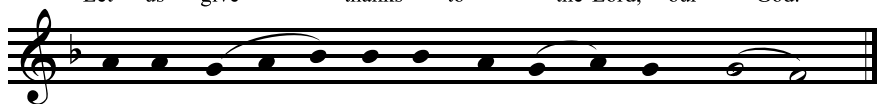
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

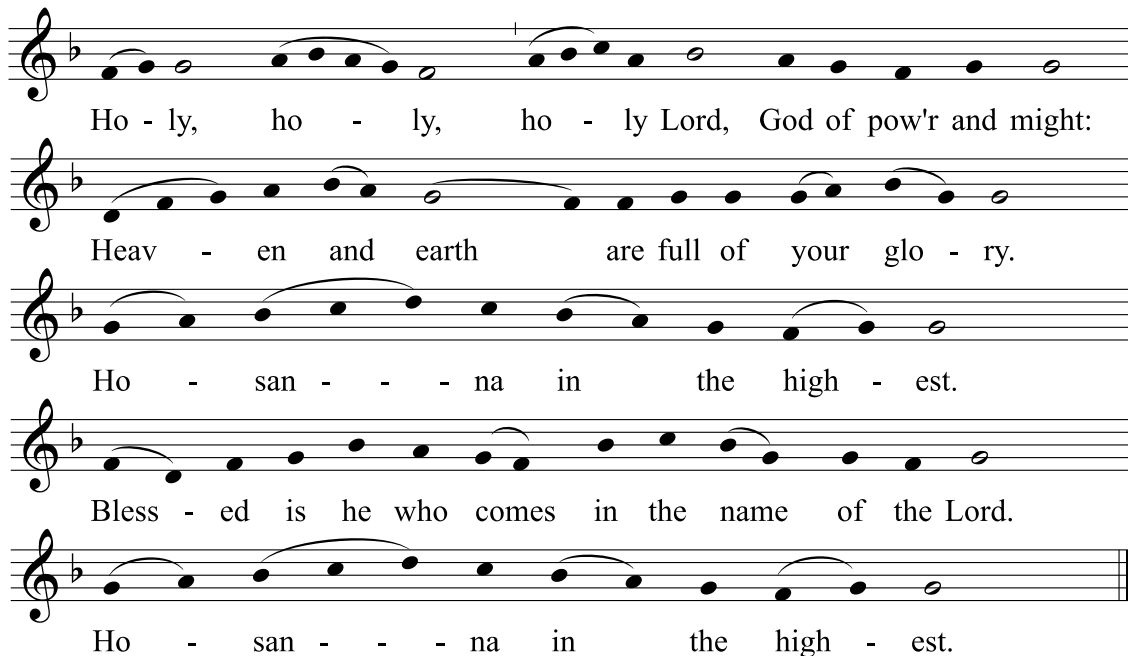


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, then gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

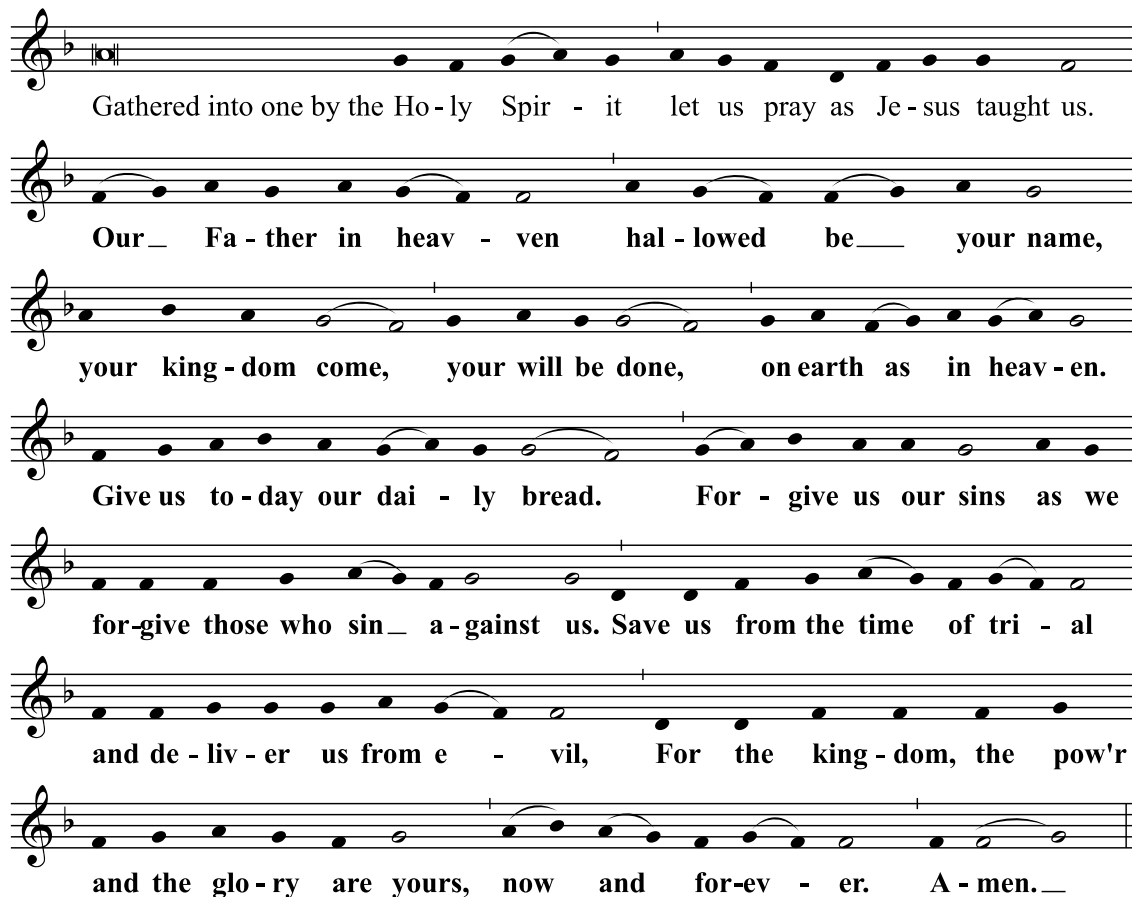
Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

✠ **Christ has died.** ✠ **Christ is risen.** ✠ **Christ will come again.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER



Gathered into one by the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray as Je - sus taught us.

Our_ Fa - ther in heav - ven hal - lowed be___ your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin_ a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil, For the king - dom, the pow'r

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men. _

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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

TAIZÉ RESPONSE *(repeated)*

Stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, show us your love. Then

stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

Taizé Chant

A moment of silence is kept.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As our cantors, Alyse Jamieson & David Gustafson, chant Psalm 22, the altar is stripped. This action is reflective of Christ being stripped of all dignity as he journeyed to the cross. This is the only time in the church year the altar is stripped. Inscribed on the top of the altar are five crosses representing the five wounds of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

There is no benediction.

Please depart the church grounds in silence.

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