



# Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

7:00 p.m.

\* **Please Stand** (as you are able) at the parts of the liturgy marked with an asterisk \*  
**Bold type** means congregational participation.

## *Gather*

Maundy is short for the Latin word *Mandatum* which means *Mandate*. This service centers on Christ's mandate that we love one another as Christ loved us.

Sin is that which gets us stuck in ways that we cannot get unstuck, collectively and individually. Give it to God and receive a new beginning.

## WELCOME

### \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P 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 great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence for reflection*

P Most merciful God,

**C 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.**

On Ash Wednesday we spoke a confession that was not immediately forgiven as we entered the reflective season of Lent. Tonight that sin is forgiven and worshippers have the opportunity to have forgiveness offered individually.

We are a community that gives God's gifts to one another.

*You are invited to come forward, if you choose, for a laying on of hands and individual forgiveness.*

**ELW #218**    **You Anoint My Head**  
**ELW #221**    **Blessed Be God, Who Forgives**  
**SP #16**      **If We Live** (below)

The musical score is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "If we live, we live to the Lord. If we die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's." The score includes a triplet of eighth notes in the second measure of the second staff and the first measure of the third staff.

Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, based on Romans 14:8, Psalm 103  
Music: IF WE LIVE, Rolf Vegdahl  
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**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**\* GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

**C Amen.**

## FIRST READING

D A reading from Exodus.

<sup>12:1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

This prayer collects up the themes from today's scriptures.

## *Word*

Think of the readings as listening in to an age-old, holy conversation.

The old testament echoes the gospel's themes.

The Psalm echoes the Old Testament reading.

## PSALM

D Let us pray Psalm 116 responsively.

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

We stand to welcome Christ; present in this Word

## \* GOSPEL READING

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13:1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup> "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

The Gospel  
text is the  
heart of our  
worship  
together  
each week.

<sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

What part of  
you does this  
sermon  
touch or stir?

## SERMON

[Rev. Bekki Lohrmann](#)

The assembly  
becomes the  
preacher;  
God's word  
is proclaimed  
in our song.

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY

**Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**

Hymn #712

Tonight we  
emulate  
Christ's  
humble love  
in the act of  
washing one  
another's  
feet and  
hands.

### FOOT / HAND WASHING

P On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. 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. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet (or hands) following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

*Come forward with your shoes off if you desire. Sit down and have your feet (or hands) washed, then wash the feet (or hands) of the next person in line, then return to your seat.*

**ELW #642 Ubi Caritas et amor**  
**ELW #708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**  
**ELW #814 Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am**

## \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition,

D ... Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

D Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## \* GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P 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:

Community  
thickens as  
*your prayer*  
becomes *our*  
prayer.

Reach  
across the  
aisle and  
share  
peace.

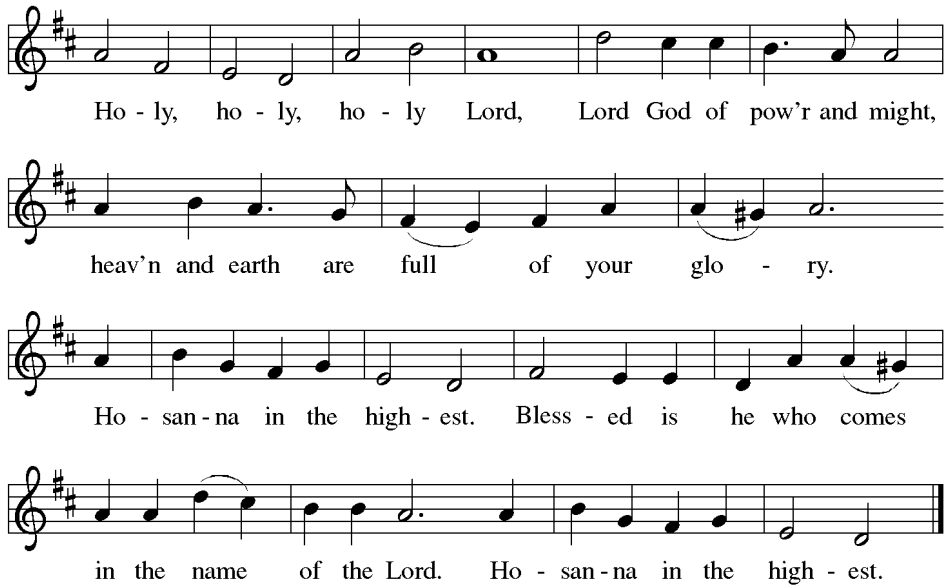
## *Meal*

“Lift up your  
heart”; leave  
it vulnerable  
and exposed  
to a loving  
God.

Notice the  
present  
tense. What  
happened in  
Christ,  
happens  
today.

“Hosanna” means, “Help, [please], now!” We pray for heaven to come down to earth.

### \* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

### \* THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Meals are best accompanied by family stories. This prayer tells our story.

P 11:23 For 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, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In 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.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Amen.**

## \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

**P** The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**COMMUNION** Christ bids you welcome to this Holy meal!

*This is Christ's table, it is not our own. All are welcome. The usher will direct you to enter by the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor, ask for Gluten Free if needed. Receive wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the communion assistants. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

## 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, grant us peace.

Christ's  
prayer  
becomes our  
prayer.

In this meal  
we become  
Christ's  
body,  
poured out  
and broken  
for the life of  
the whole  
world. All are  
welcome.

God restores  
peace  
through  
forgiveness  
and mercy.

## *Sending*

The tone of the service turns as the tone of the story of Christ turns, from a meal with his friends, to a bitter betrayal and arrest.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

#492

**Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup**

#471

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

### \* BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

C **Amen.**

## *Stripping of the Altar*

*Psalm 88 is sung during the stripping of the altar.*

**PSALM 88**

sung by Hannah DeMers



*There is no final blessing on Maundy Thursday.  
We continue the liturgy of the Great Three Days  
tomorrow for Good Friday.*

## *Good Friday*

April 3

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Prayer Walk

7:00 p.m. – Worship

## *Children's Easter Event*

April 4

10:00 a.m. – with Storytime, Crafts, and Egg Hunt

Bring your own basket

12:15 – 2:00 p.m. – Easter Prep

## *Easter Sunday*

April 5

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service

9:30 a.m. – Easter Worship

We will gather together between the two services for an Easter Brunch.

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