

HOLY COMMUNION

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Thursday, March 29, 2018 + 7:00 p.m.



On this day the Christian community gathers to share in the holy supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unfailing love for the human family. In the actions of this liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word, washing our feet, and giving us his body and blood. From this gathering we are sent to continue these actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed those who are hungry.

This first liturgy of the Three Days has no ending; it continues with the worship of Good Friday and concludes with the Celebration of Easter. Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us together as the people of God

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
GATHERING MUSIC**

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 the Spirit to amend our live and continue to be with us because of God's love for each and every one of us in Christ Jesus, our Savior. Within the community of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness of our sins from God. This absolution we should never doubt, but firmly believe that our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for the forgiveness of our sins comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 and to love the world.

It is however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in Christ's love. Remembering our Jesus' last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the gift of Jesus and participate in that new covenant which makes us one with God. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Christ Jesus returns, and claims us in God's eternal kingdom. We share in prayer and support of one another, as the body of Christ.

OPENING HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

ELW #347



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Let us make confession to God.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

☞ Almighty and merciful God:

☛ **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.**

☞ Almighty God in great mercy has given Jesus to die for us and, for Christ's sake, forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit we are cleansed and given power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of holy light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by God's 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.

☛ **Amen.**

The 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**

Let us pray,

The assembly prays the Prayer of the Day.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

☛ 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.**

THE FIRST 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.

℣ A reading from Exodus:

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 gods 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.**

I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and
 call on the name of the LORD.

¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
 and listened to my | supplication,

²**for the LORD has given | ear to me
 whenever | er I called.**

¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD
 for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup | of salvation
 and call on the name | of the LORD. R**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
 in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
 is the death | of your servants.**

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

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
 and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
 in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of | the LORD's house,
 in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem. R**

THE SECOND READING

1st Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

A A reading from **1 Corinthians:**

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.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
 Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
 To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
 God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
 one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31-35

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

▣ The Holy Gospel according to John.

▣ **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.**

Sit

Message

Silence for reflection

Please Stand





1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.



The CREED

With the whole people of God, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The assembly remains standing in prayer

The PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

A On this holy night, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy.

A brief silence.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of your church. Where there is division, grant healing. Where there is fracture, grant unity. Where there is indifference, grant passion. Lord, in your mercy,

G (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the creation. Put an end to destruction and renew our commitment to the fullness of life you intend for every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,

G (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the human family. Bring understanding and a spirit of cooperation to nations and communities in conflict. Dissolve distrust into understanding and transform disregard into profound care for one another. Lord, in your mercy,

G (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. Feed those who hunger, give shelter to those without a home, heal the sick, and grant rest to the dying. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of this community. Help us seek not so much to be served, but to serve; not to be loved, but to love; not to be forgiven, but to forgive, for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness within us. Cast out all fear of separation from you, and join us to the communion of saints who celebrate at your eternal banquet table. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

P Into the arms of your tender embrace, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who, on the cross, opened his arms to all: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ

The PEACE

P The peace Christ be with you always.

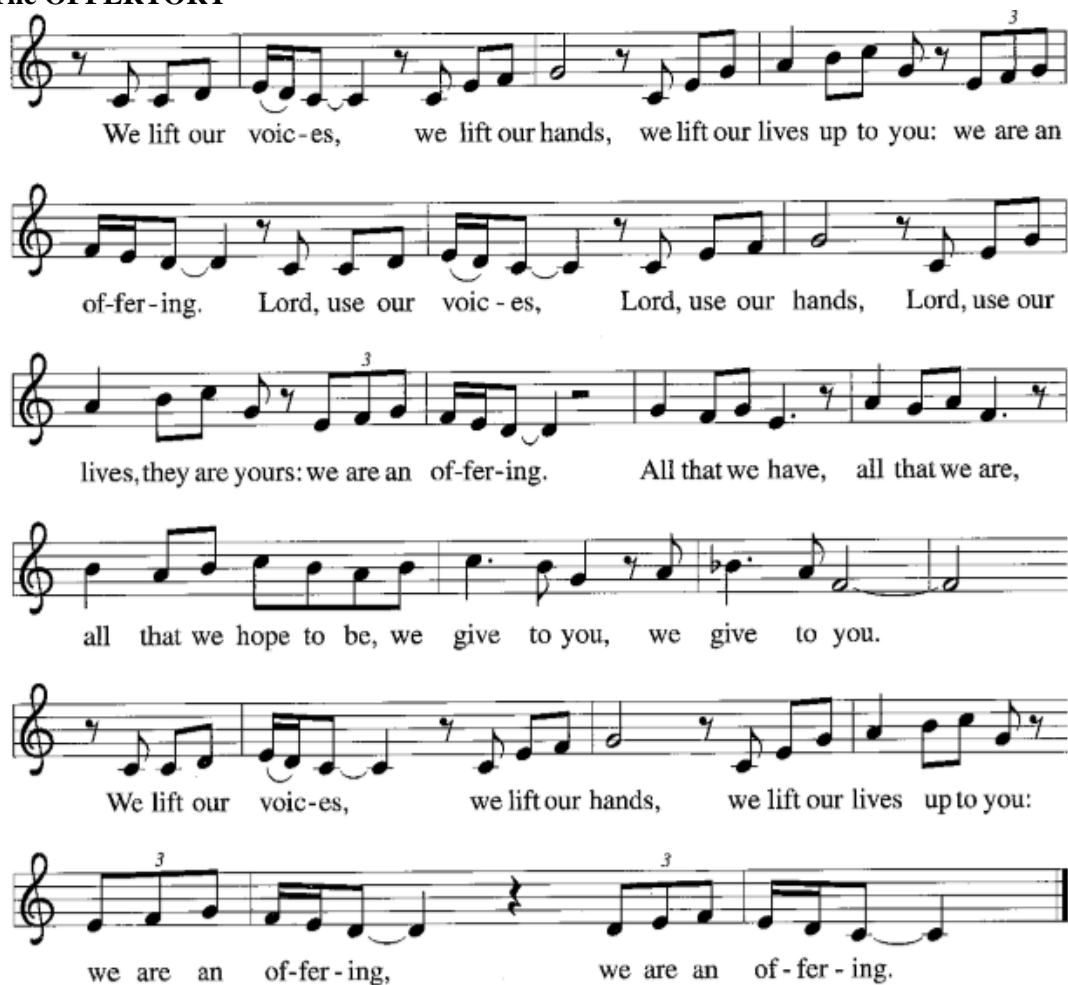
C And also with you.

The OFFERING (*Our Offerings Give hands & feet to our Faith*)

The SETTING THE TABLE

The assembly stands.

The OFFERTORY



The musical score consists of six staves of music in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing."

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

The OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray . . . God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.
- C** As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The GREAT THANKGIVING

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them unto you.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE 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:



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 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

☐ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

☑ **We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.**

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

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

☐ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able.

☑ **We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine.**

☐ Let us who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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 Communion

☐ Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

TONIGHT, WE HAVE A COMMUNION TABLE EXPERIENCE IN THE “UPPER” ROOM. *As disciples of Jesus, we will gather around the table and share in the body and blood of Christ. There will be a cup of wine or grape juice available at each seat. Please take only one, when invited to partake. The gluten free option will be available for those who need this option. Bread will be passed around the table and we will take the bread together at one time. We will then drink the wine or grape juice together. Be blessed by this experience.*

Stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

- A** Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection.
- G** **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**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us into mission

The BLESSING

- P** The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, + be among you and remain with you forever.
- G** **Amen**

The STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The congregation may be seated as linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed from the altar and chancel. You are invited to follow the sequence of readings and ritual actions as the altar is stripped. The Psalm used during the stripping of the Altar is Psalm 22.

There is no SENDING MUSIC tonight. All leave in silence.

Today's Worship Leaders

7:00 pm

Assisting Ministers

Randy Teegardin

Lector

Carol Vos

Chancel Team

Vickey Argo & Kay Howell