

# RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday  
Rev.Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

Congregation responses are in **BOLD print**.

## REFLECTION

*"The feast of forgiveness is ready. The body of Christ in, with, and under bread and the blood of Christ in, with, and under wine are set. We approach the Lord's Table, cognizant of our striving against sin, death, and the devil—guilty! We depart from the Table, having received forgiveness, life, and salvation—innocent! It is a feast like no other, where the holy things of God collide with human sinful frailty and triumph in mercy and pardon."*

## PRELUDE

Abide with Me

Kurt Kaiser

Dave Coats, cello; Linda Brown, piano

## OPENING MUSIC

O Living Bread from Heaven

Verses 1 through 3



- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.

## CONFESSION & 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.  
This evening 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 is kept for reflection.*

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 sins.  
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.  
**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.**

## KYRIE

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a series of eighth and quarter notes, followed by a whole note rest, and then a quarter note. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains a series of eighth and quarter notes, followed by a whole note rest, and then a quarter note. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**A** In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY READING

**Exodus 24:3–11**

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup> And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup> And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup> And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY READING

**1 Corinthians 10:16–17**

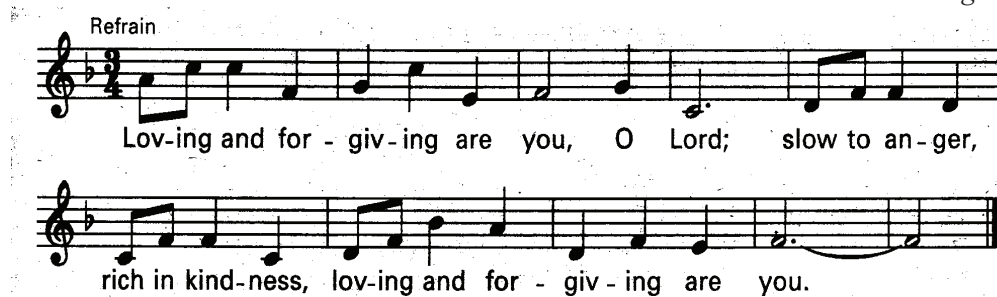
The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY ACCLAMATION

*Sung twice through*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Gospel of the Lord according to St. Mark the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 14:12–26**

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’” <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” <sup>20</sup> He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

<sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to

them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

*Pastor Seth Britton*

NICENE CREED *Please stand*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please complete your worship response card and place it in the offering plate.*

OFFERTORY

Ubi Caritas

*Maurice Durufle*

+HOLY COMMUNION+

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. If you are a Baptized Christian, seeking a church home, a member of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, and a disciple of Christ who desires to be forgiven and strengthened to live more faithfully for Christ, you are welcome to commune with us (Children, ages 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above who are Baptized and who have received First Communion Instruction, are welcome to come commune with their family).*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*(In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where He took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of His body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts").*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, through your son Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all; for we who were dying, having eaten from the tree, are restored to life by the tree of the cross.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. In this Holy Sacrament, we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine).*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate this Sacrament of our redemption, O Father, with praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

*(We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection).*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say...

**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**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.

*On Maundy Thursday, we come forward to the altar (front area) to receive Communion. \* You will be given the bread and will eat it. You will then be invited to pick up a cup of wine or grape juice to drink. After you have drank the Blood of the Sacrament, please deposit your cup in the receptacle at the end of the table.*

*\* If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and the servers will come to your seat.*

#### COMMUNION MEDITATION

Panis Angelicus

Cesar Franck

*Marty Schaefer, soloist; David Coats, cello; Linda Brown*

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

#### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*After communion, the congregation may kneel as linens, paraments, and candles are removed from the altar and chancel.*

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY ANTHEM

Jesus, In Gethsemane

Douglas Nolan

*Chancel Choir; Dave Coats, cello*

*The service continues on Good Friday.*

