



Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

7:00 P.M. Worship

Celebrating the Risen Christ through Acts of Love, Care and Justice

THEME OF THE DAY

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

(Year B)

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Aaron David Miller

TOLLING THE WORSHIP HOUR

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

Amen.

(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.

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

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 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.

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

Pew Bible, pg. 51

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.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ 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. ⁴ 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.

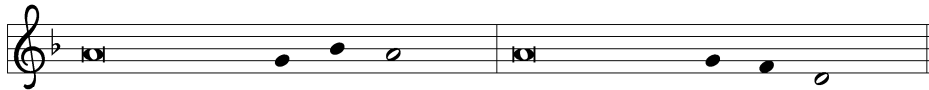
¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³ 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.

¹⁴ “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.

RESPONSE TO THE FIRST READING *(sung responsively)*

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19



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¹ I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,* and listened to my | supplication,
² **for the LORD has given | ear to me* whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

¹² **How 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.

¹⁴ **I 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.

¹⁶ **O 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.

¹⁸ **I 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.

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 loving proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

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, ²⁴ 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."

after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also,

LENTEN ACCLAMATION (*ALL sing*)



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.
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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, the 13th chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

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.² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God,⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.⁵ 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.⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I 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, "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."¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined

again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him."¹⁸ If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.¹⁹ 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.'²⁰ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.²¹ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Our Lord
Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

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1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true

it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
 of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
 has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917
 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

FOOTWASHING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(after each petition) Merciful God, **receive our prayer....**

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

M E A L

GATHERING OF GIFTS

(Chancel Choir)

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Gordon Young

Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see; Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry. Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Blessed Savior, now in love Send thy Spirit from above;
Come and dwell with us, we pray; Amen.

James Montgomery

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

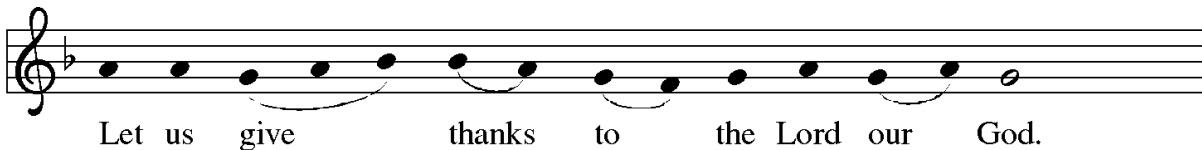
The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a half note or a quarter note with a fermata.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERING PRAYER

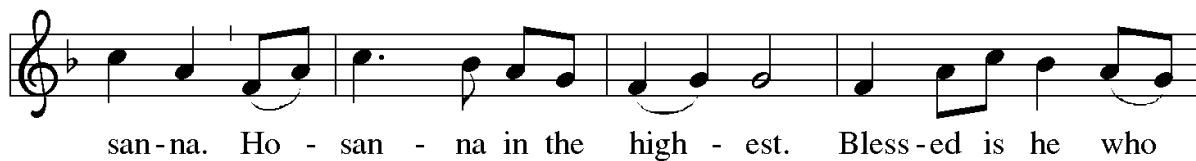
Let us pray...Jesus, you are the bread of life
**and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may
know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice
and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



"It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn :

SANCTUS

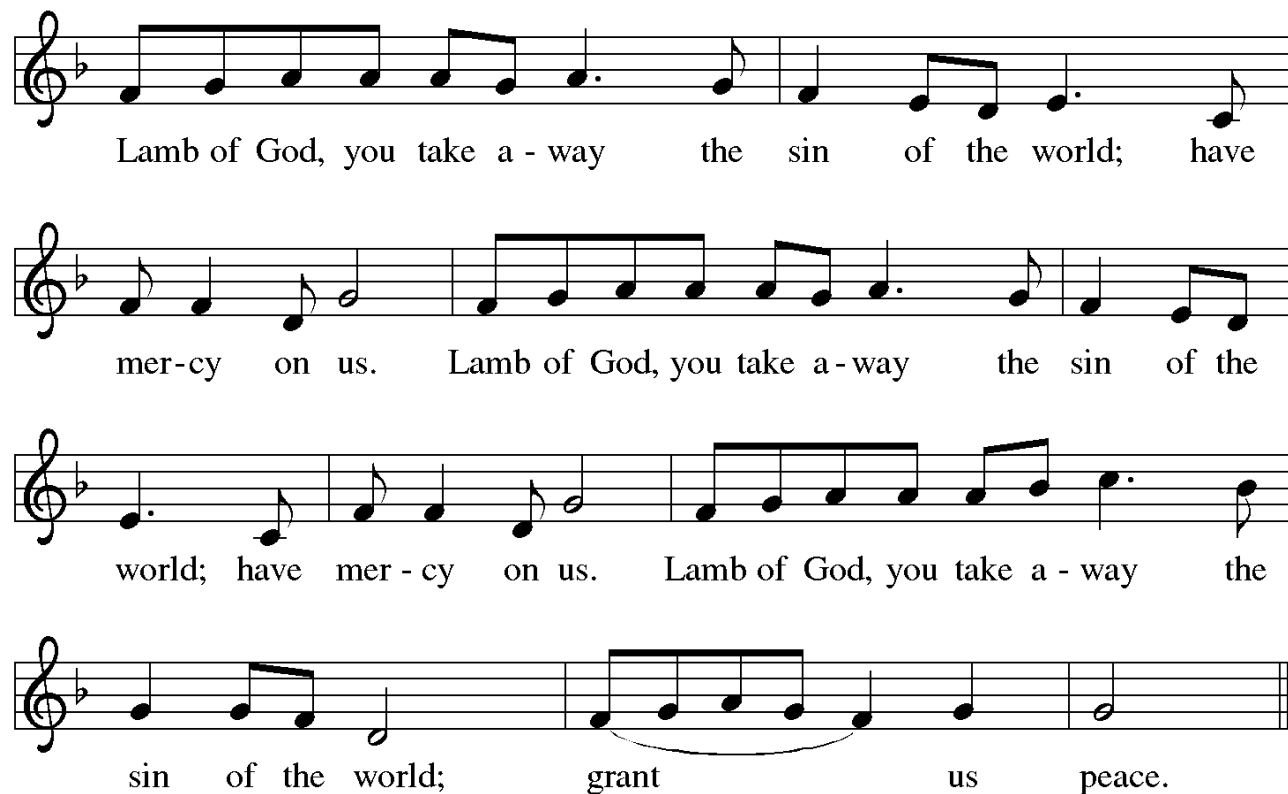


THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional text)

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.

LAMB OF GOD



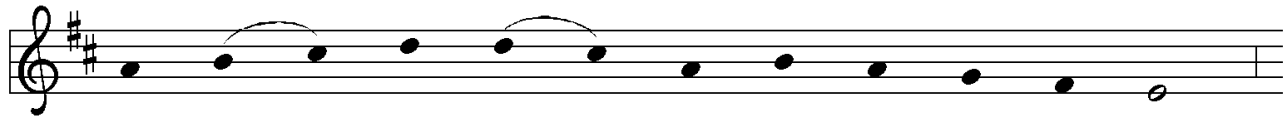
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.



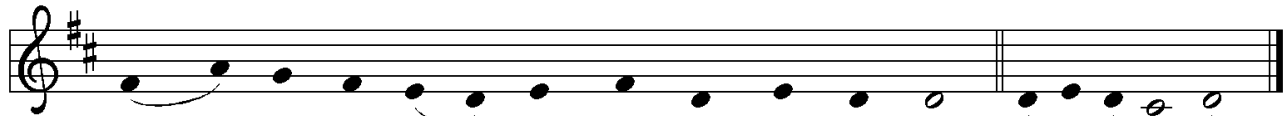
1 Thee we a - dore, O Sav - ior, God most true,
 2 O true re - mem - brance of Christ cru - ci - fied,
 3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,
 4 Je - sus, by faith we see thee here be - low;



thy glo - ry clothed in bread and wine a - new;
 the bread of life to us for whom he died;
 cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most cleans - ing blood:
 send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:



our hearts to thee in true de - vo - tion bow,
 lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,
 in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
 some - day to gaze up - on thy face in light,



in hum - ble awe, we hail thy pres - ence now.
 be thou the sweet - ness we were meant to find.
 the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
 blest ev - er - more with thy full glo - ry's sight. A - men.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; tr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844–1889, and James R. Woodford, 1820–1885, alt.
 Music: ADORE TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V; Processionale, Paris, 1697

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 88

The elements and accoutrements are removed from the altar and chancel during the singing of the Psalm.

- ¹ O Lord, God of my salvation, at night, when I cry out before you,
² let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry.
³ For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.
⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; I am like those who have no help,
⁵ like those forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.
⁶ You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.
⁷ Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves.
⁸ You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a thing of horror to them. I
am shut in so that I cannot escape;
⁹ my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O Lord; I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰ Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise you?
¹¹ *Is your steadfast love declared in the grave or your faithfulness in Abaddon?*
¹² *Are your wonders known in the darkness or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?*
¹³ But I, O Lord, cry out to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁴ O Lord, why do you cast me off? Why do you hide your face from me?
¹⁵ Wretched and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me; your dread assaults destroy me.
¹⁷ They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me.
¹⁸ You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me; my companions are in darkness.

DEPART IN SILENCE

*Triduum (The Three Days) worship continues tomorrow night at 7 pm with the **Good Friday** service and is completed with the **Vigil of Easter** on Saturday night at 7 pm.*



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