

MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 28, 2024
10:00am and 7:30pm



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INTRODUCTION

Today 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. 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.

PRELUDE

"Ah! Holy Jesus"

Helmut Walcha

GATHERING - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of Easter reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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 stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ,
I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

People may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands.

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 together:

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 - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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

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. 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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

The Psalm is spoken responsively.

¹I 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.**

¹²How shall I repay 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.**

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and call on the name of the LORD.**

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.**

Second Reading: 1 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 reading from First 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.

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GOSPEL: John 13: 1-17, 31b-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 other.

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.

REFLECTION

FOOT WASHING

HYMN DURING FOOT WASHING 359

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

***Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.***

***With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.***

***Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.***

***Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.***

***Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.***

After the hymn at 7:30 pm, the choir will lead us in singing "Ubi caritas et amor", alternating between Latin and English)

***Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there. God is dwelling there.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Response: "receive our prayer")

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding "receive our prayer."

A brief silence.

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the , world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who suffer. Help all you are ill or recovering to know that you are near, especially those on our prayer list, and those we name before you, aloud or in our hearts *pause for names*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints . In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

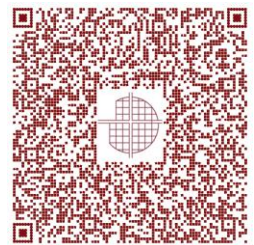
Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING

**NO OFFERING ENVELOPE?
YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE HERE**



SCAN QR CODE

OFFERING ANTHEM (10:00am) “In Remembrance of Me”
Sung by Lisa Pecchio

Beryl Red

OFFERING ANTHEM (7:30pm) “The Table of Forgiveness ”
Words by Pamela Stewart/Music by John Purifoy
Choir of The Abiding Presence

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might:
Heaven 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 give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.
He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to come to his Supper.

C: **O Lord, we are not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and we shall be healed.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

All who believe that along with the bread and wine we receive the true Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to the Lord's table to receive the Sacrament. The Sacrament will be distributed in one or two continuous lines at the main aisle. The bread is received in the hand and the communicant then proceeds to a blue or gold chalice for intinction or to a crystal chalice to drink from the common cup, or if so desired, the communicant may receive only the bread. Please let your Communion Minister know if you wish to receive a gluten free wafer. Please follow the guidance of the ushers.

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.

SENDING - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRIPPING OF ALTAR (7:30 pm)

The stripping of the altar represents Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers and the abandonment by his own disciples.

Psalm 22 is sung by Lisa Pecchio, reminding us of Jesus' words on the cross:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

No Benediction is pronounced as this Liturgy leads directly into Good Friday and then Christ's resurrection on Easter.

IN OUR PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND HEALING ARE: Alie, Rakel Anderson, Annette, Jean B., J. Bauer, Margaret Belt, Betsey Berry, Robert Bogart, Betty Bose, Brenda, Matthew Bruce, Annabelle Carini, Carol Carini, Fran Casola, Claire, Anthony Ceriello, Christel Clausen, Mitch Crowley, Jackie DeVille, The Dillon Family, Avery Doino, Richard Domchick, Karen Dragani, Elaine, Roy Erlandson, Wendy Erlandson, Felix, Jeff Fenn, Kathleen Gaglio, Ralph Gallo, George Garone, Melinda Geis, Ella Giana, Frank Gonzalez, Gregory, Thomas H., Ed and June Heidelberger, Charlie Hoffman, Wendy J., Joanne, Joe, Ginny Kacin, Evelyn Kaestner, Robert Kelly, Brian Kennedy, Erik Krisch, Kristen, Loretta Lusteg, Doris Meyer, Terry Moore, Jennifer Morrell, Mildred Morse, Steven N., Kim Nallan, Robert Nedwick, Rose P., Patrick, Alice Pecchio, Richard Pecchio, Dorothy Philcox, Conrad Pohlmann, Jessica Pucci, Ron Pucci, Lynn R., Bill Roche, Charlotte Roessle, Jim Rogin, Sal, Susan Salerno, The Schettino Family, John Scott, Jeff Smith, Jeffrey Starke, Suzanne Stoklosa, Peter T., Anna T., Victoria, Michael Wagner, Bud Weber, Peter Weichner, Bill Witte, Kathy Zieran, Erwin Zimmermann.

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Sunday Schedule	9:30am In person and Live stream via YouTube	The Holy Eucharist
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Sunday school N3 – Grade 5	9:30am In person
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Monday Schedule	7:30pm In person	The Holy Eucharist
NO MONDAY EVENING HOLY EUCHARIST ON APRIL 1		

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