

March 28, 2024

7:00pm Worship

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Welcome to worship at **TIERRASANTALUTHERANCHURCH**
We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket.

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.

EXPLANATION OF THE LITURGY AND THE CONFESSION OF SINS:

P: 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 his Spirit to amend our lives continues with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior. Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord. 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. It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other. 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 upon 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.

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 660 - “**Lift High the Cross**” (stz. 1 & 3)

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

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APOSTOLIC GREETING AND THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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!

P: Let us pray together:

C: 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.

FIRST READING *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.*

Exodus 12: 1 – 14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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. 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.

SECOND READING *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.*

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

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

GOSPEL *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.*

John 13: 1 - 17, 31 – 35

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them..." When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify

him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SPECIAL MUSIC "Remember Me" - Governor (Sung by the Choir)

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MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

HYMN OF THE DAY

"A New Commandment"

(Choir sings first; Congregation joins second time)

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall people know you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another;
by this shall people know you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

(Brief Silence)

A: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

A: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

A: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near, especially: *Reid Bixler, Charles Taylor, Suzanne Till, Nancy Fahien, Cindy Fallon, Barbara Berg, Neil Vann, Barbara Vann, John Michel, James Vadis, Ralph Jerzy, Derek Lyon, Heather Staib-Jerzy and family at the death of her father William, Carol Bruns at the death of her mother, and Mike Feyedelem and family at the death of his father.* Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially *Derek Bergeson, and Howard Reese.* Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: And for what else do the people of God pray? Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

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

A: **Amen.**

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 336 “**Lamb of God**” (1 Stanza)

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.

BLESSING AND POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace! Let us pray together:

C: 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.

PREPARATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Psalm 22

(Sung: Men odd verses, women even verses)

- 1 My God, my God, why have you for - / saken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words / of my groaning?
- 2 My God, I cry out by day, but you / do not answer;
by night, but I / find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the / Holy One,
enthroned on the prais- / es of Israel.
- 4 Our ancestors put their / trust in you,
they trusted, and you / rescued them.
- 5 They cried out to you and / were delivered
they trusted in you and were not / put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm / and not human,
scorned by all and despised / by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh / me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they / shake their heads..
- 8 “Trust in the Lord;
let the / Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so de- / lights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are the one who drew me forth / from the womb,
and kept me safe on my / mother’s breast.

- 10 I have been entrusted in you ever since / I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my / mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trou - / ble is near.
and there is no / one to help.
- 12 Many young bulls en-/ circle me;
strong bulls of Ba - / shan surround me.
13. They open wide their / jaws at me,
like a slashing and / roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water all my bones are / out of joint;
my heart within my breast is / melting wax.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof / of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the / dust of death.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers/ circles round me;
they pierce my hands / and my feet.
- 17 I can count / all my bones
while they stare at / me and gloat.
- 18 They divide my gar-/ments among them;
for my clothing, / they cast lots.
- 19 But you, O Lord, be not / far away;
O my help, hasten / to my aid.
- 20 Deliver me / from the sword,
my life from the power / of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the / lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have / rescued me.
- 22 I will declare your name / to my people;
in the midst of the assembly/ I will praise you.

23 You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's / line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off - / spring of Israel.

24 For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face hid - / den from them;
but when they cry out / the Lord hears them.

25 From you comes my praise in the / great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who / fear the Lord.

26 The poor shall eat / and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the Lord give praise!
May your hearts / live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn / to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow / before God.

28 For dominion belongs / to the Lord,
who rules o - / ver the nations.

29 Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow / down in worship;
all who go down to the dust,
though they be dead, shall kneel be - / fore the Lord.

30 Their descendants shall / serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to genera - / tions to come.

31 They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people / yet unborn,
saying to them, "The / Lord has acted!"

DEPART IN SILENCE

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