

# April 2, 2026 Maundy Thursday

## Welcome to 7:00 pm Worship



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.



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### **PRELUDE**

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### **GATHERING HYMN**

ELW 359 Where Charity and Love Prevail

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### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

ACS 930 – Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

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### **COMMUNION**

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## **Prelude**

*During the prelude, please use this time to quietly allow God to open your heart to his blessed presence.*

## **Gathering**

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

**Please rise in body or spirit.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

**ELW 359**

## **Where Charity and Love Prevail**

## **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.  
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

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 congregation is seated.

## Hym of the Day ACS 930 Three Holy Days Enfold us Now

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."

## Word

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

### First Reading

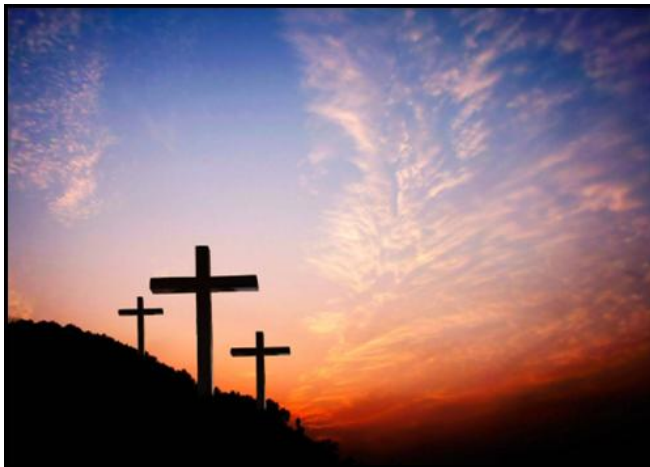
A reading from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Second Reading:

A reading from Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the Lord has given | ear to me  
whenever | er I called.**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the Lord  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the Lord. R**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of | all God's people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O Lord,  
is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed  
me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord  
in the presence of | all God's people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of | the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem. R**

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or spirit*

## Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Gospel

The holy gospel according to John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

<sup>31b</sup>“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***The congregation is seated.***

**Message**

Minister Bobbie Hoffman

The congregation remains seated.



## **Prayers of Intercession**

On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

### **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## **Meal**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### **Offering Prayer**

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
**your steadfast love embraces all creation.**  
**You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth**  
**and bring forth its bounty.**  
**Through these gifts of bread and wine,**  
**draw us into the death and life of your Son,**  
**who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.**  
**We ask this in Jesus' name.**  
**Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

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.

*All are welcome at the table. If you are coming to the altar for communion, please follow the usher's instructions. Those who are choosing to stay in the pew, using the prefilled cups, should wait for instructions from the pastor. Children are most welcome to accompany their parents to the altar for a blessing. Gluten Free wafers are available. Ask for them when coming to receive communion.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## Communion Song



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## **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**

*This is an ancient custom of Maundy Thursday. After Jesus shared the Last Supper with the disciples, in the Upper Room, there was less than 24 hours left in his earthly life. As Jesus' life was stripped of him, so we strip the altar of the signs of beauty, comfort, and life to symbolize his suffering and death.*

## Psalm 22

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
- <sup>8</sup>"Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.
- <sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- <sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- <sup>15</sup>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.  
<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.  
<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup>They divide my garments among them;  
for my clothing, they cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.  
<sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.  
<sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.  
<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, give praise!  
All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.  
<sup>24</sup>For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.  
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.  
<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the Lord give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!  
<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.  
<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
who rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>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 before  
the Lord.

<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the Lord,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

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

*The congregation departs, silently, in peace.  
All are welcome to resume worship tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm.*

