



**March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday
Agape Dinner
6:30 PM**

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*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,
Reach out in service to each other, the community, and the world.*



Welcome to Worship!

PRELUDE

“Litany”

Franz Schubert

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

ANTHEM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
St. Luke’s Bell Choir

arr. Frances L. Callahan

Reader 1: Just before the Passover feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. So got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and tied a towel around himself.

Reader 2: Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

ALL: “Master, you wash my feet?”

Reader 1: Jesus answered, “You don’t understand now what I’m doing, but it will be clear enough to you later.”

Reader 2: Peter persisted,

ALL: “You’re not going to wash my feet—ever!”

Reader 1: Jesus said, “If I don’t wash you, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.”

Reader 2: Simon Peter said to him,

ALL: “Master, not only my feet then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!”

Reader 2: After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them,

Reader 1: “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Master—and rightly so. That’s what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet.”

Reader 2: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples, when they see the love you have for each other.”

All: This is our commandment. To love each other.

WASHING OF HANDS

*There are multiple bottles of hand sanitizer on each table. You are invited to use the sanitizer to wash another person's hands, gently taking their hands into yours, and saying these words: **God bless these hands, the work they do, the people whose lives they touch, and the love they give.** Make sure everyone's hands at your table get washed and blessed.*

Reader 1 Before Jesus and his disciples gathered for the meal, there was one who had taken matters into his own hands. For thirty pieces of silver, Judas had agreed to hand Jesus over to the chief priests. From that moment on, Judas was looking for the right time to betray Jesus.

Reader 2 "I assure you, one of you will betray me."

All: I'm not the one, am I, Lord?

Reader 2 "The one who will betray me is the one who dips his hand with me into this bowl."

All: Judas said, "It's not me, is it, Rabbi?"

Reader 2 "You said it."

Reader 1 Let us confess together:

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have betrayed you. We have denied you. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have rebelled against your love and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment of quiet reflection for personal prayer and confession.

Pastor: Hear the good news: when Christ gathered with his disciples to remind them of his love, he knew that he gathered with the one who betrayed him, the one who would deny him, and all who would abandon him. This shows that Jesus loved them, even when they failed him, and he loves us still today. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Meal

Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Verse 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

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Pastor: On the night in which he was betrayed, and while they were
eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples
and said,

All: **"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you"**

Reader: And when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to God, shared it with his disciples and said,

All: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

All: Amen.

ANTHEM “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” Dykes, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
St. Luke’s Bell Choir

Reader: Then after singing songs of praise, they went to the Mount of Olives.

Pastor: The hour is at hand. It is time to depart from this place. Tomorrow is another day to remember and reflect on all that Jesus did and gave for us. Go in peace, transformed by Christ’s commands.

All: This is our commandment: To love each other. We will go in peace and wait. We will try to stay awake.

Reader: We will conclude our worship by going outside, for the burning of our prayer chain. We will process out, please wait for each table group to be dismissed.

Litany for Burning Prayer Chain

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All: The light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Stay with us Lord for it is evening.

All: And the day is almost over.

Pastor: Let your light scatter darkness.

All: And illumine your church.

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before you as incense;

All: The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Reader: A reading from the book of Revelation: "Another angel with a golden censor came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel."

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before you as incense;

All: The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Pastor: Let us pray. Loving God, we lift before you these prayers of your people. As the smoke rises heavenward, may our hurts and hopes contained on these pieces of paper be brought before you. Bless all those for whom we pray, strengthen us in our own prayer lives and help us to listen for your most gracious response. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

HYMNS FOR OUTSIDE

“Jesus Remember Me”

**Jesus remember me,
When you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus remember me,
When you come into your kingdom.**

“Sanctuary”

**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and Holy, tried and true.
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for you.**

I exalt thee, I exalt thee, I exalt thee, O Lord.