

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

Maundy Thursday



"The Last Supper" Sadao Watanabe (1977)



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

March 28, 2024
7:30 pm

**Blessing the Bread,
the Cup**

Let us bless the bread
that gives itself to us
with its terrible weight,
its infinite grace.

Let us bless the cup
poured out for us
with a love that drenches,
that makes us anew.

Let us gather
around these gifts
simply given
and deeply blessed.

And then let us go
bearing the bread,
carrying the cup,
laying the table
within a hungry world.

Jan Richardson

With nightfall 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. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering

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

Confession

P 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.

Silence for individual reflection.

P Gracious God:

C **our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

P The God of all mercy and consolation has reconciled the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit may the image of God be restored in you, the wisdom of God renewed in you, and the breath of God revived in you, in the name of the blessed and holy ✠ Trinity.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 490
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Congregation is seated.

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.

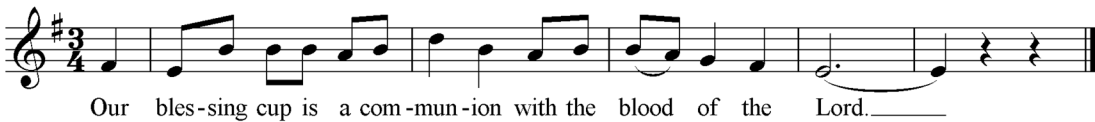
The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a 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. 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.

L Word of God, word of Life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116

Congregation Sings Refrain

Psalm 116: Refrain:	Marty Haugen.
	
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How can I make a return to the Lord for all he has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call
on the name of the Lord. **R**
Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful
ones; and I am your servant, your chosen one,
for you have set me free. **R**
Unto your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to you.
In the presence of all who have called on your name,
in the courts of the house of the Lord. **R**

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.

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.

L Word of God, word of Life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Foot Washing *The congregation is invited to come forward to have their feet washed. A hand washing table is also available for those who prefer.*

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. 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. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

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.

Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-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.

"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."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 360
Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 666
What Wondrous Love Is This

Prayers of Intercession

P Let us offer our prayers, for the needs of the church and the world, to God who has given us new life in Christ's passage through death.

God of love,
it is because of your immense love for us that
you stooped to be our servant and willingly suffered to give us life.
For that love we give you thanks.
We also praise you for the way that love is evidenced
in creation...
in our community...
in our church...
in our lives...
in the events of this Holy Week...
Lord in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P God of love,
you have given us a new command to love each other.
Help us to show that love
in our care of creation...
to the nations of the world...
to our nation and its leaders...
in this community...

through the church universal...
through this local church in its ministry...
to persons with particular needs...
Lord in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

P In all our thoughts and actions
may we be your servants and reflect your love.
We pray this in the name of your servant Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you forever.

C **Amen.**

Meal

Peace

P The Lord Jesus after he had supped with his disciples and washed their feet, said to them, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

C **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you."**

P "Love one another, as I have loved you." the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Reconciled by his love, let us offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord

The Offertory Anthem *Shadows of Gethsemane* arr. D. Edwards
Nightingale Bells

Offertory Hymn Create in Me a Clean Heart

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.

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Offertory Prayer

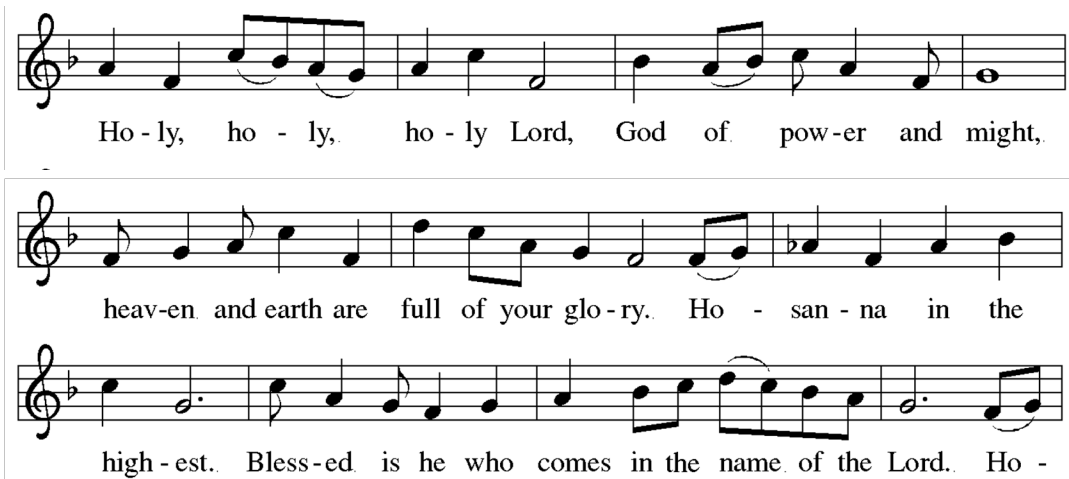
P God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Great Thanksgiving

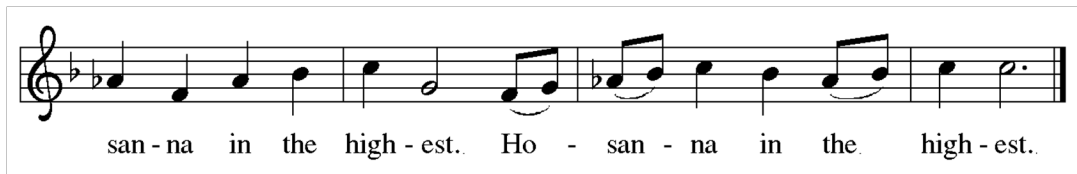
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Preface

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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Eucharistic Prayer

- P Blessed are you, O living God, sovereign of time and space.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Your word leads us across the waters to freedom,
passing over with us from death to life.
Blessed be God forever!
- C **Blessed be God forever!**
- P Blessed are you, O living God, for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ.
He is the Lamb, whose blood saves us from sin.
He is your Servant, who washes our feet with mercy.
He is himself our Food, the bread and cup of salvation.
Blessed be God forever!
- C **Blessed be God forever!**
- P On the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave you thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
- C **Do this for the remembrance of me.**
- P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave you 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.
- C **Do this for the remembrance of me.**
- P Blessed be God forever!
- C **Blessed be God forever!**

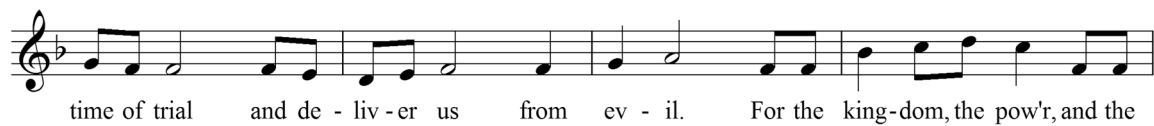
P Blessed are you, O living God, for your Spirit of love.
 Feed us at this table with the body and blood of your Son.
 Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need.
 Bring us with all your people to the joy of the resurrection.
 Blessed be God forever!

C **Blessed be God forever!**

P Amen, Amen.

C **Amen, Amen.**

Lord's Prayer



Invitation

- P Where charity and love abide, there is God.
Rejoice in this holy communion. Come to the table.
- C **Amen.**

Congregation is seated.

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.

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Distribution

Distribution Hymn Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 463
Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed

Blessing

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

Congregation is seated.

Stripping of the Altar

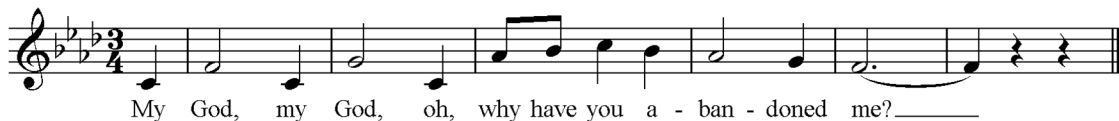
*All Linens, paraments and candles are removed from the altar
and chancel as Psalm 22 is sung.*

Psalm 22

Congregation sings refrain:

Psalm 22: Refrain:

Marty Haugen.



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Choir:

All who see me laugh at me, they mock me and they shake their heads: "He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be his refuge." (refrain)

As dogs around me, they circle me about. Wounded me and pierced me, I can number all my bones. (refrain)

My clothing their divided, for my garments, casting lots, Oh Lord do not desert me, but hasten to my aid. (refrain)

I will praise you to my people, and proclaim you in their midst. Oh fear the Lord and praise him, give glory to his name. (refrain)

There is no benediction because the worship service continues tomorrow evening. All leave the church in silence.



Good Friday – March 29

7:30 p.m. The Seven Last Words of Christ (Sanctuary and Livestream)

Holy Saturday – March 30

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – March 31

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Early Service

9:30 a.m. Festival of the Resurrection (Sanctuary and Livestream)

10:45 a.m. Easter Brunch



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