



**Grace Lutheran Church**  
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To glorify God, to grow in faith,  
to give in service, together in Christ

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor  
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music  
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator  
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

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. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

*Please stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



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 day [night] 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.

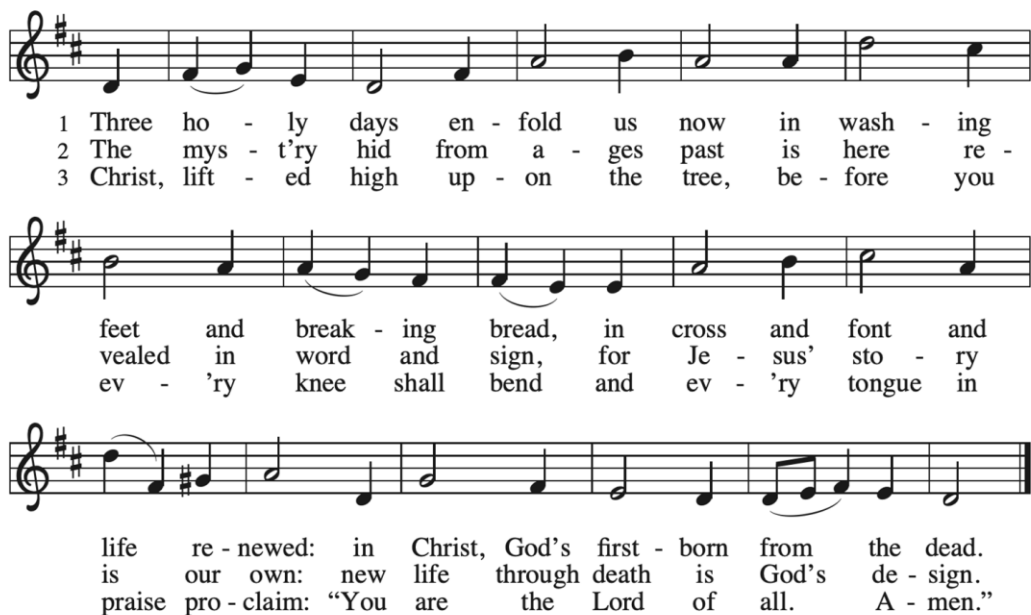
Most merciful God,

**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 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.**

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.**

## Opening Hymn: 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."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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## 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.**

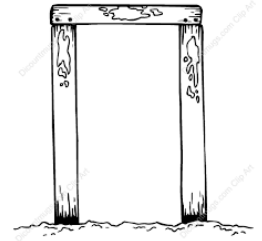
## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C. Amen.**

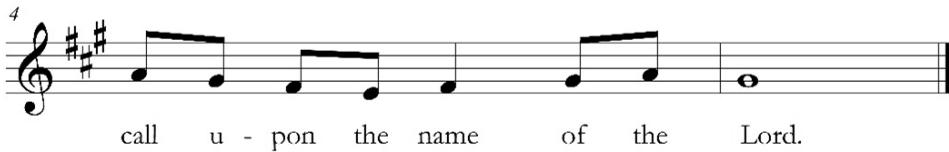
## First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14 (story of the Passover)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you....

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm: 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  
whenev- | 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**

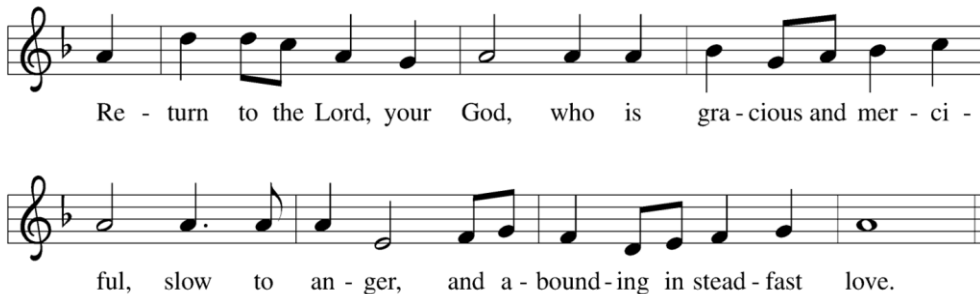
Psalm Prayer

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</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. **C. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel acclamation: Return to the Lord



### Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31-35

P. The gospel of the Lord, according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Sermon: For You**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**

## Hymn of the Day: An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

Text, Fred Pratt Green; Tune: O Waly Waly



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still gath - er  
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may bow us  
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be made com -  
yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our Fa - ther's



there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

## FOOT WASHING

*The foot washing ceremony is beloved among Christians for the symbolism it represents of service, humility and equality practiced by Christ's followers. The tradition goes back to the Last Supper when Jesus performed this ritual for the first time. The washing of the feet reminds believers that social distinction is unimportant. Christians think of all humans as siblings and, as such, equal to each other. You are invited to come back by the font for this expression of love as quiet music is played and sung. Once you are seated, you'll be invited to remove shoes and socks and extend each foot over the basin. Warm water will be poured and then your foot gently dried.*



## PRAYERS

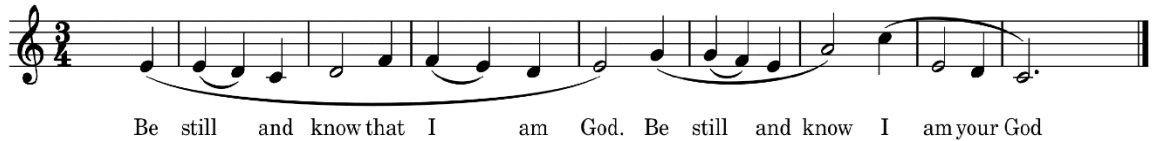
P. On this holy night, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy.



*A brief silence.*

### Prayer response: Be Still and Know

Kevin Freaney



By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of your church. Where there is division, grant healing. Where there is fracture, grant unity. Where there is indifference, grant passion. [Be still and know...]

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the creation. Put an end to destruction and renew our commitment to the fullness of life you intend for every living thing. [Be still and know...]

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the human family. Bring understanding and a spirit of cooperation to nations and communities in conflict. Dissolve distrust into understanding and transform disregard into profound care for one another. [Be still and know...]

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. Feed those who hunger, give shelter to those without a home, heal the sick, and grant rest to the dying. [Be still and know...]

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of this community. Help us seek not so much to be served, but to serve; not to be loved, but to love; not to be forgiven, but to forgive, for the sake of the gospel. [Be still and know...]

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness within us. Cast out all fear of separation from you, and join us to the communion of saints who celebrate at your eternal banquet table.: [Be still and know...]



We pray to you, O God, in the name of the one who endured the cross, forgives our sin, and feeds us at his table, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C. Amen.**

## PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

**Choir: Ubi Caritas (Holy is the Lord)**

**Arr. Kevin Freaney**

## OFFERTORY

### *Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

## Offering Prayer

A. 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.

**C. Amen.**

## 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...and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy (sung twice)



## Thanksgiving at the Table

P. Blessed are you, O God of the universe....

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C. Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

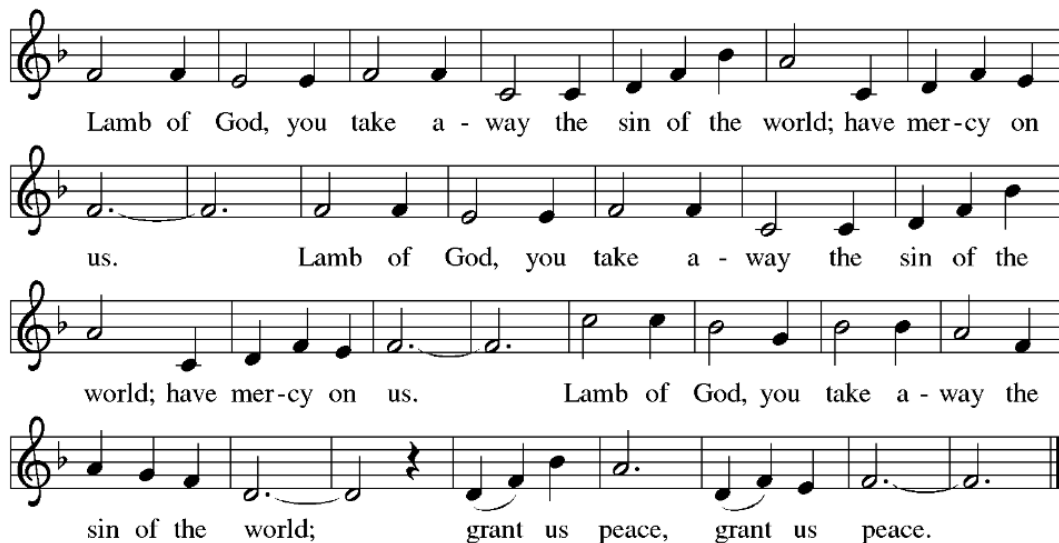
P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C. Our Father, who art in heaven.....**

## Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

## Lamb of God



## Communion Hymn: Just As I Am

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| 1 Just as I am, without one plea,<br>but that thy blood was shed for me,<br>and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come. | 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,<br>wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;<br>because thy promise I believe,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come, |
| 2 Just as I am, though tossed about<br>with many a conflict, many a doubt,<br>fightings and fears within, without,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come. | 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown<br>has broken ev'ry barrier down;<br>now to be thine, yea, thine alone,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come.        |

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

## Prayer after Communion

A. 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.**

## **Stripping of the altar**

*The service concludes as the lights are dimmed and Psalm 88 is read.*

*All depart in silence.*



*Holy Week continues with Good Friday services at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.*

## **Serving today**

Presider and preacher, Pastor Nancy Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: Jean Shaffer

Communion Assistant: Frank Stone

Psalm 88: Charlie Roney

Ushers: Carol MacDonald & Bruce Schmidt

Altar Guild: Laura Kratz & Kay Stone

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