

Maundy Thursday



"The Greatest Among You Will Be Your Servant"

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

“There Is a Fountain”

Advanced Bells

Confession of Sins

- L: 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.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that 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.**
- L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- L: Let us pray. We search the horizon of the past, Holy God.
- C: There we see blood-splattered doorways. There we smell the aroma of roasted lamb. There we hear wailing as firstborn children are mourned.**
- L: We search the horizon of the future, Holy God.
- C: There we see a banquet spread. There we hear heavenly choruses. There we join the eternal celebration.**
- L: In the meal your Son provided this night, we are given a glimpse of the past,
- C: a vision of your ancient salvation.**
- L: In the meal your Son provided this night, we are given a glimpse of our future,
- C: a vision of your anticipated salvation.**
- L: And so, with our eyes set on your Son, Holy God,
- C: We pray that his meal may work in us.**
- L: Make us ready to proclaim:
- C: “God is our salvation!”**
- L: Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now,
- C: and forever. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The First Reading

Exodus 12: 12:1-4 & 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 2This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3Tell 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. 4If 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.

¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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. ¹⁴This 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.

Song

ELW#336 *"Lamb of God"*

Verse 1

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

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

The Gospel

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

¹²After 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?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." ^{31b}Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Message

Song of the Day

"All Who Are Thirsty"

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep
We sing
Come Lord Jesus come
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Prayers of the People of God

L: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, Water of Life, we are grateful that your basin and towel, like your grace, shows us how to serve the world. When our thinking becomes confined by hierarchy and our lives restricted by meritocracy, remind us again this Holy Week that your power is not a force to elevate ourselves or a tool to demean others; but that your power is made perfect through the way of humility and self-giving. Lord, hear us,

C: and humble us.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, Bread of Life, we are grateful that your table, like your grace, knows no bounds or barriers. When we exclude others based on prejudice, teach us again this Holy Week that we are known as your followers by the way we embody your love for the world. Lord, hear us,

C: and fill us.

- L: Lord Jesus Christ, Cup of Life, we are grateful that your sacrifice and suffering, like your grace, meets us in the places of deepest sorrow and pain. When we deny the hurt in ourselves and minimize the pain of others because of pride, ignorance, or callousness, remind us once again this Holy Week that as we follow in your steps, we walk the way of suffering for the world and that true healing often comes as death opens a space for new life to emerge. Lord, hear us,
- C: and strengthen us.**
- L: Lord Jesus Christ, Teacher of Abundant Life, continue to tutor us by your Holy Spirit in the ways of your kingdom and in the lessons of your love. May our minds be transformed, may our hearts be ever expanded, and may our lives be shaped by your death and your resurrection.
- C: Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

Annette Nolan

Upper Room Meditation

- L: Flickering candles cast long shadows upon the walls of the upper room as Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Passover feast. In this humble sanctuary the King of kings, the Creator of all life, knelt before his creation and washed the feet of his followers. Becoming a servant, the Son of God displayed the true nature of love as he comforted his friends.

As it grew time for the Passover meal to be served, Jesus shared with his chosen ones the very heart of his mission. "This is my body given for you." The disciples watched in wonder as the Jesus lifted the chalice of wine. "This is my blood, the blood of the new covenant shed for the forgiveness of all people."

It was there, in a simple room made of stone, that a new portrait of grace was given to the world.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(spoken)*

- C: 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.**

Distribution Songs

"In Remembrance"


Sanctuary Singers

ELW #708 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

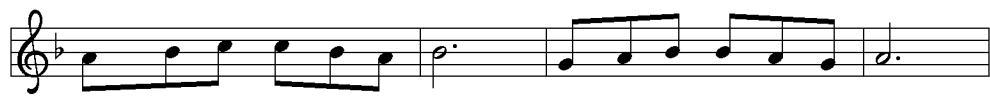
Refrain




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Post-Communion Blessing

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.

C: Amen.

Stripping of the Altar & Psalm 88

Musical Meditation

"What Wondrous Love"

Advent Ringers

Dismissal in silence.

(Worship service continues on Good Friday, April 7 at 7:00pm)