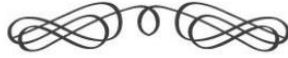




# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*



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**Maundy Thursday**



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## **The Great Three Days**

Day One: Maundy Thursday, April 01, 2021  
6:30 PM

The Great “Three Days” is one of a great festival held over three days, beginning with Holy Thursday’s celebration of the Lord’s Supper. Each one of these days is filled with symbols that lead us toward the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday. Through the institution of Communion, Jesus also gives us a new commandment...to love one another as I have loved you. Frequently, Holy Thursday is called Maundy Thursday. Maundy comes from the Latin word “mandatum,” meaning “mandate, or commandment.” We gather today to be reminded of God’s love for us and our commandment to love one another.

## Confession and Forgiveness

—Please remain seated—

P: Friends in Christ, 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, a struggle begun in our baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. Today 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.

—A quiet moment for personal reflection and confession—

P: 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.**

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

**WORD:**

—Please be seated—

Let us listen attentively to the readings for this day.

## The First Reading

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

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

**C: <sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

L: <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for me?

**C: <sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

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

**C: <sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

L: <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.

**C: <sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

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

**C: <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Acclamation (Spoken)**

— Please stand as able for the receiving of the Gospel—

P: On this day, our Lord said, "I give you a new commandment...

**C: ... that you love one another just as I have loved you."**

## **The Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 13 [1-17, 31b-35].

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

<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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Prayers of Intercession

P: United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world. —A brief silence—

P: You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — A brief silence— Hear Us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We pray for all of our ministry partners: The ministries of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,



Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our missionaries Revs. Colin and Jeni Grangaard, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Hear Us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

This is Christ's table. All who are baptized and believe are welcome to His table!
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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 our thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P:** Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P:** With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Communion**

— Please be seated—

We will commune by drinking out of the pre-filled Communion Cups, found at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

Due to COVID-19, we ask that you please not sing.

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.  
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

## Communion Blessing

—Please stand as able—

**P:** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C:** Amen.

- P: O Lord, God of my salvation,  
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
- C: let my prayer come before you;  
incline your ear to my cry.**
- P: For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.
- C: I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;  
I am like those who have no help,**
- P: like those forsaken among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,
- C: like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.**
- P: You have put me in the depths of the Pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.
- C: Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.**
- P: You have caused my companions to shun me;  
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
- C: I am shut in so that I cannot escape;  
my eye grows dim through sorrow....**
- P: Your wrath has swept over me;  
your dread assaults destroy me.
- C: They surround me like a flood all day long;  
from all sides they close in on me.**
- P: You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;  
my companions are in darkness.

**We depart in silence.**

**The Great Three Days continues tomorrow evening with the  
Tenebrae Service at 6:30 pm.**

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