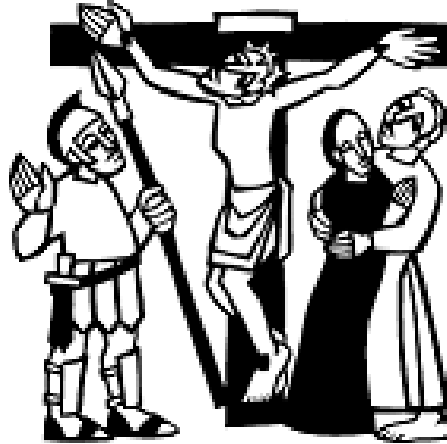


## Maundy Thursday



April 14, 2022

5:30 PM

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*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. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

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### GATHERING

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#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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 is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**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**

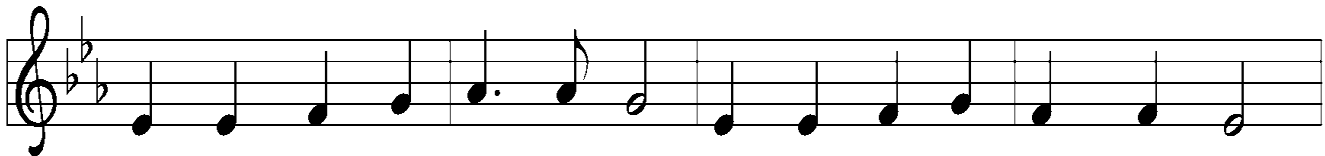
**done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

### LAYING ON OF THE HANDS

#### GATHERING HYMN      "Go to Dark Gethsemane"      #347 ELW



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God,

**When facing death, Jesus thought of his mother, Mary, and commended her to the disciple whom he loved. Inspire us by this act of care within community, so we can live with one another in holy love. Amen.**

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## SCRIPTURE

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### **PSALM: Psalm 26**

<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

<sup>2</sup>**Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>**I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

<sup>5</sup>I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

<sup>10</sup>**those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

<sup>11</sup>But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

<sup>12</sup>**My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.**

### **GOSPEL: John 19:16b-30**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Judeans read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the temple said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." <sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The word of the Lord

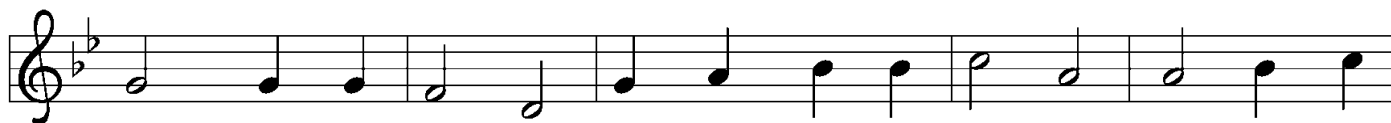
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Ah, Holy Jesus”**

**#349 ELW**



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** - *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

**OFFERING** - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Extravagant God,

**you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION to COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.**

### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*All leave the church in silence*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Evelyn Richter, Patti Wanous.

**ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS** (or want to be Choir Members) We will be starting Choir Practice on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join the choir.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB** is meeting on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30pm at the Wahkon Inn. Lunch and a speaker. \$12 call Lois Johnson for reservations: 320 684-2000. See poster on bulletin board in Narthex for more info.

### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**Apr. 15, 2022 – Apr. 17, 2022**

Friday	4/15	9:00 am	Good Friday Worship Service
		7:30 pm	Isle Community Cantata
Sunday	4/17	8:30 am	Easter Sunday in Person & Live Stream
		10:00 am	Easter Sunday in Person