

Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025
7:30pm



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MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end. We gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life. The Maundy Thursday liturgy often centers on Jesus' commandment in John to love one another; this year, Luke invites us to the intimate scene of the Last Supper, where we receive Jesus' command to remember him in the bread and wine. 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

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 let us enter into the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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.**

The congregation is invited to come forward to kneel (or stand) at the altar rail for the laying on of hands as the minister says:

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

GREETING

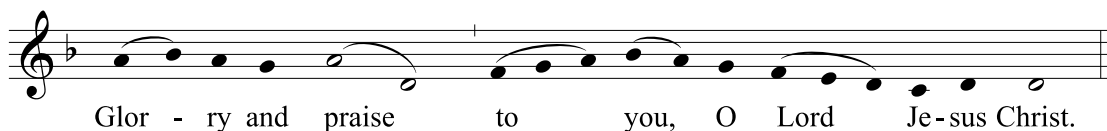
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, **on the night of his betrayal, Jesus shared a meal of bread and wine with his disciples saying, “Do this in remembrance of me.”** Now, as we remember Christ’s passionate suffering and death, and the love he poured out on us and all people, for the forgiveness of sin, give us the courage to follow him by way of the cross. This we pray through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *If with All Your Heart* – Felix Mendelssohn David Gustafson

The Gospel Reading is presented in three sections framed by the singing of Psalm 116 as a Gospel Responsory. The Congregation sings all the text in bold. Due to the length, the Congregation may remain seated.



Cantors: I give you a | new commandment, that you love one another just as I | have loved you. (John 13:34) **Repeat Antiphon.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:7-13

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.” They asked him, “Where do you want us to make preparations for it?” “Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.” So they went and found everything as Jesus had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.



PSALM 116:1-2, 10-11

**I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my | suppli-
cation, for the Lord has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.**

**How shall I re- | pay the Lord | for all the good things God has | done for
me? I will lift the cup | of salvation and call on the name | of the Lord.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:14-24

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.



PSALM 116: 14-15, 16-17

**I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord in the presence of | all God's people.
Precious in your | sight, O Lord, is the death | of your servants.**

**O Lord, truly I | am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds. I will offer you the
sacrifice | of thanksgiving and call upon the name | of the Lord.**

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:24-30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, “The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. “You are those who have stood by me in my trials, and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.



PSALM 116:18-19

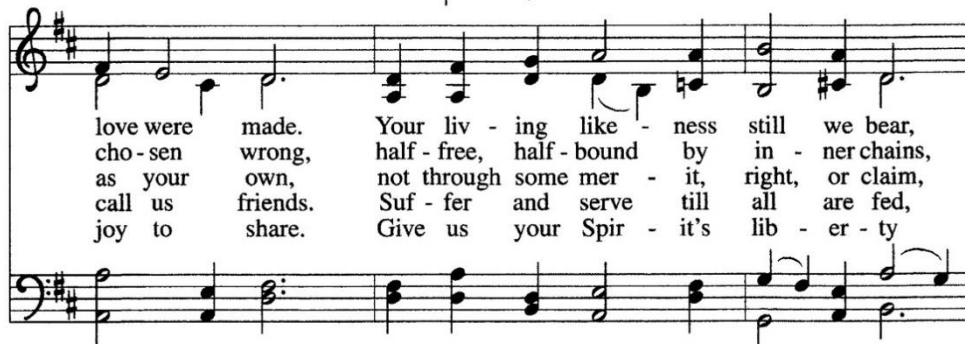
I will fulfill my vows¹ to the Lord in the presence of¹ all God's people, in the courts of¹ the Lord's house, in the midst of you,¹ O Jerusalem.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen**

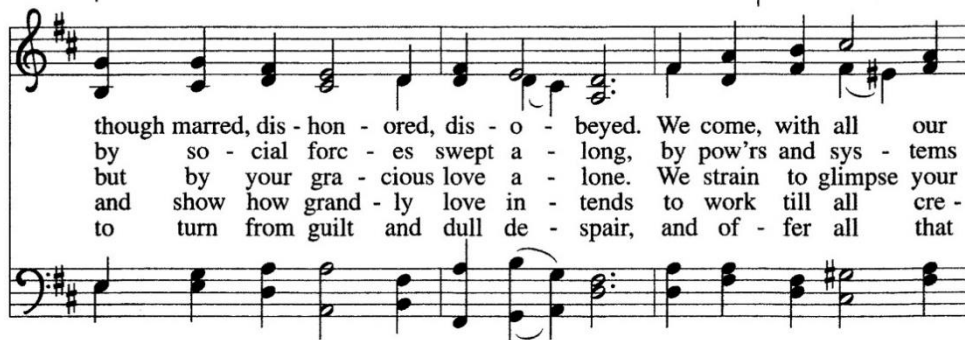
HYMN Great God, Your Love Has Called Us (*please stand*)



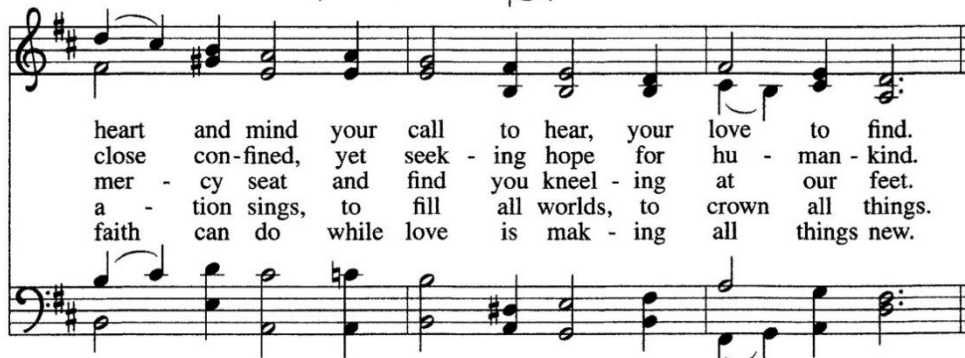
1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please be seated)*

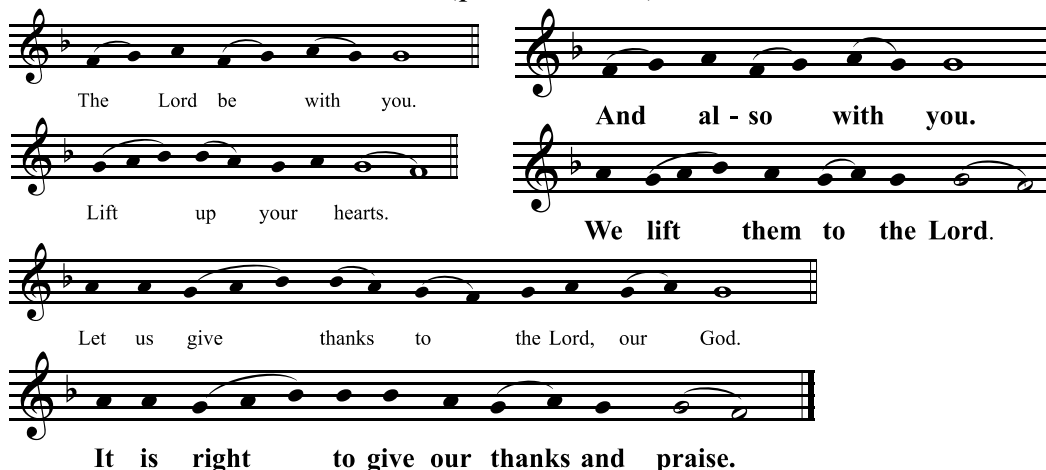
PEACE

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

ANTHEM *Come Unto Me (Messiah)* - Handel

Taylor Hulett

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*



The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

And al - so with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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 - san - - - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took break, gave thanks, then gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in 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 in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray as Je - sus taught us.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en hal - lowed be your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we

for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al

and de - liv - er us from e - vil, For the king - dom, the pow'r

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Bride of Christ - Jacobson and Lange

Cantors

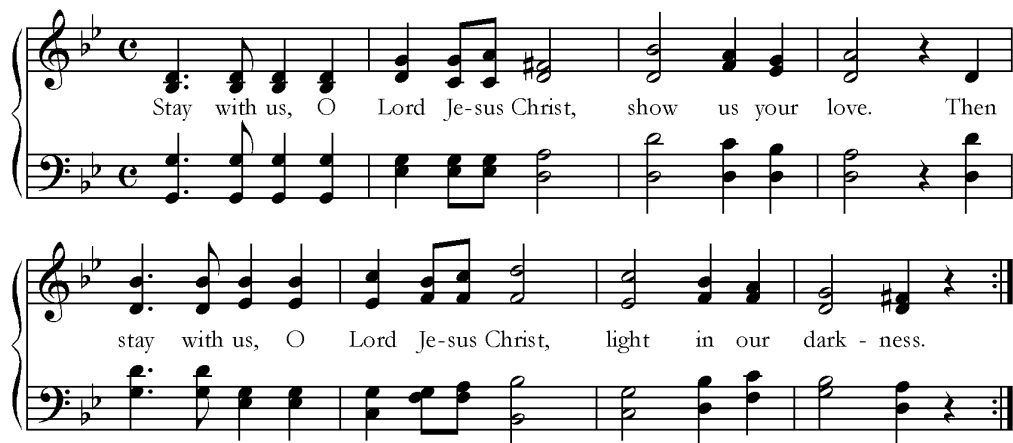
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

TAIZÉ RESPONSE *(repeated)*



Stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, show us your love. Then
stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

Taizé Chant

A moment of silence is kept.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As our cantors, Taylor Hulett & David Gustafson, chant Psalm 22, the altar is stripped. This action is reflective of Christ being stripped of all dignity as he journeyed to the cross. This is the only time in the church year the altar is stripped. Inscribed on the top of the altar are five crosses representing the five wounds of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There is no benediction.

Please depart the church grounds in silence.

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