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**Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026**



# MAUNDY *Thursday*

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## Holy Communion

\*stand +kneel

### INTRODUCTION

*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.*

### GATHERING

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The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 258)

*The presiding minister invites the assembly into the confession, using these or similar words.*

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. [We have shared this discipline of Lent with new brothers and sisters in Christ who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.]

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.

*All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.*

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

*The presiding minister leads the assembly in the 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.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

**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.**

**\*GATHERING SONG.....“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us” (ELW 358)**

# Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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.

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## **\*GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

**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.**

## **\*KYRIE (ELW p. 138)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

**P** - Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**P** - 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.

**C** - **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

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God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14**

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

<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. <sup>3</sup> Tell 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. <sup>4</sup> If 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. <sup>11</sup> This 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. <sup>12</sup> I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The 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.

<sup>14</sup> “This 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.”

R - The word of the Lord.

**C - Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (Read Responsively)**

<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**  
**whenever | 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**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

<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.

R - The word of the Lord.

**C - Thanks be to God.**

## **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....**

**"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (ELW 811)**

On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
that life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase.

Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!

## **\*GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.*

**P** - The holy gospel according to John.

**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 decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. 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 supper, 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 reclined again, 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, slaves 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.**

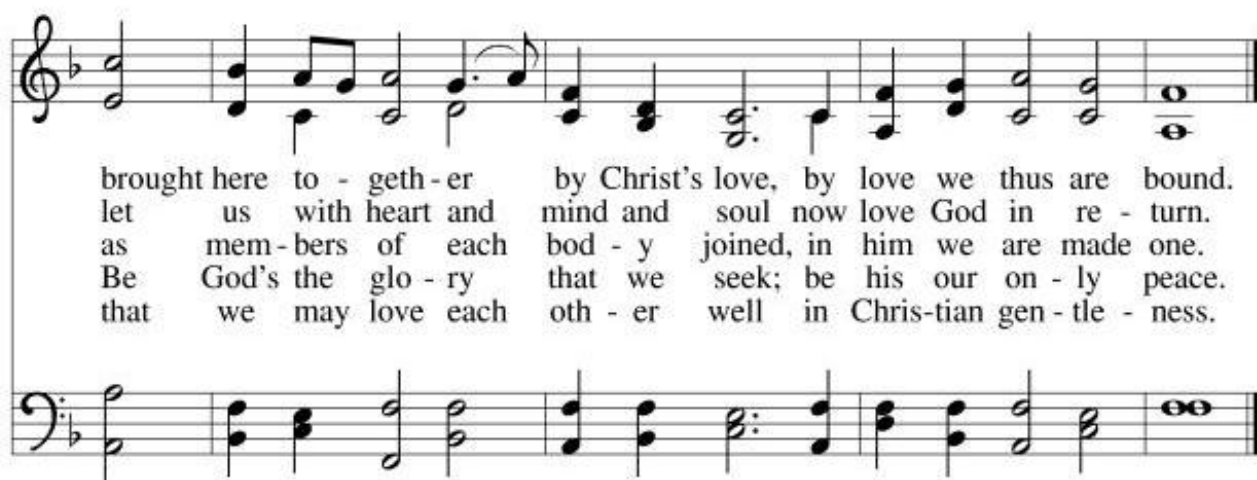
## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY...“Where Charity and Love Prevail” (ELW 359)**

**Where Charity and Love Prevail**



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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## **FOOTWASHING**

*When footwashing is included in the service, the assembly is seated. The presiding minister may introduce the footwashing with these or similar words.*

P - On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

## ADDITIONAL HYMN DURING FOOTWASHING .....

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” (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.

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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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## \*APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he**

**ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

**P** - On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

*A brief silence.*

**P** - Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

**C - Your mercy is great.**

**P** - Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation. Hear us, O God.

**C - Your mercy is great.**

**P** - God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience. Hear us, O God.

**C - Your mercy is great.**

**P** - Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C - Your mercy is great.**

**P** - Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another. Hear us, O God.

**C - Your mercy is great.**

P - Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**C - Your mercy is great.**

P - We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C - Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P - The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C - And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

### **MEAL**

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God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### **\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING...**

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” (ELW 182)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P - O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into

the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**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 our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE**

P - 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:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

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, 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.**

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P - Come to the table. Feast on God’s goodness and mercy.**

## **\*COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

**P - The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond***

**C - Amen.**

## **\*TABLE BLESSING**

*The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds*

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

**C- Amen.**

## **HYMN DURING COMMUNION...**

**“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” (ELW 494)**

## For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

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### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assembly stands. An assisting minister prays the prayer after communion.*

**P** - Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

**P** - 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 (ELW p. 261)**

*The service may conclude with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped.*

### **PSALM 22 (Read in Unison)**

- <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my  
groaning?**
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night but find no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.**
- <sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- <sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**
- <sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by others and despised by the people.**
- <sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
they sneer at me; they shake their heads;**
- <sup>8</sup> “Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**
- <sup>9</sup> Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.**
- <sup>10</sup> On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**
- <sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.**
- <sup>12</sup> Many bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**
- <sup>13</sup> they open wide their mouths at me,**

like a ravening and roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
<sup>15</sup> my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
<sup>16</sup> For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they bound my hands and feet.  
<sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;  
<sup>18</sup> they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.  
<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
<sup>20</sup> Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!  
<sup>21</sup> Save me from the mouth of the lion!  
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.  
<sup>22</sup> I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
<sup>24</sup> For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me  
but heard when I cried to him.  
<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

**those who seek him shall praise the LORD.**

**May your hearts live forever!**

**<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,**

**and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.**

**<sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**

**<sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.**

**<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord**

**<sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.**

The blessing and dismissal are omitted.

All depart in silence following the recession of the pastor and worship assistants.

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**THE WEEK OF THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2**

7:00 PM -Worship Service with footwashing

**Good Friday, April 3**

7:00 PM -Worship Service

**Holy Saturday, April 4**

6:45 PM -Easter Vigil Worship Service

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

9:15am -Sunday School

10:30am -Worship Service

**Maundy Thursday April 2- 7:00 PM**

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