

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 14, 2022

7:00 pm

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 disciple. 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.

PRELUDE

"O Lamb of God Most Holy"

J. N. David

+ **Gathering** +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Holy God

You called all that is into being and offered humanity life in all its fullness.

Yet we have allowed good relationships to be broken.

We have become distant from you and our neighbour.

Lord have mercy.

At times we have failed to speak out for justice,

leaving the voiceless without an advocate.

Christ have mercy.

To all who fall short of God's glory

you offer pardon and peace.

Lord have mercy.

God is just and forgiving.

God receives you as you are,

lifts you up and calls you again to

be people upholding justice and peace.

Receive God's pardon and peace,

knowing that all sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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LAYING ON OF HANDS

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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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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Those assembled in person are invited forward to receive an individual laying on of hands for forgiveness and healing.

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 together.

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 +

READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

A reading from Exodus.

¹The 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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

The congregation sings the antiphon and the verses in bold.

Antiphon:



Psalm Tone:



¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
²**for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.
¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?
¹³**I will lift the cup | of salvation**
and call on the name | of the LORD. Antiphon

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**
¹⁶O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
 you have freed me | from my bonds.
¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**
¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
 in the presence of | all God's people,
¹⁹**in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.** *Antiphon*

READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from First Corinthians.

²³ What I have passed on to you, I received from Christ—that on the night he was betrayed, our Savior Jesus took bread, ²⁴ gave thanks and broke it, saying, “This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and said, “This cup is the New Covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.”
²⁶ For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim Jesus’ death until Christ comes.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2436). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for God is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Luke 22:7-29

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When the day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb was to be sacrificed, ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John out with the instructions, “Go and make the preparations for us to eat the Passover.” ⁹ They asked, “Where do you want us to prepare the seder?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered, “When you enter the city, a man will meet you carrying a jar of water. Follow him into the house he enters. ¹¹ Say to the owner of the house, ‘The Rabbi asks, “Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover seder with my disciples?’” ¹² The owner will show you a large furnished upper room. Make the preparations there.” ¹³ They went out and found everything as

Jesus had told them. And they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴ When the hour had come, Jesus took a place at the table with the apostles. ¹⁵ Jesus said to them, “I’ve longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ I tell you, I will not eat it again until everything is fulfilled in the reign of God.” ¹⁷ Then taking a cup of wine, Jesus gave thanks and said, “Take this and share it among you. ¹⁸ I tell you, I will not drink wine from now on, until the reign of God comes.” ¹⁹ Then Jesus took bread and gave thanks for it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ Jesus did the same with the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which will be poured out for you. ²¹ “Look! The hand of my betrayer is at this table with me. ²² The Chosen One is following the appointed course. But woe to the person by whom that One is betrayed!” ²³ Then they began to argue among themselves as to which of them would do such a deed. ²⁴ Another dispute arose among them about who would be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ But Jesus said to them, “Earthly rulers domineer over their people. Those who exercise authority over them are called their ‘benefactors.’ ²⁶ This must not happen with you. Let the greatest among you be like the youngest. Let the leader among you become the follower. ²⁷ For who is the greater? The one who reclines at a meal, or the one who serves it? Isn’t it the one reclining at table? Yet here I am among you as the one who serves you. ²⁸ “You are the ones who have stood by me faithfully in trials. ²⁹ Just as God has given me dominion, so I give it to you.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

Student Pastor Derek Stienmetz

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Jesus Set His Table

When Je - sus set his ta - ble, no one was turned a - way. That
race, no creed, no na - tion, no love of heart and vow, No
ev - er we find troubl - ing and seek to keep out - side, That
Je - sus set his ta - ble, no one was turned a - way. That

6
ta - ble was a pro - mise of bles - sing and of grace So set the ta - ble
gen - der is re - ject - ed. The ta - ble's wait - ing now
is the ve - ry neigh - bor who must not be de - nied
6 ta - ble is our pro - mise. It's ours to tend to - day

11
ful - ly. In - vite the whole world in. If we would share love's wel - come then

16
here's where we be - gin. No
16 Who -
When

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I invite you to assume a posture of prayer. You may sit, stand, or kneel; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or lift them to the altar.

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. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

People of God, for what else shall we pray this day? Your prayers are invited now, either silently or aloud. (*Pause for prayers.*)

Merciful God, *or* Lord, we praise you,
receive our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith. 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.

THE PEACE

The congregation may stand.

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

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

+ Meal +

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Our ancestors in faith gathered together long ago to remember, to be restored, to be renewed. They shared their story, prayed together, and made an offering to God as they prepared to set out on the long journey to freedom in the Promised Land. Today we gather to remember and to pray together, to be restored and renewed, and we bring our own offerings so the ministry of this church will continue to participate in the saving works of God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERING

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's!

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online at stjohnswilmette.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Humbly I Adore Thee”

Sung by cantor.
arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Humbly I adore Thee, verily unseen, who Thy glory hidest ‘neath these shadows mean; lo, to Thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds Thee, shrined within the cloud.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord’s own death; Living Bread, that gives all Thy creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by Thy life may live, to my taste Thy sweetness never failing give.

Jesus, whom now veiled, by faith I descry, what my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, deny. That Thy face unveiled, I at last may see, with the blissful vision blest, my God, of Thee.

OFFERTORY VERSE

Restore in Us, O God, verses 1 & 2



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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.

DIALOGUE

God is here.

All is not lost.

May our hearts be open.

And able to receive.

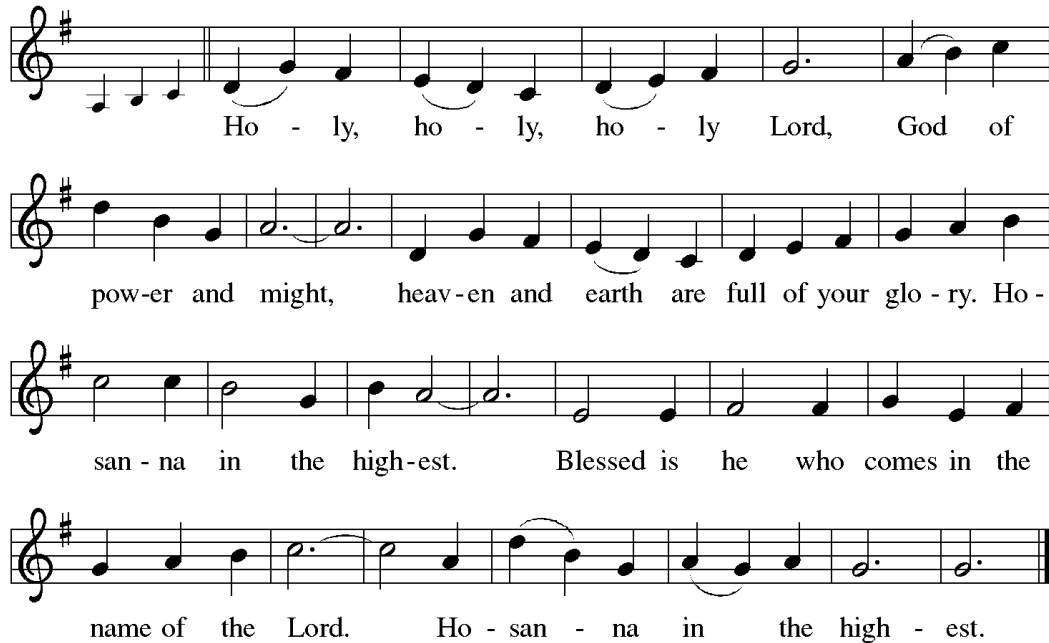
Let us give thanks for grace unending.

That our world might one day be restored.

PREFACE

We lift up our praise to you, Holy God...praising you and singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

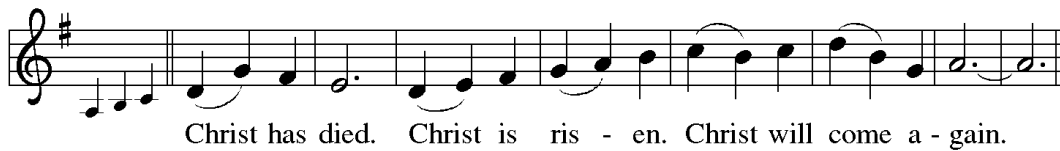


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Those worshipping online are invited to raise their bread and wine along with the pastor to be blessed.

God, our Creator...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

With this bread...O God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

**God our Mother, God our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
 Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION

COMMUNION

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! If you are online, serve yourself or those worshipping with you by saying, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are communing in person, please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher, maintaining social distancing. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please step forward and then remove your mask to eat in front of the altar. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table next to you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). You may drink and then place the empty glass in the basket. Please put your mask back on before returning to your seat. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD

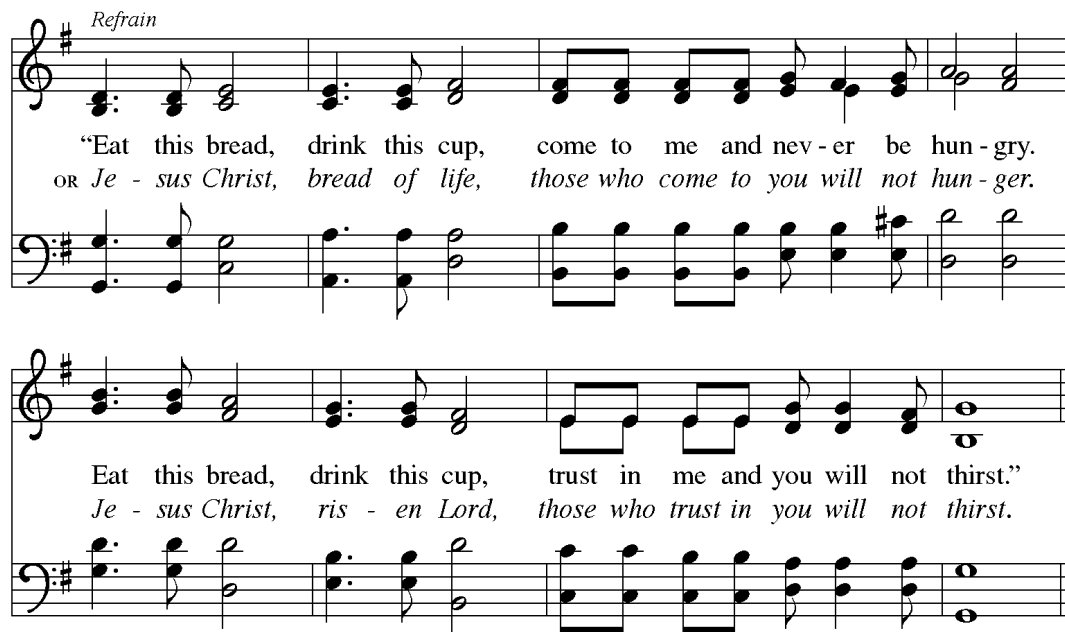
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Here Is Bread

ELW 483

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

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 Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 88

Sung by cantor.

- ¹O LORD, my ¹ God, my Savior,
by day and night I ¹ cry to you.
- ²Let my prayer enter in- ¹ to your presence;
incline your ear to my ¹ lamentation.
- ³For I am ¹ full of trouble;
my life is at the brink ¹ of the grave.
- ⁴I am counted among those who go down ¹ to the pit;
I have become like one who ¹ has no strength;
- ⁵lost among the dead, like the slain who lie ¹ in the grave,
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off ¹ from your hand.
- ⁶You have laid me in the depths ¹ of the pit,
in dark places, and in ¹ the abyss.
- ⁷Your anger weighs up- ¹ on me heavily,
and all your great waves ¹ overwhelm me.

⁸You have put my friends far from me;
you have made me to be ab- | horred by them;
I am in prison and can- | not get free.
⁹My sight has failed me be- | cause of trouble;
LORD, I have called upon you daily;
I have stretched out my | hands to you.
¹⁰Do you work wonders | for the dead?
Will those who have died stand up and | give you thanks?
¹¹Will your lovingkindness be declared | in the grave,
your faithfulness in the land | of destruction?
¹²Will your wonders be known | in the dark
or your righteousness in the country where all | is forgotten?
¹³But as for me, O LORD, I cry to | you for help;
in the morning my prayer | comes before you.
¹⁴LORD, why have you re- | jected me?
Why have you hidden your | face from me?
¹⁵Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the | point of death;
I have borne your terrors | and am helpless.
¹⁶Your blazing anger has swept | over me;
your terrors | have destroyed me;
¹⁷they surround me all day long | like a flood;
they encompass me on | every side.
¹⁸My friend and my neighbor you have put a- | way from me,
and darkness is my on- | ly companion.

*The congregation departs in silence.
The service of the Three Days continues tomorrow at 7:00 pm.*

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SERVING TODAY

<i>Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Allison Bengfort
<i>Preacher & Assisting Minister:</i>	Student Pastor Derek Stienmetz
<i>Interim Music Director & Organist:</i>	Christine Kraemer
<i>Cantor:</i>	Stephanie Chee
<i>Carillon Ringer:</i>	Jan Wendel
<i>Minister of the Word:</i>	Jordan Leinberger, Jan Wendel
<i>Usher:</i>	Tom Morrison
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susan Crist, Cindi Rachowicz, Jan Wendel
<i>Livestream Camera Operator:</i>	Luke Rasmussen
<i>Zoom Host:</i>	Luke Rasmussen