

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Night with Ebon Pinion

Choir (6:00 p.m.)

Please Stand

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.

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.**

GATHERING SONG

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359 (vs. 1,2)

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 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.**

Please Sit

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

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.

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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19 Sung Responsively



¹*I 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.***

¹²*How 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.***

¹⁴*I 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.***

¹⁶*O 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.***

¹⁸*I 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.***

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.

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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.”²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 another.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus 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.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should

love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please Sit

MESSAGE

Pastor Frank W. Anderson

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359 vs. 3-5

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near especially.... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints. In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND MEAL

We give in grateful response for all God's gifts; God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O living God, sovereign of time and space.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Your word leads us across the waters to freedom, passing over with us from death to life.

Blessed be God forever! **Blessed be God forever!**

Blessed are you, O living God, for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ.

He is the Lamb, whose blood saves us from sin.

He is your Servant, who washes our feet with mercy.

He is himself our Food, the bread and cup of salvation.

Blessed be God forever! **Blessed be God forever!**

On the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.*

Blessed be God forever! **Blessed be God forever!**

Blessed are you, O living God, for your Spirit of love.
Feed us at this table with the body and blood of your Son.
Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need.
Bring us with all your people to the joy of the resurrection.
Blessed be God forever! **Blessed be God forever!**

Amen, amen. **Amen, amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy name,	who trespass against us;
thy kingdom come,	and lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread;	and the power, and the glory,
and forgive us our trespasses,	forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered to all who believe in Jesus Christ, who confess their sins, and seek forgiveness. For those who are able, an usher will instruct the congregation when to come forward using the center aisle; please return to your pew using the side aisles. Wine, juice (white), and gluten-free wafers are available. Please alert an usher if you require assistance so communion can be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you". The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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 BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Please Sit.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

Sung by Cantor Karen Shevenell

¹*My God, my God, why have you for-¹saken me?*

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words¹ of my groaning?

²*My God, I cry out by day, but you¹ do not answer;
 by night, but I¹ find no rest.*

³*Yet you are the¹ Holy One,
 enthroned on the prais-¹es of Israel.*

⁴*Our ancestors put their¹ trust in you,
 they trusted, and you¹ rescued them.*

⁵*They cried out to you and¹ were delivered;*

they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
⁶*But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,*
scorned by all and despised | by the people.
⁷*All who see me laugh | me to scorn;*
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
⁸*“Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;*
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.”
⁹*Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,*
and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.
¹⁰*I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;*
you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.
¹¹*Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,*
and there is no | one to help.
¹²*Many young bulls en- | circle me;*
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.
¹³*They open wide their | jaws at me,*
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
¹⁴*I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;*
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.
¹⁵*My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;*
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.
¹⁶*Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;*
they pierce my hands | and my feet.
¹⁷*I can count | all my bones*
while they stare at | me and gloat.
¹⁸*They divide my gar- | ments among them;*
for my clothing, | they cast lots.
¹⁹*But you, O LORD, be not | far away;*
O my help, hasten | to my aid.
²⁰*Deliver me | from the sword,*
my life from the power | of the dog.
²¹*Save me from the | lion’s mouth!*
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
²²*I will declare your name | to my people;*
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.
²³*You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.*
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
²⁴*For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the*

LORD's face hid- | den from them;

but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵*From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;*

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶*The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.*

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;*

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸*For dominion belongs | to the LORD,*

who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹*Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;*

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰*Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,*

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹*They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,*

saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

We depart in silence.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Lector: Kris Esgar (Noon); Rita Anderson (6:00)

Sacristans: Carolyn Cook & Deborah Heinrich (Noon)

Sabrina Whitecotton & Rita Anderson (6:00)

Good Friday, March 29th Noon & 6 pm

Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Sunrise Worship at 7:00 am + Breakfast at 7:30 am

SUNRISE SERVICE TAKES PLACE IN THE EAST PARKING LOT

No Sunday School + Choir Warmup at 9:30 am

The Resurrection of Our Lord at 10:30 am

Music begins at 10 am



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If you are a guest, welcome! Please ask an usher for a blue Connections Card and drop it in the offering plate so that we can get to know you better. As you leave today, be sure to introduce yourself to the pastor. If you would like to learn about membership or have other questions, please call the church office. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

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process is quick, safe, and funds are deposited immediately. Personal information is secure, and you can change your giving profile at any time. Designations for memorial or special gifts are available. An instant receipt is sent via email or text for your tax records, too.

Restrooms are located in both the Administrative and Christian Education Buildings.

Children are always welcome in our worship service, but for those who desire it, a nursery is located in the Administrative Building with the worship service available via audio.

Large Print bulletins and **KID ACTIVITY PACKS** available from an usher

The People of Saint Michael, Ministers

The Reverend Frank W. Anderson, Pastor

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Karen Shevenell, Cantor

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