Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. | April 17, 2025





Prelude

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Thomas J. Williams, arr. Arnold B. Sherman, handbells and flute

Call to Worship

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Three holy days enfold us now in washing feet and breaking bread, in cross and font and life renewed: in Christ, God's firstborn from the dead. The mystery hid from ages past is here revealed in word and sign, for Jesus' story is our own: new life through death is God's design. Christ lifted high upon the tree, before you every knee shall bend and every tongue in praise proclaim: You are the Lord of all. Amen."

At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At Christ's table we remember the sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Opening Hymn

- 1 Three holy days enfold us now in washing feet and breaking bread, in cross and font and life renewed: in Christ, God's firstborn from the dead.
- 2 The myst'ry hid from ages past is here revealed in word and sign,

"Three Days Now Enfold Us" ACS #930

for Jesus' story is our own: new life through death is God's design.

3 Christ, lifted high upon the tree, before you ev'ry knee shall bend and ev'ry tongue in praise proclaim: "You are the Lord of all. Amen."

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

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.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19



¹I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice, and listened to my ¹ supplication,

²for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me whenev- ¹ er I called.

¹²How shall I re- I pay the LORD for all the good things God has I done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup ¹ of salvation and call on the name ¹ of the LORD.

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

¹⁵Precious in your [|] sight, O LORD, is the death [|] of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me I from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice ¹ of thanksgiving and call upon the name ¹ of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows I to the LORD in the presence of I all God's people.

¹⁹in the courts of [|] the LORD's house, in the midst of you, [|] O Jerusalem.

Second Reading-

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 22:7-23

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Pastor Brian Halverson

Song

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us", ELW #358

- 1 Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
- We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong, half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along, by powers and systems close confined yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own not through some merit, right, or claim,

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

- but by your gracious love alone. We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.
 Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair, and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

Offering

"In Remembrance of Me"

arr. Jason W. Krug, handbells

Offertory

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

"Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil"

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

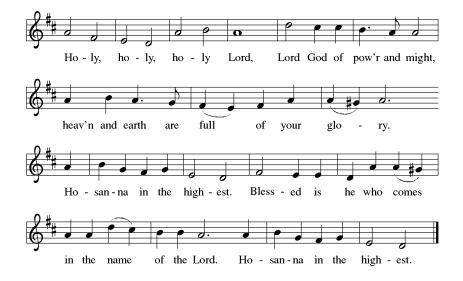
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.



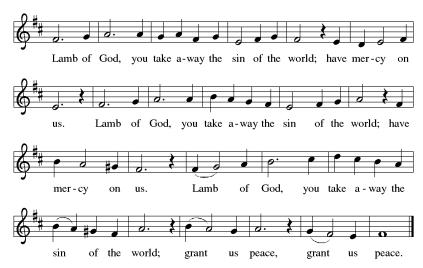
Words of Institution

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.

Lamb of God



Distribution

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

 Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
 Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Refrain

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

- Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
 In the bread and wine you gave them,
 Christ, you came as Light from Light. Refrain
- 3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.Jesus speaks across the ages:"I am with you; do not fear!" Refrain
- 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. *Refrain*

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.**

Psalm 22 – stripping of the altar

All depart in silence

Our worship has not ended. It continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. The 12:00 worship will be live streamed.

Thank you:

Pastor Brian Halverson Organist: Becky Whelpley

Handbell Choir: Heidi Bischmann, director

Flute: Anna Sitterly

EASTER WORSHIP

6:00 a.m. sunrise worship outside in the columbarium with a cappella music
8:30 a.m. traditional worship with music led by organ, choir, and brass (live-streamed)
9:30 a.m. Donut Fellowship hosted by our youth

10:45 a.m. worship with music led by the Praise

Band

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