

The Three Days Maundy Thursday Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

March 28, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Gathering

Prelude

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me Donald Busarow David Mickens, violin

+Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard Christ's call to struggle against 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.

(+) indicates that the assembly stands. Please stand as you are able.

+Greeting

+Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remain sanding for the reading of the Gospel.

Word

+Gospel

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

After the Gospel is announced, the assembly responds: Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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.

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.

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."

After the Gospel has been read, the assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

Footwashing

Choir

Love of Christ Poured Out for Us Chancel Choir; Peggy Summers, soloist Nancy Raabe

Families with children, who need to get ready to end the day, may choose to leave following the footwashing. The children gathered before the service to learn about the practices of Holy Week. We pray for our children and their families as they learn the ways to keep Maundy Thursday with the church.

Homily

+Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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+ Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Meal

+Peace

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

Offering

Ubi Caritas Chancel Choir Sung in Latin Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen

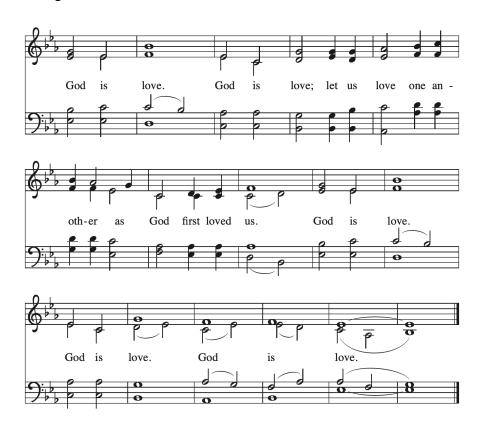
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+Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Holy and Ever-Loving God, from the beginning of time you loved us, even when we fell into sin. You sent Jesus to embody your mercy. Opening wide his arms, he laid down his life for his friends. 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.

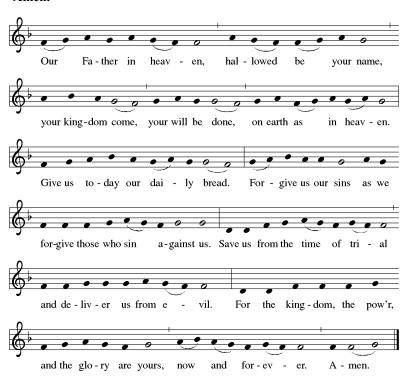
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit to this assembly; to this bread and wine; that forgiveness might bind us together with the whole creation as siblings and friends.

All our thanks and our praise, we offer to you, Holy One, now and forever.

Amen.



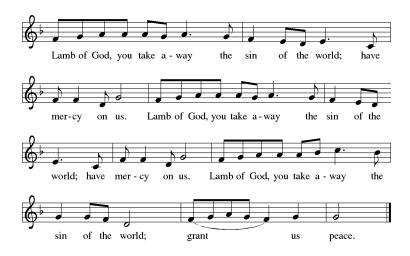
+Invitation to the Table

Come to the banquet of grace and forgiveness. At this table, all are welcome. **Thanks be to God.**

We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion.

- Receive a cup from the usher.
- Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.
- Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.
- Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher, and communion can be brought to your seat.



Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Choir

Ave Verum Corpus W.A. Mozart Chancel Choir; David and Brenda Mickens, violins Sung in Latin

Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; On the cross Thy sacred body for us all with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy body broken now, and in death's agony

Sending

Stripping of the Altar

Everything is removed from the worship space, a reminder that Jesus walked from supper to his humiliation and death while his disciples fled. As this is done, Psalm 22 is sung by the cantors.

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Please leave in silence.
There is no benediction; the Liturgy of the Three Days (Triduum)
continues tomorrow with our Good Friday services.

Today in Worship

	6:30 p.m. Service
Presiding Minister	Pastor Bradley E. Schmeling
Preacher	Pastor Jodi Houge
Assisting Minister	Jon Young
Communion Assistant	Raja David, Shirley Maier, Barbara Salava, Anita Young
Hospitality Team	John Barnicle, Laurie Possin, Barb Veath
Sacristan	Ellen Whitted
Altar Service	Leif Carlson, Barb Veath
Audio/Visual-Video	Thor Carlson
Organist	Timothy Strand
Pianist	Dennis Friesen-Carper

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