

# Maundy Thursday



April 2, 2026



## Gathering

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Friends in Christ... with one another.

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

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

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.**

P: In the mercy...of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Laying on of Hands

### To You All Hearts Are Open

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "To you all hearts are o - pen, to you all de - sires known. To you there are no se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you." The final measure of the third staff is marked "Last time" and ends with a double bar line.

To you all hearts are o - pen, to  
you all de - sires known. To you there are no  
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

## Greeting

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.**

## Prayer of the Day

### **Word**

#### First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

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>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole

assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

<sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

<sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let

none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <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>For 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. <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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm:



<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has <sup>1</sup>heard my voice,  
and listened to my <sup>1</sup>supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given <sup>1</sup>ear to me  
whenev- <sup>1</sup>er I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- <sup>1</sup>pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has <sup>1</sup>done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup <sup>1</sup>of salvation  
and call on the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup>to the LORD  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup>all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your <sup>1</sup>sight, O LORD,  
is the death <sup>1</sup>of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I <sup>1</sup>am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have  
freed me <sup>1</sup>from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice <sup>1</sup>of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup>to the LORD  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup>all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of <sup>1</sup>the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, <sup>1</sup>O Jerusalem.**

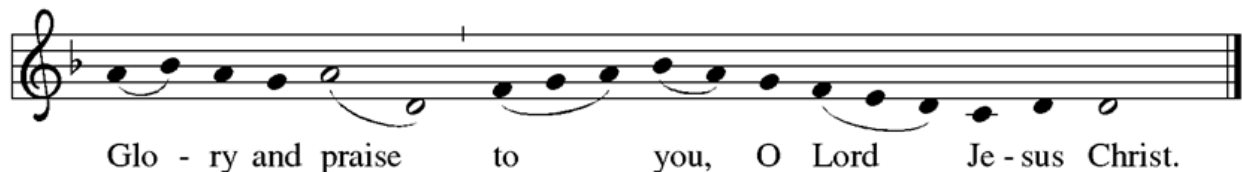
## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**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.<sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. 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 the table, 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 returned to the table, 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, servants 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

## Hymn of the Day



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.

## 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, responding to "Merciful God," with "**receive our prayer.**"

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

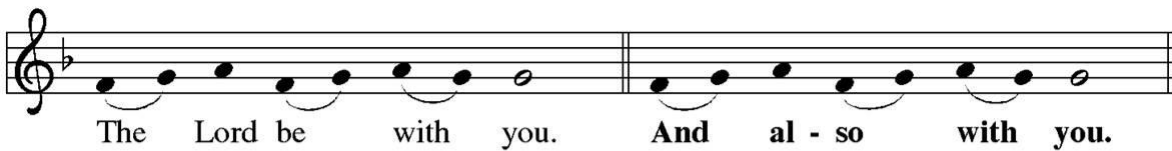
**Meal**

Musical Offering

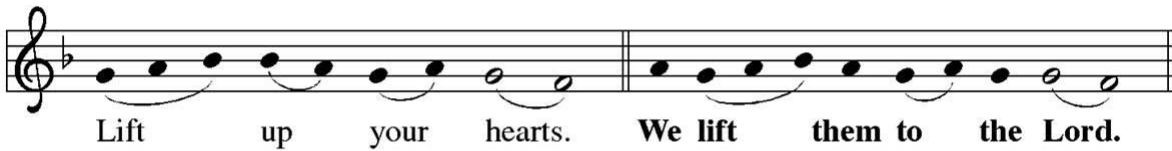
Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

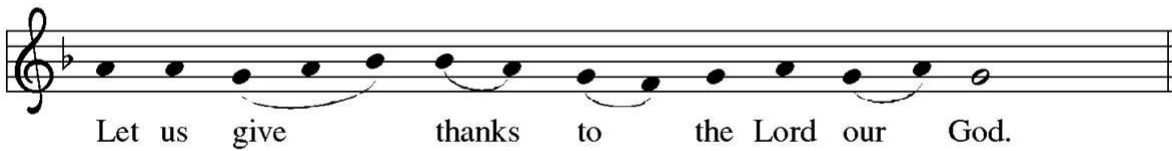
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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

Preface

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The final staff ends with a double bar line.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

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. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a Communion hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with various phrasing slurs and breath marks. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,

pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:

from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.

1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.  
 2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.  
 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

Prayer after Communion

## Stripping of the Altar

O LORD, my God, my Savior,  
by day and night I cry to you.

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer enter into your presence;  
incline your ear to my lamentation.

<sup>3</sup>For I am full of trouble;  
my life is at the brink of the grave.

<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down to the pit;  
I have become like one who has no strength;

<sup>5</sup>lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,  
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from  
your hand.

<sup>6</sup>You have laid me in the depths of the pit,  
in dark places, and in the abyss.

<sup>7</sup>Your anger weighs upon me heavily,  
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

<sup>8</sup>You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to  
be abhorred by them;  
I am in prison and cannot get free.

<sup>9</sup>My sight has failed me because of trouble;  
LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out  
my hands to you.

<sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

<sup>11</sup>Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave,  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

<sup>12</sup>Will your wonders be known in the dark  
or your righteousness in the country where all is  
forgotten?

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

<sup>14</sup>LORD, why have you rejected me?  
Why have you hidden your face from me?

<sup>15</sup>Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point  
of death;

I have borne your terrors and am helpless.

<sup>16</sup>Your blazing anger has swept over me;  
your terrors have destroyed me;

<sup>17</sup>they surround me all day long like a flood;  
they encompass me on every side.

<sup>18</sup>My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,  
and darkness is my only companion.