

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

L: God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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The Lord’s Prayer

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Communion Hymns

“A New Commandment” (WOV) #664 (sung 2x)  
“Jesus Paid It All”  
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Prayer after Communion

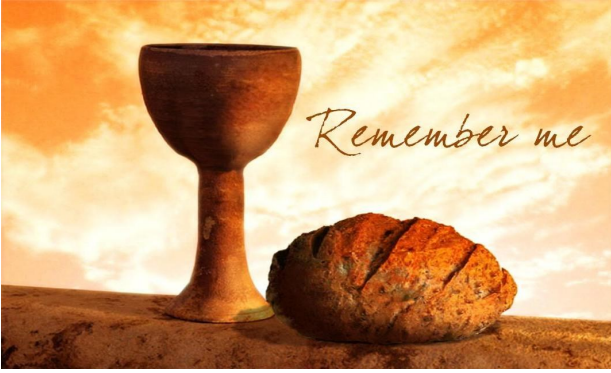
L: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection.

C: **May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #338

Stripping the Altar ~ Psalm 88 is read

All depart in silence.



Psalm 88

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence,  
<sup>2</sup>let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry.  
<sup>3</sup>For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.  
<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; I am like those who have no help,  
<sup>5</sup>like those forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.  
<sup>6</sup>You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.  
<sup>7</sup>Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves.  
<sup>8</sup>You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape;  
<sup>9</sup>my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call on you, O LORD; I spread out my hands to you.  
<sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise you?  
<sup>11</sup>Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?  
<sup>12</sup>Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?  
<sup>13</sup>But I, O LORD, cry out to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
<sup>14</sup>O LORD, why do you cast me off? Why do you hide your face from me?  
<sup>15</sup>Wretched and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.  
<sup>16</sup>Your wrath has swept over me; your dread assaults destroy me.  
<sup>17</sup>They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me.  
<sup>18</sup>You have caused friend and neighbour to shun me; my companions are in darkness.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

IN REMEMBRANCE

April 17th, 2025

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 disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. 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.*

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: 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 neighbour and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

L: Most merciful God,  
C: **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.**

L: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” #347

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

L: 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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

GOD’S WORD: Reader Stephen Bilski

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

<sup>1</sup>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 neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it... <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 judgements: 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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

C: **for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

L: How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

C: **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

L: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

C: **Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

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

C: **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

L: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,

C: **in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (SUNG)

**Come, let us to the Lord our God  
with contrite hearts return;  
our God is gracious, nor will leave  
the desolate to mourn.**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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.” <sup>31b</sup>Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Hymn of the Day:

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal” #464

Prayers of Intercession