

Holy Communion with Individual Absolution
Led by Voices of Praise

Maundy Thursday

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING SONG

God is Here (ELW 526)

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| 1 | God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts. | 3 | Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore. |
| 2 | Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each. | 4 | Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe! |

WELCOME

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS WITH INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

P 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.

*Please stand.
Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P Beloved in Christ: Do you confess that by your own sins you have earned God's wrath?

C **I confess it.**

P Do you truly regret these sins?

C **I regret them.**

P Do you forgive all those who have sinned against you?

C **I forgive them.**

P Are you trying to live according to the will of God?

C **I am trying.**

P Do you believe that God forgives sinners for the sake of Jesus Christ?

C **I believe it.**

P Then may it be unto you according to your faith. On Ash Wednesday, you began this season of repentance with confession, and you came forward to receive the ashes of repentance. Come forward now and receive your absolution, the forgiveness which comes from Christ our Lord.

Those who desire, come to the altar to receive individual absolution, either kneeling or standing. The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn:

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

P Let us pray.

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

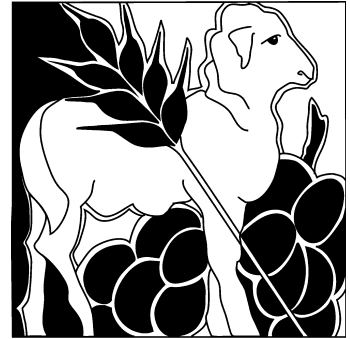
WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

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.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: I Corinthians II:23-26

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."

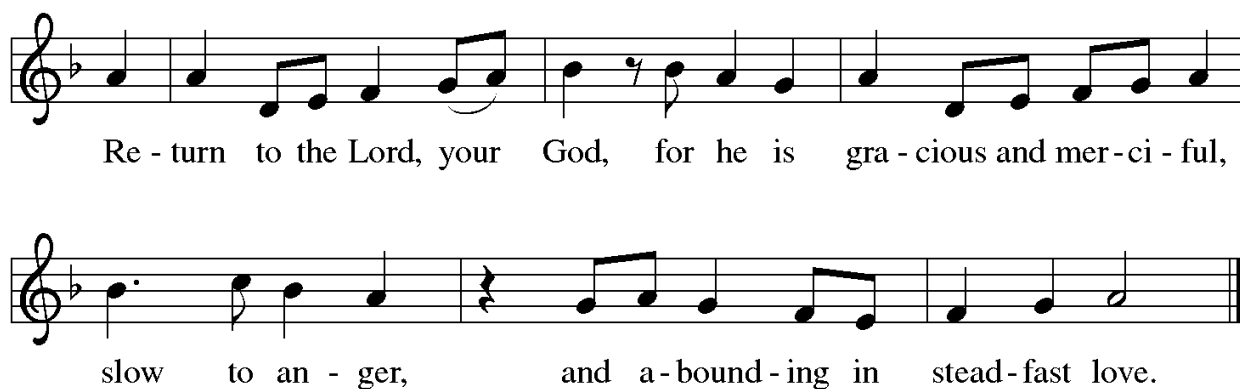
²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.



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

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please be seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Feast of Love

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1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A On this holy night, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy.

A brief silence.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of your church. Where there is division, grant healing. Where there is fracture, grant unity. Where there are growing pains, grant peace and joy. Bless Elizabeth and Phyllis, our bishops, Michael and Terri, our pastors, and Pastor Tobby and all who serve in our partner congregation, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the creation. Put an end to destruction and renew our commitment to the fullness of life you intend for every living thing. Send your wisdom to scientists who seek ways to heal the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the human family. Bring understanding and a spirit of cooperation to nations and communities in conflict, especially Yemen, Ethiopia and Ukraine. Guide those who seek to bring healing and aid, especially Lutheran World Relief. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit (*especially*). Feed those who hunger, give shelter to those without a home, heal the sick, and grant rest to the dying. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness within us. Cast out all fear of separation from you, and join us to the communion of saints who celebrate at your eternal banquet table (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into the arms of your tender embrace, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who, on the cross, opened his arms to all: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The Prayer Song is repeated.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

P Let us now offer back to God what God has first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – signs of God’s gracious love.

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY

Wash Me Clean

Please stand.

Wash me clean in that cool river;
Wash my soul in the pure water.
Wash me clean in that cool river;
Lord, make me new.
(repeated)

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. [A brief silence] Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives and possessions, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR HOLY WEEK

P It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy (Argentine)

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Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Presider prays to ask God to consecrate the Meal. Please focus your attention on the Lord’s Body and Blood.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
C Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God (ELW Setting 4)



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, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the Lord's Table! You may eat the Body and drink the Blood from the cup, or you may dip the Body into the Blood before consuming them together.

This church welcomes all baptized Christians to share in the Sacrament. To learn about becoming a baptized Christian, please speak to one of our pastors.

COMMUNION SONG

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Remembrance (The Communion Song)

Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me
Into this mystery,
Say, "take this bread, take this wine?"
Now the simple made divine for any to receive.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.
By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Chorus:

Lord, we remember You,
And remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You,
Our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation.
We remember You.

See His body, His blood;
Know that He has overcome ev'ry trial we will face.
And none too lost to be saved,
None too broken or ashamed.
All are welcome in this place.

(Chorus)

Dying, You destroyed our death.
Rising, You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

(Chorus)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand

P The Body of Christ, and his most precious Blood, preserve you unto eternal life.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A 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.

C Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

As a reminder of the way Jesus was humiliated by his captors, we will remove decorations from the altar and chancel. The lights will be dimmed and Voices of Praise will sing.

The benediction is omitted until the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. After the altar is stripped, please depart in silence.

Forsaken (Psalm 22)

Chorus:

(O) my God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
My God, my God, come quickly to my aid.
(Come quickly to my aid.)

O my God, I cried, I cried out by day,
But You did not answer.

O my God, I cried, I cried out by night,
But there was no rest for me. (*Chorus*)

Our fathers trusted in You, they were never disappointed,
'Cause You delivered.

But I'm poured out like water, my bones are all disjointed
And all who see are mocking me. (*Chorus*)

A band of evil men has closed in on me
And pierced my hands and feet.

Dogs are surrounding, mockers are shouting
If God delight in him, let Him deliver him.

Oh Lama azavtani Eli
Eli Eli lama azavtani Eli.

Enthroned on the praises of Israel, You are holy still.

Enthroned on the praises of Israel,
You are, You are, You are. (*Chorus*)

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