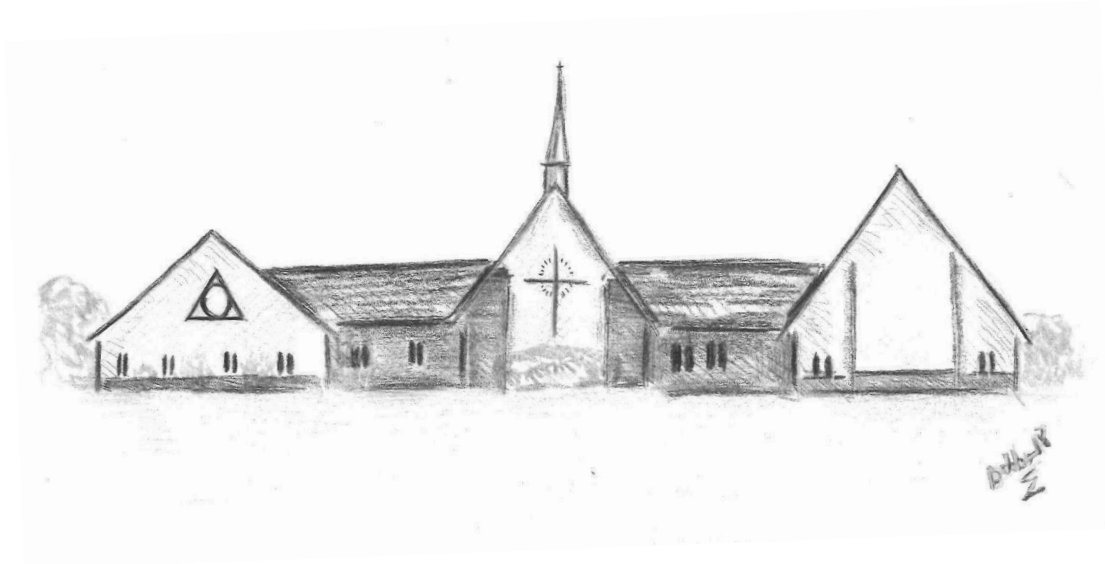


Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME

P Now, let us take a moment in silent reflection as we clear our hearts and minds for worship.

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P While we still were sinners,
Christ died for us.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
God promises to heal us and forgive us.
Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God
and of one another.

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

P For self-centered living,
And for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For misuse of human relationships,
and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For jealousies that divide families and nations,
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God,
and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For hurtful words that condemn,
and for angry deeds that harm:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim
the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous
light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his
authority, I therefore declare you to the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

WOV 644

A New Commandment



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

P Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

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.

(Reading Continues on Next Page)

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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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

C ²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

L ¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

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

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

C ¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

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

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

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

C ¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

P Please rise.

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17

P The holy gospel according to John, the thirteen chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

P Please be seated.

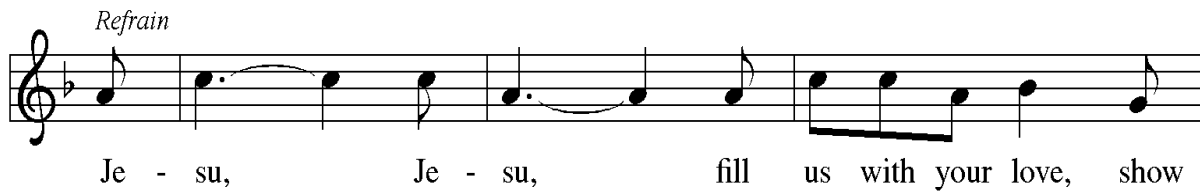
SERMON

The Reverend Ron Wesemann, Bridge Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN ELW 708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

L Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near,

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Jerry, Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joe, & Diane.

For those who need your healing: Susan, Harry, Sarah, Roseanne, Peggy, Stacy, Joan, Jane, Peggy, Anna, Marita, Chrissy, Heather, Charles, Dave, Rick, Steve, Bill, Brandon, Mike, Brandy, Debbie, Alice, Brayden, John, Heddy, Carol, Susan, Joe, Rhiana, James, Florence, Thomas, Kelly, Sherry, & Mary.

In grief for the Dungan family upon the death of Ann's father, Eric.
In grief for the Barainyak family upon the death of Paul's sister, Mary Ann.

For Trinity's congregation, committees, organizations, and church council.

For our sisters and brothers who serve and protect our nation: Jordan and Brian.

Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

L God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage.
Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

L Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.
C Amen.

P Please be seated.

Meditation - Duet - "Pieta" Nancy Klein and Elaine Gross

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

San - to, san - to, san - to, *es* el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; *es* el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, *es* el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

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Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
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tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
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cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.**

Please be seated.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens and paraments are removed from the worship space.

Psalm 22

¹*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?*

²*My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.*

³*Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.*

⁴*Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.*

⁵*They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.*

⁶*But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.*

⁷*All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.*

⁸*“Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”*

⁹*Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.*

¹⁰*I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.*

¹¹*Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.*

¹²*Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.*

¹³*They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.*

¹⁴*I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.*

¹⁵*My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.*

¹⁶*Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.*

¹⁷*I can count all my bones
while they stare at me and gloat.*

¹⁸*They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing, they cast lots.*

¹⁹*But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.*

²⁰*Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.*

²¹*Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.*

²²*I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.*

²³*You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.*

²⁴*For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.*

²⁵*From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.*

²⁶*The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!*

²⁷*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.*

²⁸*For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.*

²⁹*Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.*

³⁰*Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.*

³¹*They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"*

All depart in silence.

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HOLY WEEK 2024



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 29 at 7 PM
Flute Solo & Soloist

Easter Sunday Worship Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31 at 10 AM
Choir & Bells