



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known

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APRIL 6, 2023

MAUNDY THURSDAY

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

7:00 PM

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.

GATHERING

*Offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary.
The Offering will be brought forward by the usher during the Offertory Anthem.*

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Prelude

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Tune by Johann Cruger; Setting for cello and organ by Raymond H. Haan
John Brumbaugh, cellist

Processional Hymn

“God Loved the World” ELW 323

ROCKINGHAM OLD

1. God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive..
2. Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.
3. If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.
4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives all sins that you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.
5. All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

Test: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt. Music: Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

Welcome

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The presiding minister invites the assembly into the confession. Please stand.

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 in baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this holy 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.

*All kneel or sit, keeping 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.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Greeting


The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ \dagger , the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

“O Lord, Have Mercy” from *All Creation Sings*


Christian Souza, cantor; Holy Communion Setting Eleven

Leader or All



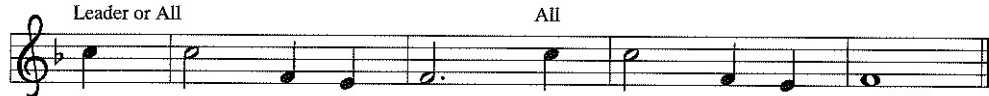
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O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

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Leader or All



All

Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

Prayer of the Day

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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Lisa Barnette, lector

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Kate Suchanek, Madeline Phillips, cantors

Psalm 116:13 (Robert Farlee) Refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year*, 2006 © Augsburg Fortress



I will lift the cup of sal-va-tion and call on the name of the LORD.

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. ²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. ¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Lisa Barnette, lector

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra-cious and mer - ci -

ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

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. ³⁴"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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

"Do this in remembrance of me"

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Hymn of the Day

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” ELW 359

TWENTY-FOURTH

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
2. With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

3. Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.
4. Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
5. Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; © 1960 World Library Publication; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.; Music: attr. Lucius Chapin, 1761-1842

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

(Pastor McKenzie, prayers)

The congregation may sit or kneel for the Prayers.

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Lord Jesus, you have made a new covenant with your people. Continue to gather all people around your table of blessing and open us to behold you present in bread and wine, so that forgiven and renewed, we might be strengthened for service to you and our neighbors. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you teach us to pray for daily bread. Bless all who cultivate and harvest and those who prepare and serve meals. Strengthen us to be advocates for just and fair distribution of daily bread so that no one ever need go hungry again. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you have loved us first and emptied yourself in service to the world. Bless and inspire local, national and global leaders with a renewed sense of public servanthood. Increase in them humility to serve others with compassion and equity, and teach us to pray for our enemies. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you have given us a new commandment of love. Bless the sick and the dying, and bless us to serve with love all in need. With trust in your compassion, we especially remember before you: Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Charlie Cox, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Carl Sepmeyer, David Kutscher, Vann Milheim, Steve Rach, Oakley Coburn, Stanley Davis, Arlene Fielding, Anthony Perrini, Sergei Kobiakov, Bill Schwartz, Christopher Shirley, Joan Love, Jane Thompson, Kliffia Harman, Jamie Bates, Jimmy Schwartz, John Simon, Dan Price, Roxi Tolbert, Susan Campbell, Katie Yowell, Shirley Larson, and Ingrid Keiris. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lord Jesus, your grace has inspired your people to praise you in word, song, and art. We give thanks for all artists whose gifts continue to enrich the church's worship of you – especially those commemorated today, Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach. To your eternal glory, bless us to always hear your word and know your presence in music, art, and architecture. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you are word and love leading to eternal life. We give thanks for the saints who have embodied your word and love as servants to others. Hold us, with them, in the promise of your resurrection to eternal life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

(please share words of peace while practicing “social distancing” as appropriate)

OFFERING *An offering for the mission of the church and the care of those in need is brought forward from the Narthex.*

Offertory Anthem

“A New Commandment”

Malcolm Archer

Love one another as I have loved you. A new commandment I give you now that you love one another as I have loved you. By this will all people know you are my friends if you love one another as I loved you. The love I give you the world will receive if you love one another as I loved you.

"What Wondrous Love Is This" ELW 666

WONDROUS LOVE

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.. Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt. Arr. 1955 Augsburg Publishing

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand.

MEAL

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)*

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

“Ave Verum Corpus” (Hail, True Body) K. 618 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: be for us a foretaste (of heaven) during our final examining. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

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. **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service concludes with the stripping of the altars. The congregation remains seated, or may kneel, as the sacramental elements and vessels, linens and paraments are removed from the worship space.

Music

“Father, if This Cup Cannot Pass”

Jeremy Biery

Father, if this cup cannot pass, but I must drink of it, let your will be done, let your will be done.

If you but trust in God to guide you, with steadfast hope through all your ways, God will give strength when pain surrounds you, and bear you through the darkest days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that none can move. What can you gain from fear and anguish, when terror builds to desperate sigh? What can it help, to moan and languish over dark moments as they fly? Our tribulations only press the heavier for such bitterness. God knows our need for joy and laughter, they will be ours in God's own time; then we will bask in love there-after, and sing glad praise through days sublime. God's presence finds you unaware, surrounding you with loving care.

After the crosses are veiled, the congregation departs in silence.

If you are worshipping online, you are encouraged to close your computer/device, and spend a few moments in silent reflection.



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; lector: Lisa Barnette; communion assistants: Cliff Edahl, Susan Lakeman, Lawanna Stoeckel; sound system: Kevin Feezor; video streaming: A. J. Pridgen; Stripping of the Altar, Veiling of the Cross: Kevin Feezor, Jim & Catherine Metze, John Simon, Pastor McKenzie ; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; John Brumbaugh, cellist; Madeline Hamrick, Kate Suchanek, Christian Souza, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Good Friday, April 7, 7 pm (in-person and online),
Service of the Word & Procession of the Cross

Resurrection of our Lord/Easter Day, April 9,
8:30 am Contemporary, Cantors, Piano
10:30 Traditional (10:30 online), St. Mark's Choir,
Cantors, Brass Quintet, Timpani, Organ
Coffee & Goodies 9:30-10:15; Easter Egg Hunt 9:45-10

The church office will be closed Easter Monday, April 10.

Lenten boxes for Refugee Support Services and Sunburst Flower donations: Please bring your Lenten boxes and donations for the Sunburst any time this week.

NOTE: Sunday, April 30, one service only at 10 am, followed by a potluck lunch and meeting with Pastor Cecee Mills.

Queen City Ringers in Concert "Reconciliation: Tune My heart to Ring" Sunday, April 30, 5 pm in the Sanctuary. Join us!

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St. Mark's Prayer List

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Please feel free to email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests (pastortimsmlc@gmail.com)



Do you feel like you are in crisis? In Isaiah it is written, "Fear not, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God." Stephen ministers are here to show the Lord's love and comfort for you in times of trial. If you would like to confidentially speak to a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Tim (pastortimsmlc@gmail.com)

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