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LUTHERAN CHURCH



**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
LITURGY**

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7:30 PM

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☒=Assisting Minister

☒=Presiding Minister

☒=Individual Response

# GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

*O Bread of Life from Heaven*

G. Winston Cassler

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly stands.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The presiding minister invites the assembly into the confession.*

☒ 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 sins 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.

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

☒ 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.**

☒ 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 ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☒ **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Those in the congregation may come forward. The ministers, laying both hands on each person's head, address each in turn.*

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

**R** **Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

### *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. 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# WORD

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

*FIRST READING*

Exodus 12:1-14

**A** A reading from Exodus.

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.

*After the reading:*

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**A** A reading from First Corinthians.

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.

*After the reading:*

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



**C** 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.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

☑ **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. <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."

*After the reading:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Eileen Ruppel-Doan

*Silence for reflection*

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Hymn No. 359



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

**A** Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, enthroned in the majesty of heaven, who, when you came forth from God, made yourself as one who serves; we adore you because you laid aside the garment of your glory, and girded yourself with the lowliest humility and ministered to your disciples, washing their feet. Teach us to understand what you have done and to follow your example; deliver us from pride, jealousy, and ambition, and make us ready to be subject to one another, and with lowliness to serve one another for your sake.

**A** Lord, make us instruments of your peace! Where there is hatred:

**C** **Let me sow love.**

**A** Where there is injury:

**C** **Let me sow pardon.**

**A** Where there is discord:

**C** **Let me sow union.**

**A** Where there is doubt:

**C** **Let me sow faith.**

**A** Where there is despair:

**C** **Let me sow hope.**

**A** Where there is darkness:

**C** **Let me sow light.**

**A** Where there is sadness:

**C** **Let me sow joy.**

**A** O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled,

**C** **as to console.**

**A** To be understood,

**C** **as to understand.**

**A** To be loved,

**C** **as to love.**

**A** For it is in giving,

**C** **that we receive.**

**A** It is in pardoning,

**C** **that we are pardoned.**

**A** And it is in dying,

**C** **that we are born to eternal life.**



**A** We pray to you, O God, in the name of the one who endured the cross, forgives our sin, and feeds us at his table, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*PEACE*

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*OFFERING*

*An offering of music is made while tithes and offerings are gathered for the mission of the church.*

*MUSICAL OFFERING*      *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*      arr. David Schelat

## SETTING THE TABLE

*The assembly stands to sing as the gifts are brought forward.*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first staff has a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music concludes with a double bar line.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*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, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves of a treble clef in 3/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed . . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C** **Amen.**

- ☞ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- ☛ **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.**

*COMMUNION*

- ☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- ☛ **Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

All are welcome at the table of the Lord! We believe and teach that Christ is present in the mystery of the sacrament of holy communion and that by communing with him we receive forgiveness of our sin.

Communion will be distributed by intinction – after you receive the bread, you may dip it in the chalice on the bread tray, which has grape juice, or the chalice held by the communion assistant, which has wine. Children who have not received instruction for communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to walk to communion, please let an usher know so that a pastor can bring communion to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available upon request to the pastor distributing the bread.

*As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen*

The assembly sings the following during communion:

*LAMB OF GOD*



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.**



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

*After all have communed, the assembly stands.*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

## PRAYER

**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

*The assembly sits.*

## THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22 is read.

*Stripping the altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers' hands. There is no benediction.*

*The ministers leave in silence.*

*Please remain as long as you wish to be in prayer with the Lord this night. When you are ready to leave, do so in silence, respecting those who remain in prayer.*

*The omission of benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Vigil of Easter, one celebration of the paschal mystery of our redemption.*



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**Good Friday Liturgy**

Friday, April 7

12:00 noon & 7:30 pm

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

Saturday, April 8

7:30 pm

**Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day**

Sunday, April 9

8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am

(no Sunday School classes will be held)





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## **OUR MISSION**

**Called by Christ, we INVITE all people,  
SERVE our neighbors, and  
BUILD a living faith.**

## **WELCOME**

Called by Christ we invite all people, celebrating the diversity of God's creation. Reformation is an affirming congregation for all: rejoicing with the young and old, welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, working to cultivate an accessible and inclusive community for all abilities, and embracing all races, cultures, and faith traditions.

We serve our neighbors following the teachings of Christ. Reformation responds to the needs of the most vulnerable - providing nourishment and comfort, supporting the work of the local and global church, and protecting God's creation for future generations.

We build a living faith emboldened by the Holy Spirit. Reformation embodies the unconditional love of God through worshiping and learning together and valuing the gifts of everyone. To create the fullness of our community of faith, we nurture relationships, pursue racial equity and gender justice, and advocate for the wellbeing of the marginalized.



