



# Maundy Thursday

## St. Luke Lutheran Church

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**Prelude: "Stay With Me" sing 3X #348**

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray.

*The assembly gathers in reflective silence.*

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

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. 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. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: 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.**

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. 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.**

**Gathering Hymn: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" #659**

**V1: Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you, Pray that I might have the grace,  
To let you be my servant too.**

**V2: We are pilgrims on the journey, We are travelers on the road, We are here to help each other,  
Walk the mile and bear the load**

**V3: I will hold the Christ light for you, In the night time of your fear, I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**V4: I will weep when you are weeping, When you laugh, I'll laugh with you,  
I will share your joy and sorrow, Till we've seen this journey through.**

**V5: Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you, Pray that I might have the grace,  
To let you be my servant too.**

**The Great Commandment Litany:**

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.** P: Holy God, source of all love,

**C: 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, & give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.**

**The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14** <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 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

**The 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[a] 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: "Hosanna in the Highest" 2X** (*Stand as you are able*)

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest**

**The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35** (*please stand as you are able*) <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>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "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.

**Homily** *Pastor Eric Hanson*

**Hymn of the Day: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" #742**

**Vs 1: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Vs 2: Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Vs 3: Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

**Apostles' Creed: 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, & 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, & he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers: (call and response)**

United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world. *A brief silence.* You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying especially; Gabriel Ryan, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Naomi Berland, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson, Karl Thomforde & the family of Jim Howard. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear these & all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:** L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

### **Offering & Doxology:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, you heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **Offertory Prayer:**

P: God of glory, C: **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, & from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you C: **And also with you** L: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **Salutation**

#### ***Holy, Holy, Holy***

**Holy Lord, most holy Lord; You alone are worthy of all the praise. Holy Lord, most Holy Lord;  
with all of my heart I sing; Great are You Lord. worthy of praise, holy and true; great are You Lord, most holy Lord.**

### **Words of Institution**

**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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, & the glory, forever & ever. Amen.**

### ***Lamb of God #336***

**Vs 1: Your only Son no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God. [Refrain]**

**Refrain: Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God,  
Oh wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

**Vs 2: Your gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. [Refrain]**

**Vs 3: I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side,  
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. [Refrain]**

## Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus,

**C: We love because you first loved us. In this sacrament you've shown how far your love goes for us; to death and beyond. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that we may be empowered to follow your command and love others as you have loved us. Amen.**

## Psalm 22: (read responsively)

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**C: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

P: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; **C: and by night, but find no rest.**

P: Yet you are holy, **C: enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

P: In you our ancestors trusted; **C: they trusted, and you delivered them.**

P: To you they cried, and were saved; **C: in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**

P: But I am a worm, and not human; **C: scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

P: All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, **C: they shake their heads;**

P: "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver-- **C: let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"**

P: Yet it was you who took me from the womb; **C: you kept me safe on my mother's breast.**

P: On you I was cast from my birth, **C: and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

P: Do not be far from me, **C: for trouble is near**

P: and there is no one to help. **C: Many bulls encircle me,**

P: strong bulls of Bashan surround me; **C: they open wide their mouths at me,**

P: like a ravening and roaring lion. **C: I am poured out like water,**

P: and all my bones are out of joint; **C: my heart is like wax;**

P: it is melted within my breast; **C: my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,**

P: and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. **C: For dogs are all around me;**

P: a company of evildoers encircles me. **C: My hands and feet have shriveled;**

P: I can count all my bones. **C: They stare and gloat over me;**

P: they divide my clothes among themselves, **C: and for my clothing they cast lots.**

P: But you, O LORD, do not be far away! **C: O my help, come quickly to my aid!**

P: Deliver my soul from the sword, **C: my life from the power of the dog!**

P: Save me from the mouth of the lion! **C: From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.**

P: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; **C: in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

P: You who fear the LORD, praise him! **C: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;**

P: stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! **C: For he did not despise or abhor**

P: the affliction of the afflicted; **C: he did not hide his face from me,**

P: but heard when I cried to him. **C: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;**

P: my vows I will pay before those who fear him. **C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;**

P: those who seek him shall praise the LORD. **C: May your hearts live forever!**

P: All the ends of the earth shall remember **C: and turn to the LORD;**

P: and all the families of the nations **C: shall worship before him.**

P: For dominion belongs to the LORD, **C: and he rules over the nations.**

P: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

**C: before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, & I shall live for him.**

P: Posterity will serve him; **C: future generations will be told about the Lord,**

P: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, **C: saying that he has done it.**

P: This is the Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Dismissal** L: Go in peace to love the Lord and serve your neighbor **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly leaves in silence.*