



**Welcome!** With nightfall 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. Every Sunday in worship the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On several key days at the center of the church year, however, worship takes a particular shape.

These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. In particular, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life. The service for Maundy Thursday concludes with the stripping of the altar, in remembrance of Jesus' being stripped of his garments before his crucifixion.

### **Prayer Before Worship**

*Bless, O Lord, your people who gather this night to receive your life-giving Body and Blood in that holy Supper which you yourself instituted on the night of your betrayal. Be with us as we enter into your Passion during these Three Days, and help us to live out your new commandment: loving one another as you have loved us. Amen.*

### **Prelude**

"Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" (J. S. Bach)

### **Ringing of the Bells**

### **Welcome**

## Rite of 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. 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.
- P** Let us make confession to God.

*Silence 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.
- C** **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

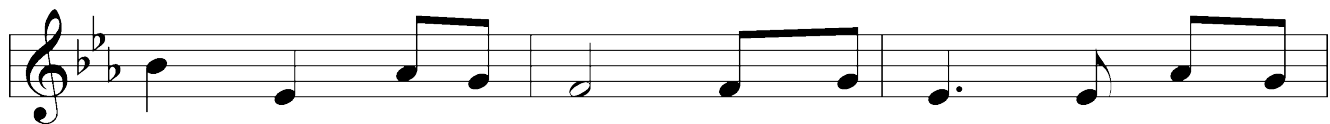
*You are invited to share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

# Opening Hymn

# "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (LSB 445)



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,  
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing  
 3 What was there that You could give them That would  
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one  
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



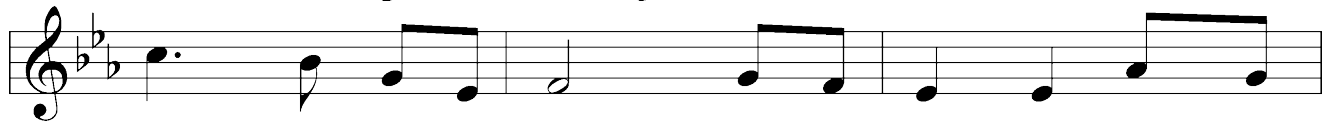
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty  
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones  
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -  
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -  
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;  
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:  
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?  
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.  
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at  
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last  
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me  
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a  
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's  
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their  
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance  
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,  
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.  
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."  
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.  
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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## 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:

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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 be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>"Then 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 flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm** (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 116:12-19

**L** What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

**C** **I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,**

**L** I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

**C** **Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.**

**L** O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**C** **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

**L** I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,

**C** **in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

**Epistle Reading**

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, 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.

<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup>For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup>That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup>But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup>But when we are judged by

the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Verse** (Congregation)

Re - turn to the Lord, your 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.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**Holy Gospel**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <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 back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <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 wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For

I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them ...].

<sup>31b</sup>“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

“Promised Treasures: Water and Blood”

**Hymn for Maundy Thursday**

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”  
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**Profession of Faith**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

- P** Gathered around Christ crucified and risen, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

*Prayer requests are announced, followed by a brief silence.*

*Each petition ends with the words: "Hear us, O God." Please respond by saying:  
**"Your mercy is great."***

- P** Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Offertory Prayer

- L** Let us pray: 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, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

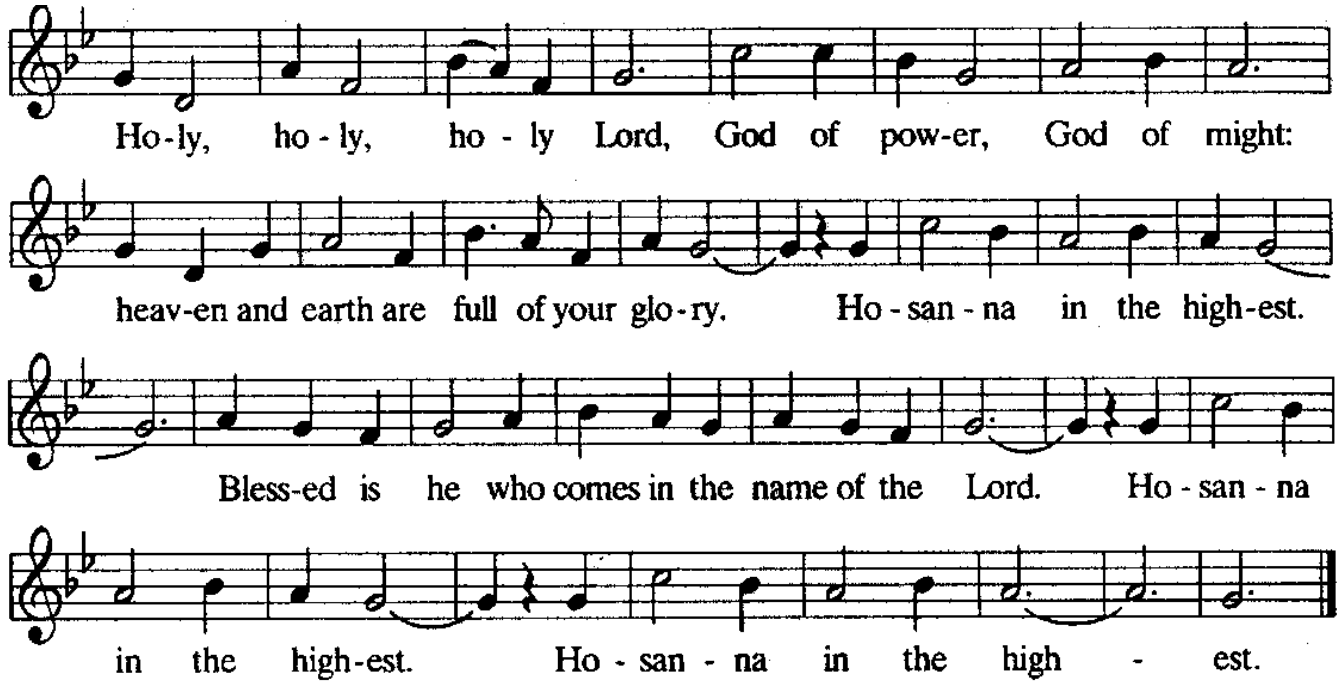
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Preface

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Sanctus



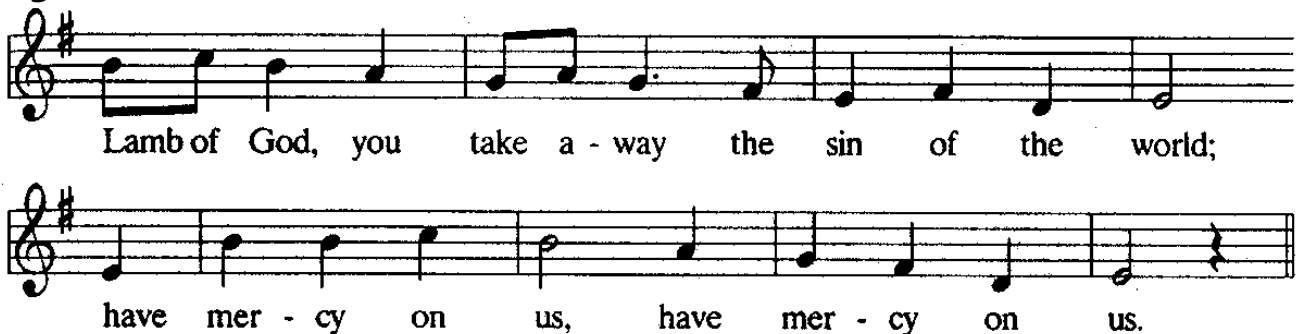
Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### 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.**

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

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

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

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

grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

## Music at the Distribution

Choir Anthem

"Remember Me" (Deborah Governor)

St. John's Choir

*In the night in which our Savior was betrayed  
He broke the bread and to His friends He said:  
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you  
Take and drink, this blood of mine is shed for you  
Do this always to remember me  
Remember me."*

*In the night in which our Savior was denied  
In the night in which our Savior was betrayed  
He bowed His Head and to the Father cried:  
"If it be Your will let this cup pass from me  
If it be your will, spare me this agony  
In my darkest hour will you remember me?  
Remember me."*

*In the night in which my deepest doubt are known  
You come to me and I am not alone  
When I taste your blood and body given for me  
When I hear your prayer in dark Gethsemane  
Then I know you will remember me  
Remember me.  
O Lord, remember me.  
Remember me.*

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"My Song Is Love Unknown"

(LSB 430)



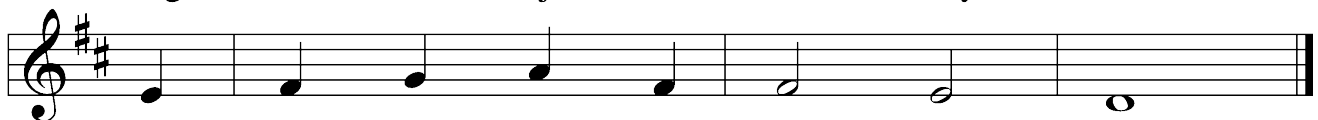
1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
Who at my need His life did spend!  
And for His death They thirst and cry.  
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suff'ring goes  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.

(stanzas 6 & 7 on the next page)

6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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## Dismissal

### Post-Communion Prayer

**L** Let us pray: Lord Jesus,

**C** 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

"Come to Jesus" (Chris Rice/Joel Raney)  
Handbell Ensemble

*The altar is stripped after the liturgy of Maundy Thursday, calling to mind how Christ was stripped of his clothing before being crucified. There is no benediction. When the bell has tolled, the congregation is asked to leave in silence.*



*Our Holy Week worship continues with:*

- **Good Friday** (April 7)

Stations of the Cross, 12 Noon

Evening Worship, 7:30 pm

- **Holy Saturday** (April 8)

The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the most beautiful and moving services of the entire year. We light the new fire of Easter outside, process into the darkened Sanctuary for the service of readings, celebrate Holy Baptism, and conclude with receiving the risen Savior in the Lord's Supper in the Easter Vigil service which begins at 7:30 p.m.

- **Easter Sunday** (April 9)

Festival Worship for the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday, will be celebrated with two worship services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. A brass ensemble will provide glorious music to lead us in singing praises to our risen Lord Jesus Christ. For those unable to attend, the 10:30 a.m. service will be live streamed.

Between the two worship services an Easter Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall and an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to the age of 12 will begin.

*On Easter Sunday, remember to bring spring flowers to "flower" the cross located in the church entrance!*

## **Our Ministry Of Worship**

Officiant/Preacher	Pastor Meehan
Lay Assistant	Mark Guilfoil
Communion Lay Assistant	Michelle Guilfoil
Organist/Pianist	David Leahey, Director of Music
Acolyte	Barbara Pate
Ushers	Greg Miller Barbara Pate
Altar Care	Karen Kemmet
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Welcome Host	Jan Swicord



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# Hymn for Maundy Thursday "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" (WOV 666)




1 Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for  
 2 We come with self - in - flic - ted pains of bro - ken trust and  
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
 as your own not through some mer - it, right or claim  
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed  
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by powers and sys - tems  
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
 close con - fined yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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