

*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



28 March 2024  
Maundy Thursday

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**LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY**  
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**28 MARCH 2024**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting V • 7:00 p.m.**

**GATHERING**

*At the beginning of the Great Three Days,  
the Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God,  
to witness to God's acts of love.*

**PRELUDE** – "Three Passion Chorales"

*Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen?*

*O Lamm Gottes unschuldig*

*O du Liebe meiner Liebe*

Wilhelm Rudnick

*Ah, Holy Jesus, How hast Thou Offended?*

*O Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*

*O You Love of My Love*

**HANDBELL VOLUNTARY** – "Thee We Adore"

arr. Cathy Moglebust

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

☐ Friends in Christ,... 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 for self-examination.*

☐ Almighty and merciful God,

☑ **I, a troubled and penitent sinner,**

**confess to you all my sins and iniquities**

**with which I have offended you**

**and for which I justly deserve your punishment.**

**I am sorry for them and repent of them**

**and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being;**

**forgive my sins,**

**give me your Holy Spirit**

**for the amendment of my sinful life,**

**and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

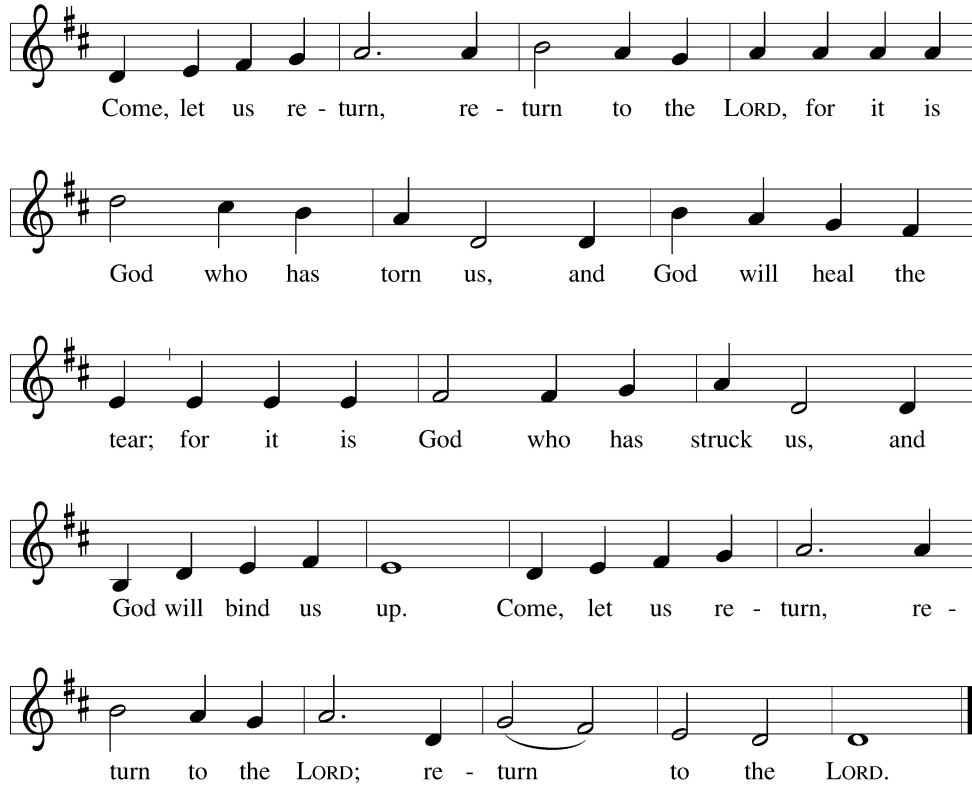
*Please be seated. Individuals are welcome to come forward for personal absolution.*

## SONG DURING ABSOLUTION

*The cantor introduces the refrain and the congregation then echoes. The congregation joins on the refrains following the verses; and then as needed the refrain is repeated.*

### Come, Let Us Return

*Refrain*



Come, let us re - turn, re - turn to the LORD, for it is  
God who has torn us, and God will heal the  
tear; for it is God who has struck us, and  
God will bind us up. Come, let us re - turn, re -  
turn to the LORD; re - turn to the LORD.

Text: Mark Mummert, based on Hosea 6:1-3

Music: Mark Mummert

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After two days God revives us, on the third will raise us up,  
that we may stand before the Lord and live in God's sight. *Refrain*

Let us come to know the Lord, whose appearing is sure as the dawn;  
who will come to us like showed as the spring rains that water the earth. *Refrain.*

*When all who so desire such absolution have received it, please stand as you are able and the Presiding Minister pronounces the absolution:*

**P** In the mercy of Almighty God...in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand as you are able and share a greeting of peace with one another. Please be mindful of touch.*

## THE PEACE

**P** Having been reconciled to God, let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us through scripture reading,  
 preaching, acts of love, and song.*

**FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. "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. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of

Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the deities of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 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. "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."

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

**Refrain:** *(Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.)*

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

- <sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup> for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.  
<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord. **R**  
<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people.  
<sup>15</sup> Precious in your sight, O Lord,  
is the death of your servants.  
<sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. **R**  
<sup>17</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. **R**

**SECOND READING: I Corinthians 11:23-26**

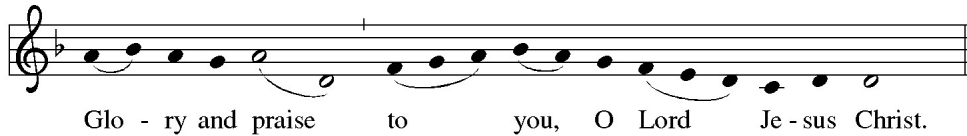
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For 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.

*Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*I give you a<sup>1</sup> new commandment, that you love one another just as I<sup>1</sup> have loved you.  
(John 13:34)*

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.
- ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For Jesus knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. "Now the Son-of-Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God's own self and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## HOMILY

Pastor Jay

## PEDILAVIUM—THE FOOTWASHING

- ☐ Siblings in Christ, on this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another; to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

*The Presiding Minister removes the cope and stole—signs of leadership in the Service of the Word—for during this act we are together following the example of Jesus in servanthood and love. During the singing of the hymns, you are invited to come forward if you so desire to the chairs at the front of the nave. Sit in the chair closest to the aisle to remove one or both of your socks and shoes. When available, move to the middle chair where Pastor Jay is kneeling and place your bare foot/feet over the basin. Pastor Jay will hold your heel and pour water over your foot and then dry it with a towel (one for each person). After your foot has been washed, please move to the third chair to put your socks and shoes back on before returning to your seat. Whether you come forward or not, you are invited to join in singing:*

**HYMNS OF THE DAY**

**ELW 359**

**Where Charity and Love Prevail**



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.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.  
 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842  
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**ELW 360**

**Love Consecrates the Humblest Act**



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;  
 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet  
 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
 of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
 has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!



Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917  
 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

Ubi caritas et amor  
*Where True Charity and Love Abide*

The musical score is written for a single voice part, likely a cantor or soloist, with a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, / Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The second system also has a treble clef and one flat. The lyrics are: "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. / God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal line. There are some triplets in the vocal line in the second system.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*  
 Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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Once all who so desire have had their feet washed, the Presiding Minister returns to the chancel, puts on the chasuble and stole—signs of leadership in the Service of the Table---as the table is set and the offering is received.

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with Jesus Christ and we feast on Jesus' love.*

**OFFERING**

**ANTHEM** – "I Give You a New Commandment"  
*(John 13:34-35 & Ubi Caritas)*

Peter Nardone

*I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.*

*Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est.  
 Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
 Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
 Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
 Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

*[Where charity is true, God is there.  
 The love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
 Let us rejoice and be glad in him.  
 Let us fear and love the living God.  
 And from a sincere heart let us love one another.]*

*Please stand as you are able.*





1 Of the glo - rious bod - y tell - ing, O my  
 2 Giv'n for us, for us de - scend - ing, of a  
 3 At the last great sup - per ly - ing cir - cled  
 4 Word made flesh, by word or - dain - ing ver - y



tongue, its mys - t'ries sing, and the blood, all price ex -  
 vir - gin to pro - ceed, with us all in con - verse  
 by his cho - sen band, meek - ly with the law com -  
 bread his flesh to be; we, in wine Christ's blood ob -



cel - ling, which the world's e - ter - nal king,  
 blend - ing, scat - tered he the gos - pel seed,  
 ply - ing, first he fin - ished its com - mand;  
 tain - ing, and, if sens - es fail to see,



in a no - ble womb once dwell - ing, shed for this  
 till his so - journ drew to end - ing which he closed  
 then, im - mor - tal food sup - ply - ing, gave him - self  
 faith a - lone will wake those strain - ing to be - hold



world's ran - som - ing.  
 in won - drous deed.  
 with his own hand.  
 the mys - ter - y. A - men

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal....We pray this in your name.

**C** Amen.

## THE 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** We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

**P** He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

- He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,

*taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*In the same way 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.*

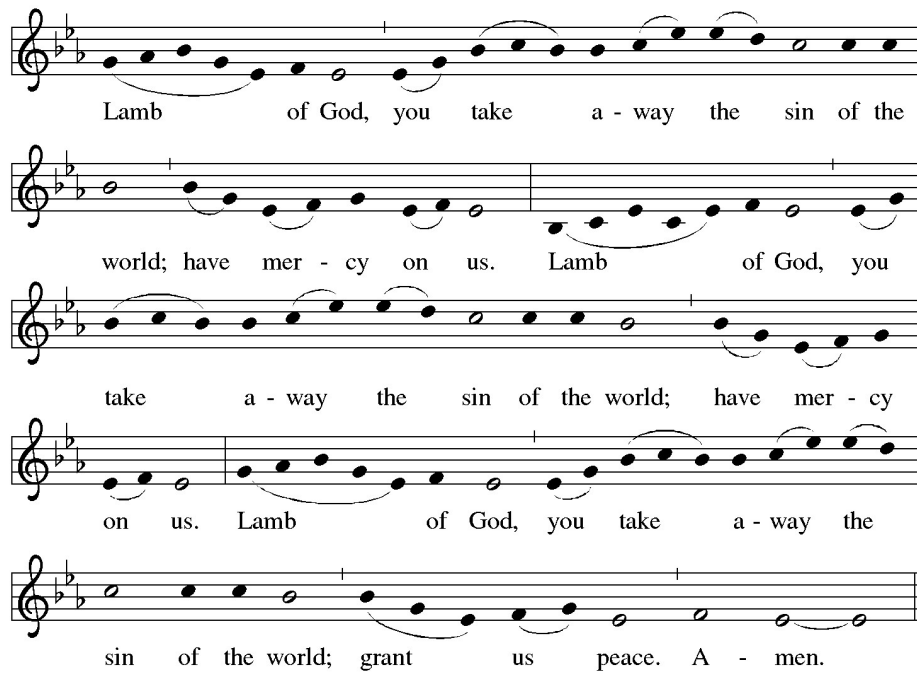
- Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.
- Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; + fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
- Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our** Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,  
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we  
 for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al  
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,  
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

## AGNUS DEI



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

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

☐ This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which the eternal God became incarnate. This is the table not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come—not because the Church invites you— It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

☑ **Amen. We come.**

☐ For those communing at home, take, eat, drink: the Body and Blood of Christ for you.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and Christ himself is present when we share this Meal. All Christians are welcomed to receive the Bread and Wine, Christ's Body and Blood given and shed for the sake of the world. Communion is by pouring chalice. As you come forward, take a small cup from the front of the aisle, and proceed to the Presiding Minister. Receive the bread in your open palm. Then, please hold your cup steadily for the assisting minister to pour into. You may then drink. When you return to your seat, please dispose of the cup in the trays at the side aisles. For those who cannot receive alcoholized wine, white grape juice is available in the pre-filled cups in the trays. For those who so desire, gluten-free bread is available. Please indicate such desire to the Presiding Minister. All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper this night; if you who would like to participate, but not to receive the Bread and Wine, please come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms in front of you. If you are unable to come forward and would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know.*

## Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed 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 pow'rs 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.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936


Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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# Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

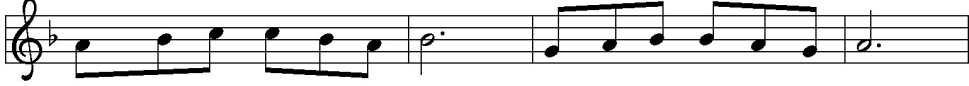
*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,



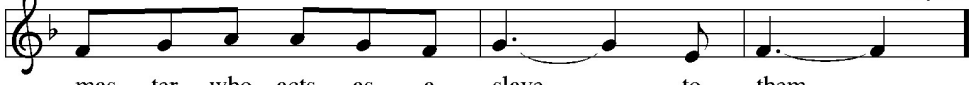
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,



3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;



4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



*Refrain*  
mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.



neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.



all these are neigh - bors to us and you.



this is the way we will live with you.


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*Please stand as you are able.*

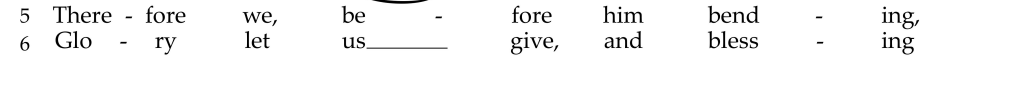
## TABLE BLESSING

## MEDITATION


# Of the Glorious Body Telling



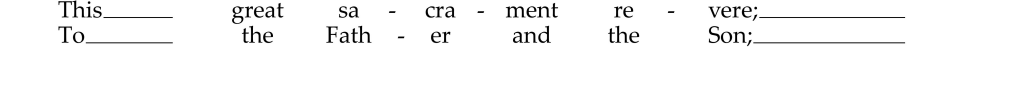
5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing,




6 Glo - ry let us give, and bless - ing



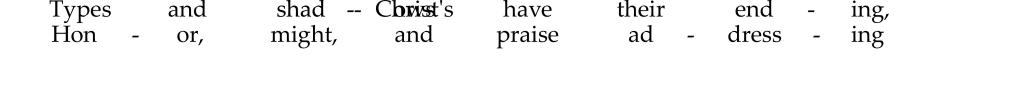
This great sa - cra - ment re - vere;




To the Fath - er and the Son;



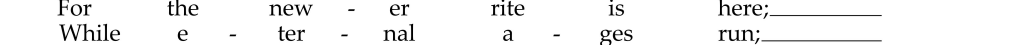
Types and shad -- Christ's have their end - ing,



Hon - or, might, and praise ad - dress - ing



For the new - er rite is here;



While e - ter - nal a - ges run;

Faith, our out - ward sense be - friend - ing,  
E - ver, too, the Spir - it bless - ing,

Makes the in - ward\_ vi - sion clear.  
Who, from both, with\_ both\_ is one. A - men.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1274; tr. composite  
Music: PANGE LINGUA, mode III; Vatican collection

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*After the Meal, Jesus was arrested, stripped, mocked, and jailed before the trials of Good Friday. The Altar and entire Chancel are stripped of all adornment and will stand bare until the celebration of Easter. The bareness of the Altar, the Chancel, and the entire worship space is a reminder of Jesus' emptying in death for us.*

## PSALM 88

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, my God, my Savior,  
by day and night I cry to you.

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer enter into your presence;  
incline your ear to my lamentation.

<sup>3</sup>For I am full of trouble;  
my life is at the brink of the grave.

<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down to the pit;  
I have become like one who has no strength;

<sup>5</sup>lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,  
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.

<sup>6</sup>You have laid me in the depths of the pit,  
in dark places, and in the abyss.

<sup>7</sup>Your anger weighs upon me heavily,  
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

<sup>8</sup>You have put my friends far from me; you have made me to be abhorred by them;  
I am in prison and cannot get free.

<sup>9</sup>My sight has failed me because of trouble;  
LORD, I have called upon you daily; I have stretched out my hands to you.

<sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?

<sup>11</sup>Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave,  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

<sup>12</sup>Will your wonders be known in the dark  
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

<sup>14</sup>*LORD, why have you rejected me?*

*Why have you hidden your face from me?*

<sup>15</sup>*Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the point of death;*

*I have borne your terrors and am helpless.*

<sup>16</sup>*Your blazing anger has swept over me;*

*your terrors have destroyed me;*

<sup>17</sup>*they surround me all day long like a flood;*

*they encompass me on every side.*

<sup>18</sup>*My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,*

*and darkness is my only companion.*

AFTER THE ALTAR AND CHANCEL HAVE BEEN STRIPPED,  
THE ASSEMBLY MAY DEPART IN SILENCE OR REMAIN FOR PRAYER.

AS WE REMAIN IN PRAYER, WE REMEMBER JESUS' INVITATION TO HIS DISCIPLES:  
STAY HERE A WHILE AND PRAY WITH ME.

WE WILL SHARE IN READINGS FROM  
JESUS' FINAL TEACHINGS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE  
EVERY HALF HOUR UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

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— SERVING TODAY —

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Linda Swanson

*LECTOR* – Pat Bellingham

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Ann Flick



**This evening's worship continues tomorrow evening at 7:00pm for our worship on Good Friday.** We gather in a service that centralizes the saving acts of God in the Passion of Jesus. The Lutheran witness calls on us to see the work of God in the cross. Luther calls this *The Theology of the Cross*—finding God at work in the last place we would reasonably look. We remember and, indeed, celebrate that God has conquered the everlasting power of death by Jesus' own death. As we gather and hear again how God's ultimate power is shown forth in Jesus' ultimate weakness, we extinguish candles remembering how Jesus was emptied out for us. We will also *light* candles around the cross with our own prayers, offering ourselves and the needs of our weary and wounded world before the Throne of Mercy, the Cross. This year's service will weave together many traditions of the observation of this most solemn and holy day.

— PRAYER LIST —

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Our Members:**

Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Rose-Marie Rose	Phil McAfee
Cathy Beck & Jim	Betty Pletz		

**Friends and Family:**

Kate Collins & family	Lorraine Melms	Jeannette Bowers	Doug Blum
Jeff Granger & family	Janice Carpenter	Heather Keaster	Russ Wiest
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Paul Gustafson	Marky Stein	Jonah Allgeier
Pam (Battersby) Latronca	Tony B.	Betty M.	Kay Kaberline
Mary & Mike Collins	Stephanie Voland	Betty Peters	Marlo
Lily			

**Grief:**

Richard Braendel family	Jim Haskins family	Edna Smith family	Amanda Toms family
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**Our Military Service Men & Women:**

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			