

**Maundy Thursday- April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING HYMN – Great God, Your Love Has Called Us - ELW 358**

**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.**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14**

1The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 2This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ] 11This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. 12For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. 13The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live:

when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

1I love the LORD, who has |heard my voice, and listened to my |supplication,  
2**for the LORD has given |ear to me whenever I called.**

12How shall I re-|pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has |done for me?

13**I will lift the cup |of salvation  
and call on the name |of the LORD. R**

14I will fulfill my vows |to the LORD  
in the presence of |all God's people.

15**Precious in your |sight, O LORD,  
is the death |of your servants.**

16O LORD, truly I |am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me |from my bonds.

17**I will offer you the sacrifice |of thanksgiving and call upon the name |of the  
LORD.**

18I will fulfill my vows |to the LORD in the presence of |all God's people,

19**in the courts of |the LORD's house, in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem. R**

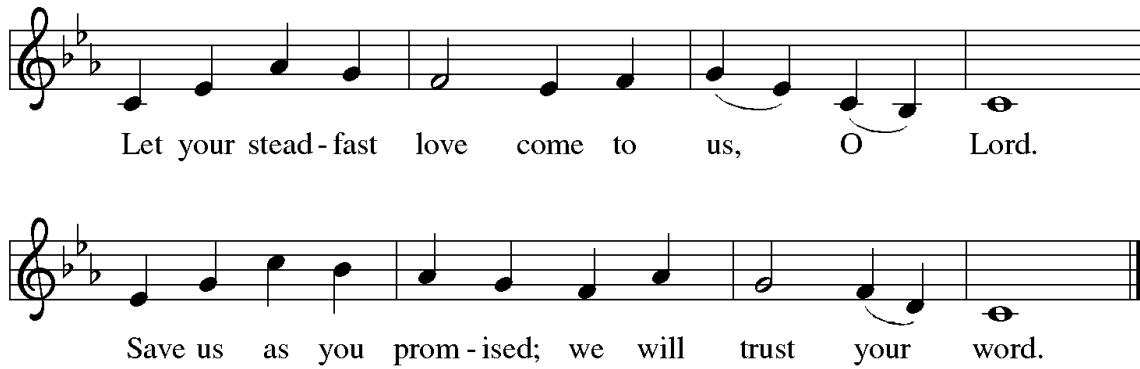
**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

23For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

The holy gospel according to John.

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

1Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

31b“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – What Feast of Love - ELW 487**

## **FOOT/HAND WASHING**

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 or hands, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

**HYMN (during washing)- Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters – ELW 445**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;

whose suffering and death gave sal - va - tion to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross,

trans - form - ing death in - to life.

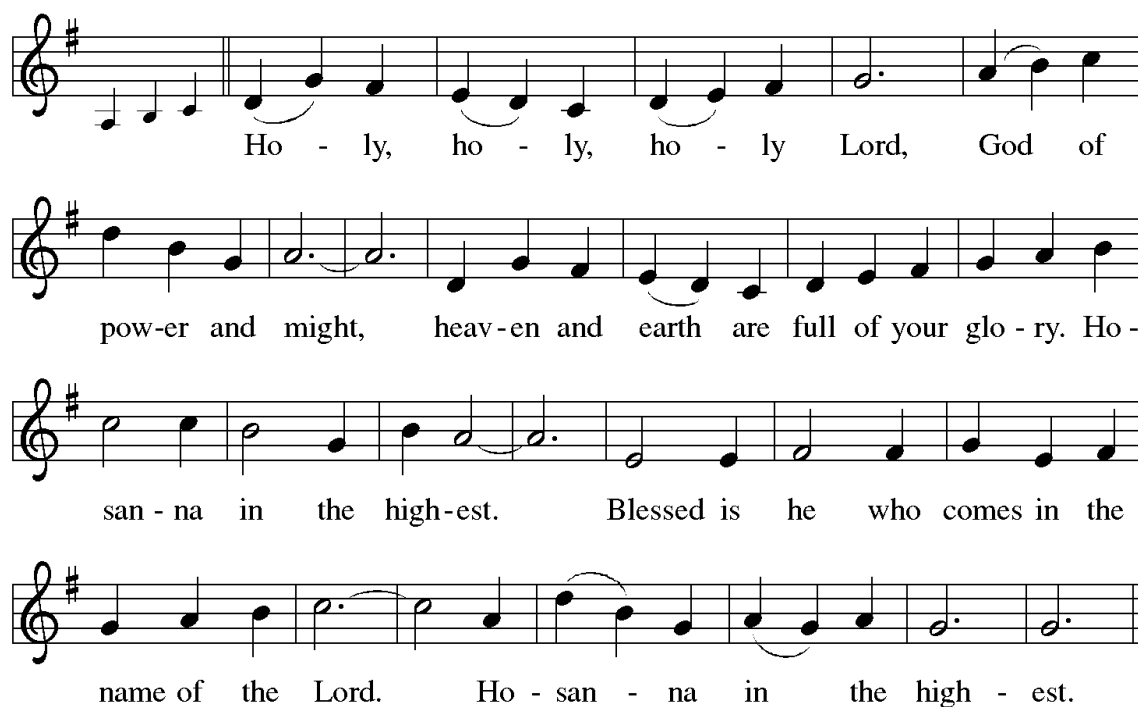
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 108)

We give you thanks, Holy God,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son,  
whom you sent to save and redeem us.

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.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took 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 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.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

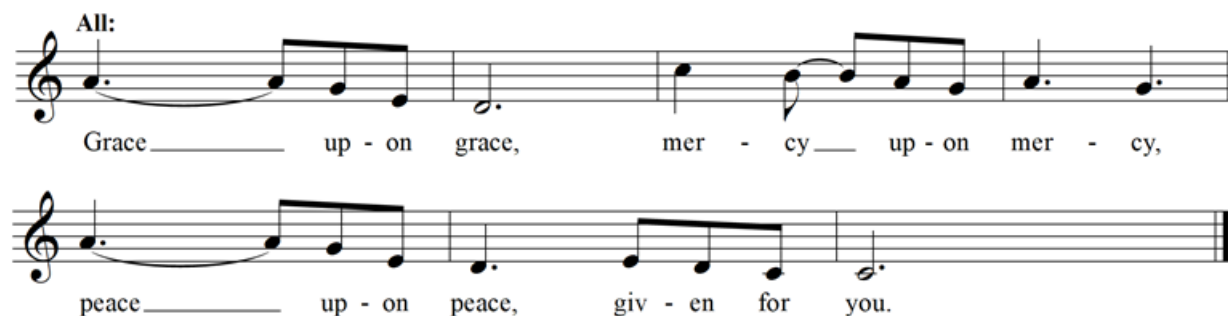
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come. You belong here. This meal is for you.

### **COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and wine and participate in  
Jesus' presence among us. Grape juice and gluten free options are also available.  
Anyone who doesn't yet receive communion (or anyone who doesn't want to  
receive communion today) is also welcome to come forward for a blessing.*





## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous Host,

**you have shared your feast with us and made us new.**

**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (ELW p. 261)**

*The service may conclude with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Psalm 88 or Psalm 22 is sung or said by a cantor, the choir, or the assembly. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped. All depart in silence.*

## **Psalm 88**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, God of my salvation,  
at night, when I cry out before you,

<sup>2</sup> let my prayer come before you;  
incline your ear to my cry.

<sup>3</sup> For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.

<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;  
I am like those who have no help,

<sup>5</sup> like those forsaken among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,

like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.

<sup>6</sup> You have put me in the depths of the Pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.

<sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> You have caused my companions to shun me;  
you have made me a thing of horror to them.

I am shut in so that I cannot escape;

<sup>9</sup> my eye grows dim through sorrow.  
Every day I call on you, O Lord;  
I spread out my hands to you.  
<sup>10</sup> Do you work wonders for the dead?  
Do the shades rise up to praise you? *Selah*  
<sup>11</sup> Is your steadfast love declared in the grave  
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?  
<sup>12</sup> Are your wonders known in the darkness  
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?  
<sup>13</sup> But I, O Lord, cry out to you;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
<sup>14</sup> O Lord, why do you cast me off?  
Why do you hide your face from me?  
<sup>15</sup> Wretched and close to death from my youth up,  
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>16</sup> Your wrath has swept over me;  
your dread assaults destroy me.  
<sup>17</sup> They surround me like a flood all day long;  
from all sides they close in on me.  
<sup>18</sup> You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;  
my companions are in darkness.