

Maundy Thursday- April 2nd, 2026

GREETING

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

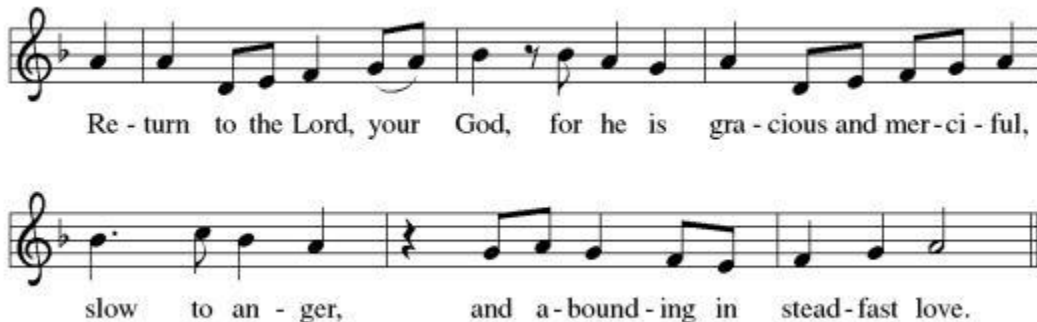
And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN – Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now – ACS 930

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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 – Loaves were broken, words were spoken ACS 966

FOOT/HAND WASHING

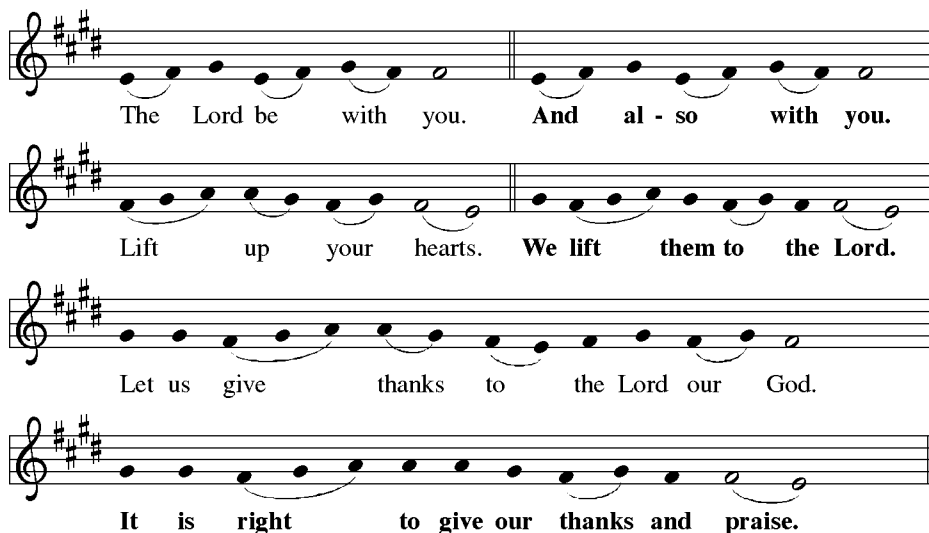
On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet or hands,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

If you'd like to participate in the foot washing, please come forward and remove your shoes and socks. You may alternatively come to the baptismal font for hand washing. Or you may stay seated and meditate on Jesus' act of service and love.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God,

Although this night that Jesus washed
 And fed his disciples was his last with them,
 his gift is still offered to us today
 with the promise of new life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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.

We remember Jesus' gifts of service, bread, and wine,
 Each of them teaching us how to offer our lives
 back to you. **C: Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

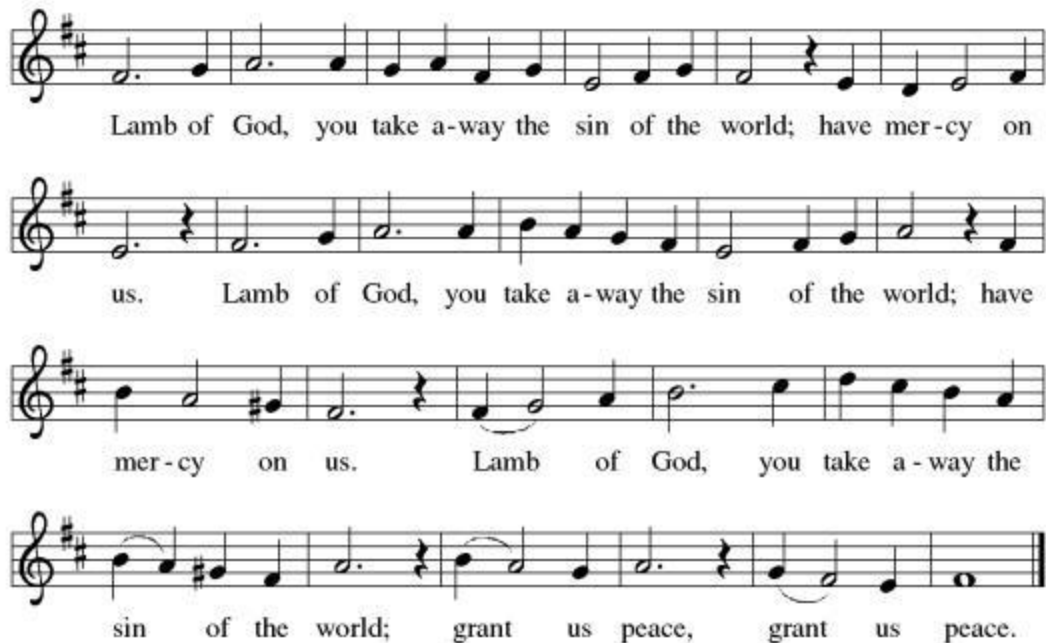
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Please be seated- the ushers will come to each pew to invite you forward for communion. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available upon request. Anyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing if they do not receive communion.

COMMUNION SONG



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, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of our salvation,

C: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 22 (read responsively)

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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

² **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night but find no rest.**

³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ **In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵ To you they cried and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ **But I am a worm and not human,
scorned by others and despised by the people.**

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they sneer at me; they shake their heads;

⁸ **“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

¹⁰ **On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

¹² **Many bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ **I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;**

my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my mouth^[a] is dried up like a potsherd,

and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

**16 For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;**

they bound my hands and feet.^[b]

17 I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

**18 they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

**20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life^[c] from the power of the dog!**

21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued^[d] me.

**22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;^[e]
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**24 For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;**

he did not hide his face from me^[f]

but heard when I^[g] cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**26 The poor^[h] shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.^[i]

**28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹To him,^[j] indeed, shall all who sleep in^[k] the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.^[l]

**30 Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord**

³¹and^[m] proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

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