



If you are worshipping with us for the first time, welcome!

Introduction to the Day

On this day, 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.

Tonight's liturgy, taken from the Lutheran Book of Worship, feels out of order.

The sermon begins the worship and ends by calling us to confession. Together, we are preparing for the baptismal renewals of Easter.

The service concludes with a stripping of the worship space of all adornment in preparation for Good Friday. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Maundy Thursday

Today's worship service is fully contained within the bulletin. You can reference our red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

You are invited to stand.

Gathering Hymn ELW# 502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

You may be seated.

Sermon

Confession

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.

Silence is kept for confession and self-examination.

Most merciful God, 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

Absolution

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen

Sharing of the Peace

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

Share a sign of God's peace with those in your vicinity.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Holy God, source of all love, 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, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, 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 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus.

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

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-2; 12-19 (read responsively)

Let us read Psalm 116 responsively.

This psalm is an expression of loving trust. The psalmist remembers death's grip but rests secure in God's embrace.

I am filled with love, for the Lord hears me.

The Lord bends to my voice whenever I call.

What gift can ever repay God's gift to me?

I raise the cup of freedom as I call on God's name.

I fulfill my vows to you, Lord, standing before your assembly.

Lord, you hate to see your faithful ones die.

I beg you Lord, hear me. It is I, the servant you love.

I, the child of your servant. You freed me from death's grip.

I bring a gift of thanks as I call on your name.

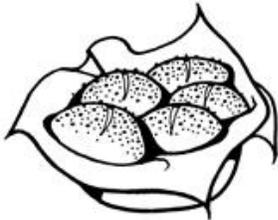
I fulfill my vows to you, O Lord.

I stand before your assembly.

**I am standing in the courts of your house,
within the heart of Jerusalem.**

In the words of Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, we join the ancient Israelites by lifting the cup of salvation, our sacrifice of thanksgiving, for we too have been freed from our bonds. In anticipation of the footwashing, we call ourselves God's servants.

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.



The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to stand.

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.

We continue to hold in our prayers these individuals connected to the Adoration community:

Mary Binter Robinette, friend of the Regents; Kerri; Dick Voegeli; Kathy Imp; John Imp; Pat (cousin of Donna Babilius); Lindsay Pelaez (niece of Tim and Katie Schmidt); Betty Wing; Joani Bettin; Darlene Witkowiak; Bob Bauer; Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law); Bill (friend of the Lazaris family); Jeremy (nephew of Tom Nowakowski); Karen (Sandy Ringwall's sister); Susan (daughter of Darlene Witkowiak); Caroline (daughter of Jill Lindberg); Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris); Jerry Pritcher (friend of Crystal Januchowski); Shelby (friend of Crystal); and the Daniels family, specifically Taylor.

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.**

Hymn ELW #347 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Prayers of Intercession

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

After each petition is read, name your specific prayers for the petition aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

We pray for the church:

Add your prayers for its leaders, mission, and unity.

Turn our hearts toward our neighbors in love and toward the world in mercy. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth:

Name your prayers for creation.

Bring new life from decay and repair what has been damaged from misuse or neglect.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations:

Name your prayers for countries and conflicts and peoples.



Heal all lands afflicted by sins of greed, pride, and violence, that your ways of peacemaking and unity may prevail throughout the world. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are in need, especially those we love.
Name your prayers for healing and wholeness

Send your compassion to those who are weighed down by sickness, grief, or guilt, that they might receive new life and the encouragement of your steadfast love.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly:

Name your prayers for Adoration and the faith of our partners and community.

Guide us through this time of Lent, that all we do would spring from your mercy, revealing the treasure of your presence.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in your mercy.

Name those saints who have recently died and those important to our faith and lives.

Strengthen us to face our mortality with humility, and to trust in your promise of resurrection.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

O loving God, you know the needs of all the world.

By your Spirit, grant that we—having turned to you in prayer—now might turn to one another in peace.

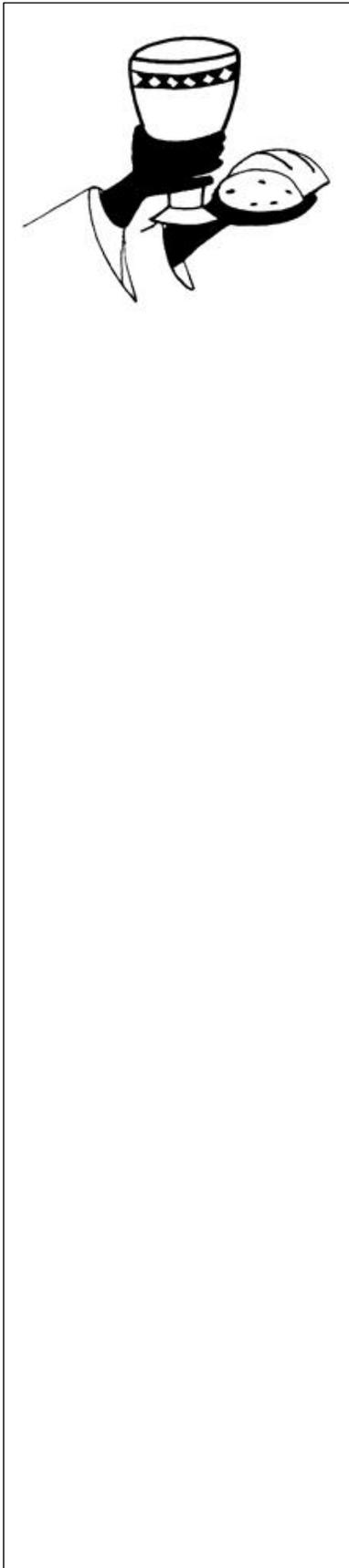
Help us tend and keep what you have made, and love our neighbor with the love of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen

Please be seated.

Offering

We receive our offerings through the passing of the offering plates today.



Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**

Introduction to the Lord's Supper

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. It is in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love.

Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal.

Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him.

The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

Call to Communion: "Come to the Table" Chancel Choir (6:15 service only)

You are invited to stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious parent:

Endless is your mercy and eternal is your reign.

**You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

We praise you for the mercy, love, and grace shown to your people in every age:

**the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land, and the words of the prophets.**

And at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who washed his disciples' feet.

'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'



Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world.

All are welcome at Christ's table, and at Adoration!

Here at Adoration, we practice "Open Communion," which means we welcome anyone to receive bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, the grace-filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace.

On that night before he died, during 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.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, loving one another, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine. Fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen

Lord's Prayer

Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

Please be seated.

Children are welcome to come forward, either to receive a blessing or to receive Holy Communion.



We come forward to receive the elements today.

We offer expanded options for Communion beginning this evening. As you come forward, you can choose to receive the pre-packaged elements (in one self-sealed unit) or to receive both a wafer and pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are available...simply let your communion server know.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "Lamb of God."



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion

Communion Music (Background Music Only)

ELW #500 Now We Remain

You are invited to stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, 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

Closing Hymn ELW #349

Ah, Holy Jesus

All altar candles are extinguished

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector:

6:15 p.m. Jess Hodgson

Thanks to our many volunteers who have helped with the logistics, décor, and stripping of the altar for Maundy Thursday, especially Connie Yersin, Barb Regent, and Deanna Posig.

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The Stripping of the Altar (6:15 p.m. only)

The Maundy Thursday service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space.

Psalm 22 (chanted)**Special Music “Song of Sighs” (6:15 p.m. only)**

Richard Regent, Clarinet and Lori Wargolet, Flute

We depart in silence.

The Liturgy of the Three Days continues on Good Friday...

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