

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

✠ GATHERING ✠

ANTHEM: *Ubi caritas*

arr. James H. Laster

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.

Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
let us all rejoice and be glad now and always,
And as we hear and love our Lord the living God,
so let us in sincerity love all people.

As we are all of one body when we gather,
let no discord or enmity break oneness,
may all our petty jealousies and hatred cease,
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days.

Now we pray that with the blessed you grant us grace,
to see your exalted glory, O Christ our God,
our boundless source of joy and truth, of peace and love,
forever and forevermore, world without end, Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Let us pray.

Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us make confession to God.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

☞ We pray,

☞ **Almighty God, merciful Father: 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.**

**But 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.**

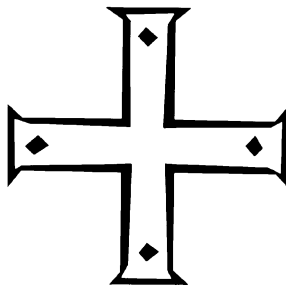
- P** In the mercy of Almighty God Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.
Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us
and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the One
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
As a called and ordained 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** 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 servant of all;
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY: The Lamb

Sandra Eithun



✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–14

The 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.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:10–17

℣ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

✠ How shall I re- | pay the LORD*
for all the good things he has | done for me?

℣ I will lift up the cup | of salvation*
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

✠ I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of | all his people.

℣ Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his servants.

✠ O LORD, I | am your servant;*
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

- ℣ I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving*
and call upon the name | of the LORD.
- ☩ **I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD***
in the presence of | all his people,
- ℣ in the courts of | the LORD's house,*
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.

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.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE: John 13:34

Scott Weidler

I give you a new commandment:
that you love one another as I have loved you.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

- ℙ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.
- ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. 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.”

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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.

³¹Jesus said, “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

Pastor David R. Lyle

HYMN OF THE DAY: Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and
 2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ
 3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what



ha - loes mer - cy's deeds; it sheds a ben - e -
 knelt and washed the feet of his dis - ci - ples,
 Christ in love so true has free - ly done for



dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
 he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
 one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, c. 1902, alt.
 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

NICENE CREED

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
C We believe in one God, the Father, the 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

☞ Lord, 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.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22 is chanted as the altar is stripped, a symbol of Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers.

There is no benediction.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Rich Schubkegel, lector

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Gwen Gotsch, soprano

Grace Bells

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