

Maundy Thursday

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A warm welcome to all visitors and friends.
We hope you are blessed by worshipping with us today.



Maundy Thursday

What does the name mean?

The term “Maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum;” it is from a verb that means “to give” or “to order” – command. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper and walked toward Gethsemane, Jesus taught them a new commandment – “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34).

Laying on of Hands

Ash Wednesday began with an extended confession of sins. The Maundy Thursday service begins with a time of communal confession and forgiveness, followed by an opportunity for individual absolution. This declaration of forgiveness frames the entire Lenten season with confession (Ash Wednesday) and absolution (Maundy Thursday). As we came forward to be marked with the ashes of mortality at the beginning of Lent, so now we come forward to receive the forgiveness of sins.

The Last Supper

On the first Maundy Thursday, after they had eaten, Jesus gave the disciples his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins. Called Holy Communion or the Eucharist, Lutherans believe this to be one of two sacraments – gifts from God with a command and as earthy element.

Stripping of the altar

After the Eucharist is celebrated it is customary to “strip the altar,” which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life.

This worship service begins The Three Days - a time of Holy Week worship traditionally spread over three days including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. **Tonight, we conclude in silence and will continue our worship tomorrow with our Good Friday worship.**

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements

**Stand*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession And Forgiveness

**Stand*

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. [We have shared this discipline of Lent with new brothers and sisters in Christ who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.]

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 reflection 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.

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.

**Congregation is seated*

Laying On Of Hands

Having confessed our sins communally, you are offered an opportunity to come forward and stand or kneel for the laying on of hands. As you receive God's forgiveness, you may respond, "Amen"

Hymn #740 – Jesus Remember Me – WOV



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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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.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

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.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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 repay 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.**

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.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

³For 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.

**Stand*

Gospel Acclamation

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to _____.

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 #765 - Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love - WOV

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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Handwashing

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.

There will be two washing stations at the front of the worship space, one on each side of the center aisle. Come to one station or the other to have your hands washed. When your hands have been washed, step to the other side of the table and prepare to wash the hands of the next person. Using the water pitcher, pour water over the hands of the person across from you over the bowl at the table, and dry their hands with a towel as they prepare to receive Jesus' last meal. Once you have washed someone else's hands, step to the center to receive a hand blessing.

Hymn - O God We Call

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "O God We Call". It consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is written on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn for you." The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

Text: Linnea Good, b. 1962
Music: O GOD, WE CALL, Linnea Good
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Prayers Of Intercession

Let us pray for new life in the church, new hope for the world, and God's love for all who are in need.

Prayer Response: Lord, in your love and compassion,
hear our prayer.

We pray to you, O God, in the name of the one who endured the cross, forgives our sin, and feeds us at his table, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory - Now is the Time of Grace

1
Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

2
Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in - vi - ta - tion.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on 2 Corinthians 6:2 and Isaiah 58:6-9

Music: TIME OF GRACE, Marty Haugen

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Offering Prayer

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Words of Institution

The 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.

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward and hold out your hands in the form of a cross or a cradle to receive the body of Christ. Choose a cup of red wine or white grape juice. If you are only able to receive one of the two elements, please know that you receive the fullness of Christ in one element. You may choose to receive a simple blessing if you prefer. Please notify an usher or the pastor if you have difficulty coming forward and communion will be brought to you.

“Lamb of God”

☞ 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

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.

Stripping Of The Altar

Psalm 22

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

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

**²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.**

Pause

**³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

**⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

**⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**

Pause

**⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

**⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.**

**⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”**

**⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.**

**¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.**

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

Pause

**¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.**

**²⁰Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

**²¹Save me from the lion’s mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.**

**²²I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

**²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.**

**²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD’s face
hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

Pause

**²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.**

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.

²⁹**Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.**

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

Pause

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

*Remain seated and silent as long as you like.
When you are ready, please depart in silence.*

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The Three Days

There is one liturgy comprising Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday, the Triduum or "Three Days". Maundy Thursday worship reminds us of God's gift of forgiveness, the commandment to love one another, and the gift of Christ's presence through Holy Communion. On Good Friday we contemplate the Passion of Our Lord and revere Christ's holy cross. On the night before Easter Day, you are invited to gather as a family in your homes and celebrate Christ's passage from death to life. We will meet again Easter Morning to proclaim Christ's coming, both now and at the end of time.

Please join us to continue worship tomorrow, Good Friday, 7:00 pm at Belfield Lutheran Church.

Easter Worship - Sunday, April 17

6:00 am - Easter Sunrise Worship at Daglum

8:30 am - Easter Worship at Medora

10:00 am - Easter Worship at Belfield

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