

# CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICES

Thursday, April 1, 2021  
Maundy Thursday

### Introduction

This evening 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 we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, and the central focus of 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 God's mercy. We end the worship in silence as we await the coming days.

### Confession and Forgiveness

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 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.



*(Take out your Bible and follow along)*

### Prayer of the Day

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.

## Exodus 12:1-14

## Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

(Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.

<sup>12</sup>**How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?**

<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,**

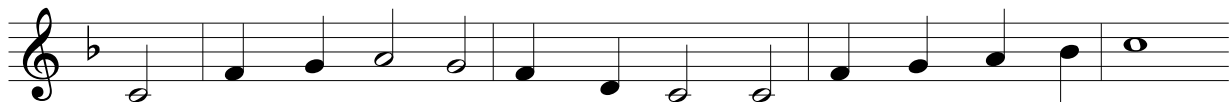
<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## The Holy Gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

## The Homily

### Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



1. Love con - se-crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;  
2. When in the sha - dow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet  
3. Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic-tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.  
of his di - sci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com-plete.  
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

## Hand Washing

### Prayers of Intercession

A Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray.

*A brief silence.*

A God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Let us love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of love, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of love, heal all divisions between nations and peoples. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*For what else do the people of God pray...*

A God of love, glorify your servants who walked by faith in this life and who now feast with you. Especially those who have died of COVID-19. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

### Prayer

A O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope.

Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance.

Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance

Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination.

Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams

All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

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

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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

## Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe....  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P O God of resurrection and new life...  
We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

### Great Amen

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

## The 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 Holy Communion

### Communion Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you to life eternal.  
C Amen.

### Prayer After Communion

A Let us pray.  
C God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world.  
Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Concluding Prayer

We pray to you, almighty God, in this time of pandemic. You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Do not let us fail in the face of this sickness. Uphold us with your love, and give us the strength we need. Help us in our confusion and anxiousness. Heal the sick, console the bereaved, protect the innocent and deliver any who are still in peril; for the sake of your great mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*The service concludes with the chanting of Psalm 22 while the worship space is stripped of all sacred icons.*

*If you wish to replicate this tradition:*

*Gather any faith related items you have in your home – icons, statues, crosses, religious symbols and art that can easily be removed. Pack them away in a bag or bin, cover large items with a cloth.*

*Remove all items from your table so it is completely empty and thoroughly wash it so it is both cleared and clean. Leave your table bare until Easter morning when you unpack and uncover your religious items and decorate your room table with Easter joy.*

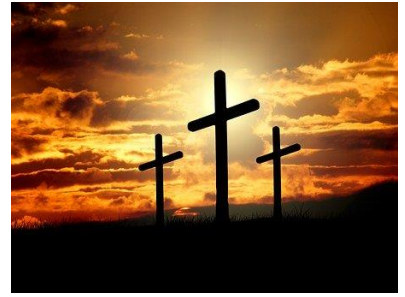
### Psalm: Psalm 22

(There is no blessing. All leave in silence)

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| Presiding:  | Pastor Dorothy                              |
| Musician:   | Tim Ditch                                   |
| Assistants: | Ruthanne Rusnak<br>Brian Liebenstein        |
| Cantors:    | Sharon Ray<br>Craig Gerke<br>Pastor Dorothy |

## Friday, April 2, 2021

### Good Friday



#### Introduction

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as Jesus is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Great Easter Vigil and the Glorious Resurrection.

#### Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him.

Amen.

#### Isaiah 52:13-53:12

#### Psalms 88

(Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, God of my salvation,  
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,  
<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>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.

## Hebrews 10:16-25

### The Passion According to John the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Chapters (Hear the story again, for the first time)

#### Bidding Prayers

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth and Laurie our bishops, for our Episcopal Bishops Michael & Diana, for Dorothy and Roberto our pastors, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office, especially for Mayor Jason, Governor Kate, President Joe.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

Almighty and eternal God...

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

*All pray the 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.



## Procession of the Cross

*If you have a cross in your home, set it in a place of prominence as we express our adoration for the cross of Christ.*

A Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C Oh, come, let us worship him.

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## Solemn Reproaches

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*The Solemn Reproaches is an ancient text of Western Christianity associated with the ending of the Good Friday service. The reproaches follow the pattern of Psalm 78, which recounts God's continuing acts of faithfulness and Israel's repeated rebellion. Each reproach calls to mind God's saving acts and concludes with the same words: "but you have prepared a cross for your Savior." Following each reproach, the assembly responds with a prayer for mercy, singing the Trisagion ("the thrice holy"). The service concludes with a hymn. The assembly leaves in silence.*

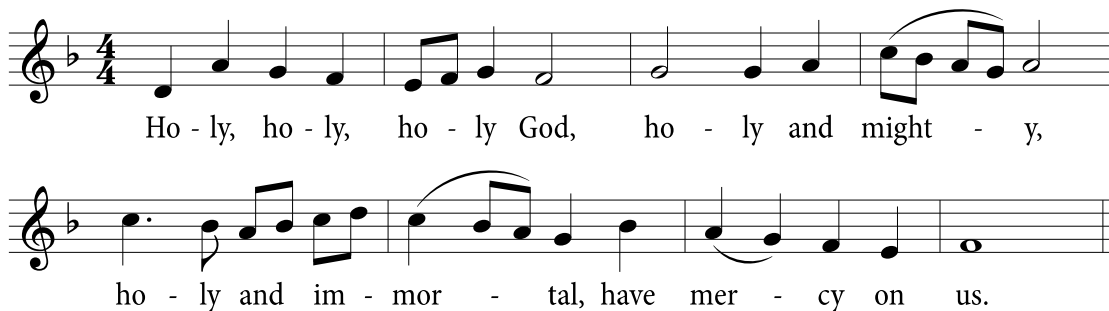
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*The leaders read...*

O my people, O my church...

but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

*The assembly responds by singing...*



*After a brief silence, the presiding minister concludes:*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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| Musician:   | Tim Ditch                      |
| Assistants: | Jane Hershberger<br>Tom Struck |

## There in God's Garden



1. There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2. Its name is Je - sus, name that says "Our Sav - ior!"  
3. Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4. See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;  
5. This is my end - ing, this my res - ur - rec - tion;  
6. All heaven is sing - ing, "Thanks to Christ whose pas - sion



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;  
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!  
in - to your hands, Lord, I com - mit my spir - it.  
of - fers in mer - cy heal - ing, strength, and par - don.



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your  
This have I searched for; now I can pos -  
Peo - ples and na - tions, take it, take it



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."  
sess it. This ground is ho - ly.  
free - ly!" A - men! My Mas - ter!

*The assembly leaves in silence*

Saturday, April 3, 2021  
Vigil of Easter: Resurrection of Our Lord

### Introduction

The service begins in darkness, after nightfall.  
The lighting of a new fire takes place outside the building, if possible.  
You are invited to light a candle on your table as you wait in silence.

*(Get out your Bible and follow along)*



### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior, Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church, scattered throughout the world and our communities in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death and await Christ's coming again in glory.

### Prayer of the Day

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church in exile with the Spirit given us in baptism that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, wherever we are, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 12:2-6

John 19:1-20

### The Meditation

Romans 6:3-11

### Sending Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Blessing

May God who has brought us from death to life  
fill you with great joy.  
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. Amen.

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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| Liturgist: | Pastor Dorothy |
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