

# CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14, 2022

### 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.*

P Most merciful God,  
C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Presiding:	Pastor Dorothy
Musician:	Tim Ditch
Assistants:	Ruthanne Rusnak
Cantors:	Sharon Ray John Hershberger Pastor Dorothy

*(Some texts are not included in the interest of saving resources.  
Take out your Bible if you would like to follow along)*

## Prayer of the Day

- P 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.
- C Amen.

## A Reading from Exodus the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter

Exodus 12:1-14

## Psalms 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.

- P The Holy Gospel according to John the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter  
C Glory to you O Lord.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

## The Homily

## The Hymn of the Day

### 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

I invite you to wash your hands in a bowl, at the sink, or with hand sanitizer as the symbol of love for one another as we are still experiencing this pandemic. If you are in a household, I invite you to wash one another's hands.

## 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.**

*(Now is the time to prepare your table for Holy Communion)*

## 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.**

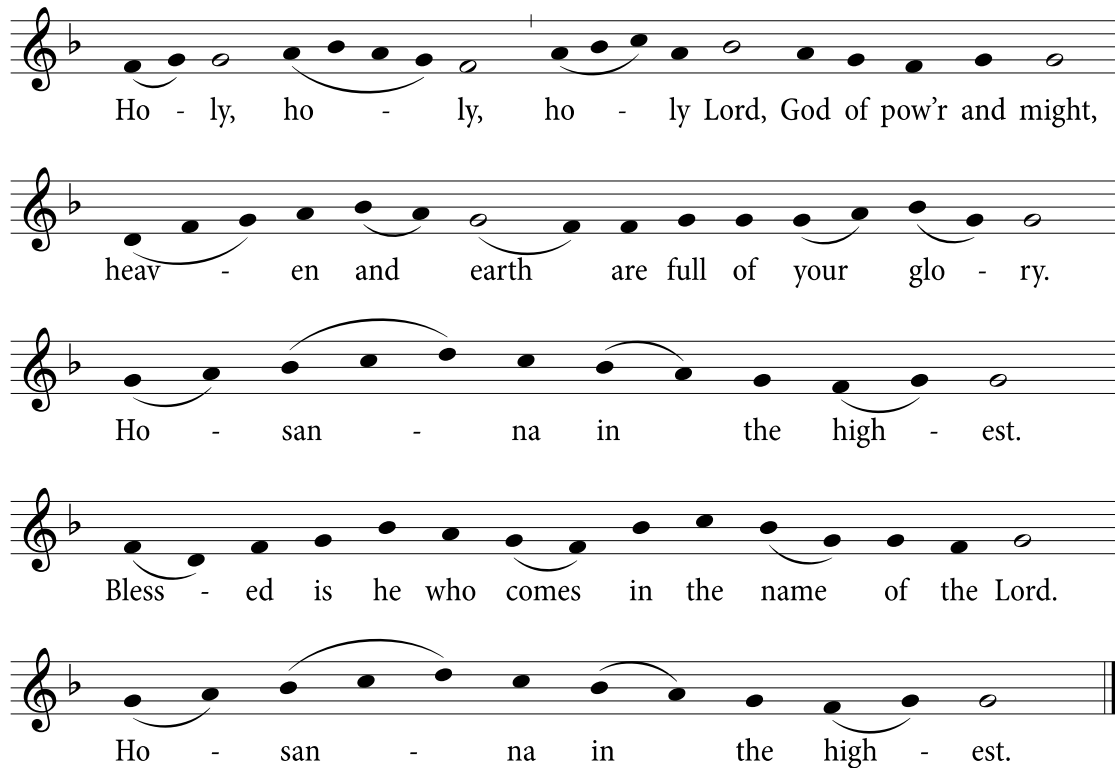
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

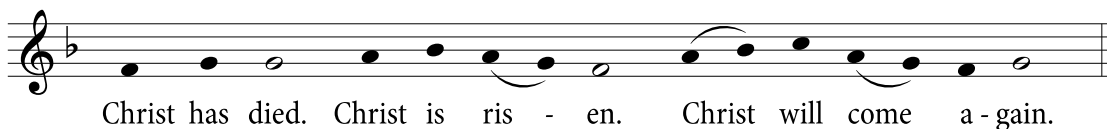


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...  
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

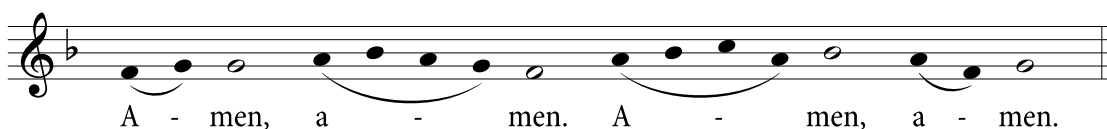
### Memorial Acclamation



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

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ...  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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

P 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.  
C 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

Chanted by: Sharon Ray, John Hershberger, Pastor Dorothy

(There is no blessing. All leave in silence)