

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion April 18, 2019

April 18, 2019 ●5:30 p.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

The service begins in silence.

The assembly stands.

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. We have shared this discipline of Lent with new brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

Following the invitation, all kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

The presiding minister leads the assembly in the confession. 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.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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

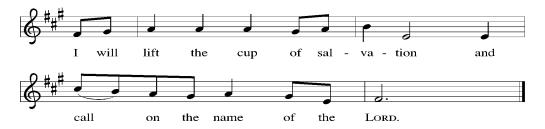
By grace you have been saved.

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.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19



¹I love the LORD, who has I heard my voice, and listened to my I supplication,

²for the LORD has given | ear to me

whenev- | er I called. R

¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD

for all the good things God has I done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation

and call on the name | of the LORD.

14I will fulfill my vows I to the LORD

in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵Precious 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 I from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving and call upon the name | of the LORD. R

18 will fulfill my vows to the LORD

in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of ∣ the LORD's house, in the midst of you, ∣ O Jerusalem. R

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.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–14 (Please turn to your pew Bible, Old Testament, page 64.)

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

(Please turn to your pew Bible, New Testament, page 181.)

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 word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Pastor Steve will sing first time; the assembly will sing the second time)



Text: John 13:34-35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

(Please turn to your pew Bible, New Testament, page 111.)

The holy gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 another.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON Pastor José Lebrón

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Great God, Your Love Has Called Us ELW 358 (vss. 1, 2)

The assembly is seated.

FOOTWASHING

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.

ASSEMBLY SONGS:

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us ELW 358 (vss. 3, 4, 5)
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love ELW 708
Here at Your Feet, Lord (tune: Morning Has Broken)

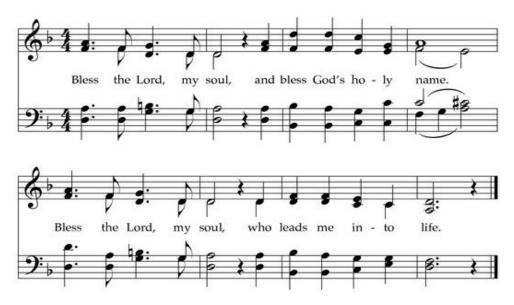
1--Here at Your feet, Lord, Bowing to thank You, Eager to serve You, Glad to obey. See all Your children! O how You love them! Make us Your hands, Lord. Use us today.

2--Turning from greatness, Humbly we serve You, One with the weary, Washing their feet. Sharing their weakness, Sharing Your goodness, Sharing in You, Lord, Love is complete. The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With a holy mandate to love one another as Christ has loved us, let us pray for the needs of the world, the church, and all creation so beloved of God. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Congregational refrain: "Bless the Lord, My Soul"



We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational refrain: ""Bless the Lord, My Soul""

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set.

OFFERTORY It Happened on that Fateful Night Isaac Watts
Lorraine Wistrom, flutist Emmanuel Choir Jane Hauck, clarinetist

It happened on that fateful night when pow'rs of earth and hell arose against the Son, our God's delight, and friends betrayed him to his foes. Before the bitter scene began, he took the bread, and blest and broke. What love through all his actions ran! What wondrous words of love he spoke! "My body, broken for your sin, receive and eat as living food." He took the cup and blessed the wine: "Share this new testament, my blood." "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, remembering your dying friend; meet at my table and record the full obedience of your Lord." O Lord, your feast we celebrate; we show your death; we sing your name till you return, when we shall eat the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The assembly stands.

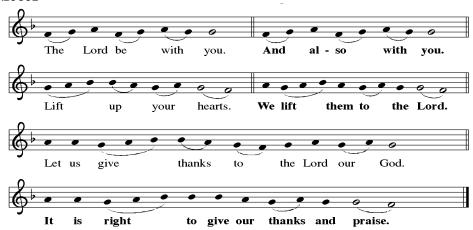
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of glory,
receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.
As Jesus was lifted up from the earth,
draw us to your heart in the midst of this world,
that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom,
from darkness to light, and from death to life;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

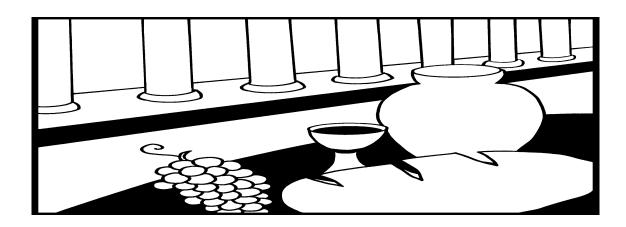
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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 COMMUNION

Where charity and love abide, there is God. Rejoice in this holy communion.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Setting by D&S Denisen

ASSEMBLY HYMNS: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 484 ELW 608 ELW 803

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

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.**

The assembly is seated.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After the communion, the service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels. Following the prayer after communion, the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space.

PSALM 88 is spoken. Lights are dimmed as the worship space is stripped.

All depart in silence.

The service continues tomorrow night on Good Friday at 5:30 p.m. here in the sanctuary.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Lector: Jeff Heier

Ushers: Bud & Nancy Umbach, Peter & Pat Shaulis

Altar Guild: Diedre Milligan, Nancy Omonte

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:

MOORING LINE DRIVE SERVICES:

Good Friday - April 19 - 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Easter Sunday- April 21 - 7:45, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. (Traditional) in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. (Contemporary) in the Family Life Center

PEBBLEBROOKE SERVICES:

Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 20--10:00 a.m.—Emmanuel Community Park Easter Sunrise Service—Sunday, April 21--7:00 a.m.—Emmanuel Community Park Easter – Sunday, April 21- 11:00 a.m. (Bilingual)—Pebblebrooke Center