

March 24, 2016 **Maundy Thursday** 6:30 p.m.

With nightfall our Lenten observances come to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. 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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Gerald Near
Ah Holy Jesus

* GREETING

*Return to the Lord, God of all mercies,
for a feast of love has been prepared for his own.
**I will bless the Lord at all times.
His praise shall be continually in my mouth.**
O taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Happy are those who take refuge in God.
O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt God's name together.*

* THE HYMN No. 2126 (TFWS) Holy Manna
All Who Hunger

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

*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 one another. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. 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.*

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.

* KYRIE ELEISON No. 482 Kriewald Kyrie
Lord Have Mercy

Repeated phrases are sung first by the leader and then by all.

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

FIRST LESSON Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE No. 549 St. Peter
*Where Charity and Love Prevail
stanza 1*

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 11:23-26

*This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM Lloyd Larson
We Remember You

* THE GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.
A new commandment I give to you: Love one another as I have loved you.
Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE HOMILY Rev. Kyle Randle

THE FOOTWASHING

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. Therefore I invite you, as many as may wish, to come forward, that we may recall whose servants we are by following the example of our Master.

*Please leave shoes/socks behind, come forward to one of the stations and in turn wash and dry the feet/hand of a fellow Christian and then allow your feet/hand to be washed.

HYMN No. 432 Jesu, Jesu Chereponi

*THE PEACE

Upon washing the disciples' feet, Jesus said to them, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you." Reconciled by his love, let us offer one another signs of peace.

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

OFFERTORY Johann Pachelbel
O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING No. 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

COMMUNION

Communion Hymns:
Let us Break Bread Together No. 618
Become to Us the Living Bread No. 630

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH
Psalm 22

*DEPART IN SILENCE

~ The Service Will Continue Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the Hut Chapel ~

March 25, 2016 **Good Friday** 6:30 p.m.

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died. Today's liturgy culminates on Easter morning.

GATHERING IN SILENCE

*THE PRAYER

*Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.
That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up the cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*THE HYMN OF THE DAY No. 294 Martyrdom
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

ANTHEM Passion Chorale
O Sacred Head
Janet Lawrence and Samuel Hickman, clarinet

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 10:16-25

*THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN John 18:1-19:42
Please stand after the last candle is extinguished and remain standing until the Passion is completed.

*THE HYMN No. 297 St. Christopher
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

THE BIDDING PRAYER

MEDITATIONS AT THE CROSS

(You are invited to come forward and kneel briefly during the Reproaches)

THE REPROACHES: CHRIST'S LAMENT AGAINST HIS FAITHLESS CHURCH

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world.

Let us worship and bow down.

O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood and precious blood did redeem us:

Help, save, pit, and defend us, we pray, O Lord.

O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna; I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I made you branches of my vineyard and gave you the water of salvation, but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a servant, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you, but you close your hearts to guidance.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I called you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you all may be one, but you continue to quarrel and divide.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel, but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters. I was hungry but you gave me no food, thirsty but you gave me no drink. I was a stranger but you did not welcome me, naked but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

SILENCE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*THE HYMN OF TRIUMPH No. 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

*THE BLESSING

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

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him.

If we endure, we shall also reign with him.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God now and for ever. Amen.

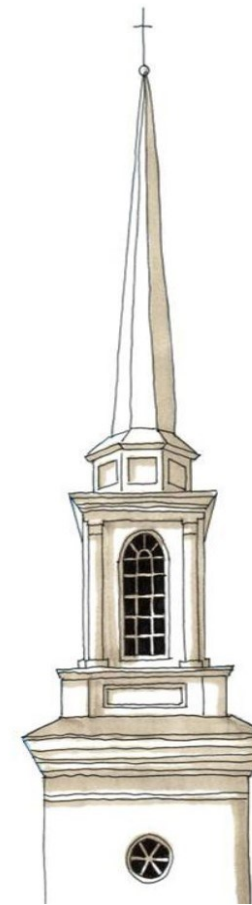
ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

*The service will continue Sunday morning
at 11:00 am as we welcome
the celebration of the Resurrection.*

*Easter Breakfast will be served
in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.*

*The morning will continue with Sunday school
and the Flowering of the Cross
followed by Worship in the sanctuary.*

Please join us in our continual worship.



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Gethsemane

*On a hill backlit by twilight,
the disciples gather like crows
for the night.*

*This is their down time, time to browse
among the olive branches, Christ with them,
their apostolic flight slowed at last
to a head-nodding drowse,*

*to a flutter of tattered cloak,
the unraveling hem
dragging in the dirt like a hurt wing.
They flock momentarily around him,*

*then settle down, safe in the soft swing
of wind that rises and then falls back
with deepest evening*

*Into distance, and sleep, while Christ's black
feathers burn in his father's fist,
plucked by God before by Judas kissed.*

Kelly Cherry, God's Loud Hand: Poems