

**Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**  
**Zoom Service 7:30 PM**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

*We begin worship in silence.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P 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.

P Most merciful God,

**A 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.

**A Amen.**

**Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P 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.

**A Amen.**

## Reading from the Old Testament: Exodus 12:1–14

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell 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. <sup>4</sup>If 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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This 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. <sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>The 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.

<sup>14</sup>This 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.

## Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19



<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  
whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay 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.

### **Gospel: John 13:1–17, 31b–35**

Now 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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. [ . . . ] Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

### **Sermon**

## HYMN Ubi Caritas, ELW 653



U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, De - us i - bi est.  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide, God is dwell - ing there.



1 We are gath - ered by the one love of Christ Je - sus;  
2 Since we are all one in the Lord, as we gath - er,  
3 All sur - round - ed by the blest saints, we shall see you



let us lift our voic - es to God and be joy - ful.  
let us be watch - ful that no strife still di - vide us.  
face to face in glo - ry and light, O Christ Je - sus.



In ho - ly won - der let us love the liv - ing God,  
Con - ten - tion, en - vy, ill will, spite— may these all cease;  
With ho - ly joy far be - yond thought we shall be full,



and may our hearts ev - er be one in faith - ful love.  
with us, a - bid - ing in our midst, is Christ our God.  
from age to age, world with - out end, for - ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

## Foot or Hand Washing

*Here you may wash your own hands, using the water in the bowl, recalling Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Or, if there are several of you worshipping together, you may wash each other's hands, thinking of the love of Jesus poured out on each of us in this difficult time. Or you may choose to do as we do in church: wash each other's feet. Then you would need a pitcher, basin and towel: you hold the heel, pour the water, and dry the foot. Please note, that this action may be entirely omitted, especially if someone in your house has tested positive for the virus.*

Song During Washing: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW 659

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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## **Prayers of the People**

United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world, responding to each petition with the words "Your mercy is great."

You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked, especially Steve Andes, Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Laura Burdick, family and friends of Mid Carlson, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Jennifer Grethe, Pat Helm, Jim Jung, John and Nancy, Judith Kratochvil, Elizabeth and Ernie's family, Veronica Repasz, Lorrie Roche, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, George Stewart, Leslie Thais, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire our ministries of service, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

*The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.* Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**A Amen.**

**Peace**

**Offertory Anthem: Bread of Life by J.S. Bach**

We worship God with our offerings. We give thanks for those who support Immanuel's life and mission. [We invite you to do that online](#) or by mail, and with your presence, prayer, and talents.

**Offertory Prayer**

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places,  
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

**Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**The 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.**

**Prayer at the Table**

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide,

together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert,  
pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.  
And for this we pray: **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.  
And for this we pray: **Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!**

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever.  
**Amen**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Communion**

Come for all things are now ready; the gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**This is the body of Christ, given for you.**

*All communing may receive their bit of bread from God's hand, and may share with others in their household also using these words.*

**This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*All communing may drink of the cup they have prepared, and may share with others in their household also using these words.*

*For those fasting, receive this prayer of blessing in God's presence:*

May God who loves you be truly present with the Spirit of grace, mercy and joy, uplifting and blessing you in the promise of neverfailing love God makes to God's children.

### **Table Dismissal**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**



*Silence for meditation.*

*The altar is stripped; you are invited to strip your home altar during this time.*

**Psalm 88**

*We end worship in silence. You are invited to stay in silent meditation.*