

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1, 2021

Noon (sanctuary) & 7PM (sanctuary/online)



*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, but the central focus is 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 the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

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## SILENT PROCESSION

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: 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 for reflection and self examination. We kneel as able)*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**People: 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.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

*We stand as able*

### HYMN

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

1 *Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.*

3 *Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;  
as members of each body joined,  
in him we are made one.*

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### GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen**

*We are seated*

## **THE FIRST READING**

Lector: A reading from Exodus.

*The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 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. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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. 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. (Exodus 12:1-14)*

Lector: Holy Wisdom, holy Word.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SECOND READING**

Lector: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*

Lector: Holy Wisdom, holy Word.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(We stand for the reading of the Gospel)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John. **People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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 Jews 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.*

(John 13:1-17, 31-35)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We are seated*

## REFLECTION

Rev. Eric Fink

*We stand as able*

## HYMN

*"A New Commandment"*

*A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall people know you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another;  
by this shall people know you are my disciples:  
if you have love one for another.*

*A New Commandment; Text: John 13:34-35; Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assist: United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

*+ A brief silence +*

Assist: 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.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: 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, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: 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.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: 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. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's 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.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: 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.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*We extend a sign of peace toward other worshippers, with the words: "Peace be with you."*

## **PREPARATION OF TABLE**     *"Stay With Me" (sung twice)*

*Stay with me,  
remain here with me,  
watch and pray.  
Watch and pray.*

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## **THANKSGIVING & EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**People: 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

Pastor: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come and be fed.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*We are seated*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY OFFERING

*Offerings may be placed in the offering plate on the table in the Holy Communion line. You may also drop off your offerings at the office during the week or send through mail/bank transfer. For those who wish to give electronically, you may use the secure Givelify app.*

Google Play



App Store



## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*ALL ARE WELCOME to partake of Holy Communion, for we believe this is the Lord's Meal (not ours) and open to Christians of any background, denomination, or tradition. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in the full presence of Christ in, with, and under the elements. Children are welcome to receive communion at as early age as desired (parent may consult with pastor), and communion instruction is provided as scheduled. For children (or others) not receiving the elements, a special blessing is offered. Ushers will direct you to the front—please exit from the ends of your pew and do NOT walk through the pews when leaving or returning. Please maintain at least 6-ft spacing while waiting & returning.*

*ELEMENTS (2 Options): Note that GLUTEN-FREE wafers are available at both stations.*

*STATION 1: We also have available an individual wine glass & traditional wafer. Please commune at the station and return the plastic holder/glass to the white container provided at the table.*

*STATION 2: During Covid, we continue to offer sanitary-packaged elements. The wafer is located under the plastic film on top of the sealed cup - pull back the plastic film for the wafer, and then peel off the aluminum seal to open the cup. You may return to your seat to consume the elements—a container is available for you to deposit the empty cup after worship. Feel free to either eat the wafer or drink the grape juice first, depending on which is easier for you to open.*

## SYMBOLIC "WASHING" PRAYER STATION

*After you receive the elements, you may pause at the station where the Pastor has a basin. The pastor will symbolically pour water in remembrance of Jesus washing his disciples' feet on this holy night before his crucifixion. As water is poured, these words are said individually ....*

*Pastor: Jesus said, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."*

**Your Prayer: Cleanse me, Jesus, with your grace & love! Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION SONG

### "The Table"

#### Verse 1

*I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table (Repeat)*

#### Chorus

*Come all you weary come and find  
His yoke is easy His burden is light  
He is able He will restore  
At the table of the Lord  
(At the table of the Lord)*

#### Verse 2

*There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table*

#### Verse 3

*There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table  
(Chorus)*

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## DISTRIBUTION SONG

### "Eat This Bread"

*"Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst."*

*Jesus Christ, bread of life,  
those who come to you will not hunger.  
Jesus Christ, risen Lord,  
those who trust in you will not thirst.*

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*We stand after all have received communion*

## **EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING AND POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

**People: Amen**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: 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.**

*We kneel as able for the sharing of Psalm 22, which Jesus himself quoted on the cross.*

### **+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR - PSALM 22 +**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

<sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

<sup>8</sup>"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup>They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

*Following the stripping of the altar, a time of reflection is observed.*

## **DEPART IN SILENCE**

*There is no formal "Benediction" at the end of this service, as we remain in worship throughout this Holy Week worship, wherever we are - dispersed in the world. We re-convene to worship together again on Good Friday at Noon & 7 PM.*

# HOLY WEEK



**Holy Monday - Good Friday**  
**On-Line Pastors/Deacon Devotion**  
**(posted daily @ noon)**

**Maundy Thursday, April 1**  
**Noon (sanctuary) & 7:00 (sanctuary/online)**

**Good Friday, April 2**  
**Noon (sanctuary) & 7:00 (sanctuary/online)**

**Holy Saturday, April 3**  
**7:30pm (portico/lawn Vigil Service)**

**Easter Morning, April 4**  
**6:30am Son-Rise (lawn)**  
**8:15am Worship (sanctuary)**  
**10:30am Festival Worship (sanctuary/lawn/vehicle/online)**  
*(\*Lutheran Men will have Easter Breakfast "to-go" boxes available for pick-up after the Son-rise and 8:15 worship services)*

**Easter Evening, April 4**  
**6pm Emmaus Communion Worship**  
**GoogleMeet from your home**  
[meet.google.com/gtk-ebxv-zjp](https://meet.google.com/gtk-ebxv-zjp)  
Or join by phone, 484-544-3135 PIN: 164 292 357#

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP THIS NIGHT!**

*We rejoice in your presence here tonight,  
as we join with others throughout the world for worship in this Holy Week!  
May the Spirit speak to your heart the message of God's redeeming love for everyone, as shown to  
the world through the events of Holy Week and Easter.  
We pray that that God's healing grace may truly touch every aspect of your life!*

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*If you are looking for a church family to offer you and your family support, fellowship,  
growth in faith, and opportunities to share the love of God with others,  
we invite you to come experience the Spirit's presence here at Living Springs.  
Everyone is welcome here - to share in the grace and unconditional love given us through Christ!*

**WELCOME GUESTS!** – We are especially blessed by your presence today and look forward to worshipping with you again. Please take time to sign the welcome book in the narthex. New members are always welcome into our congregation. To learn more about becoming part of Christ's family of faith here at Living Springs, please contact the Pastor Carl (736-0661) or Pastor Eric (917-2749).

**RESTROOMS** – are located in the Administration Building. Greeters/ushers will be happy to show you the way. Restrooms are equipped with diaper changing stations.

**OUR PRAYER MINISTRY** – As a community of disciples, we pray for one another and others - not just in times of illness, but also for praise, thanksgiving, and forgiveness. If you have a prayer request, call the office (736-0661) or send an email to: [prayer@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:prayer@livingspringscolumbia.org)

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