



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL



Maundy Thursday Worship
April 9, 2020

7:00 PM Worship Livestream at
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Introduction

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end. 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. Closing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Welcome & Announcements

A Prayer of Healing for the Nations

Pastor: In this time of pandemic, let us pray...

A moment of silence for reflection.

Pastor: From a world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus disease,

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From fevers and difficulty breathing, from sickness and dying,

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From fear and worry, From stress and weariness

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From isolation and loneliness, from uncertainty and loss

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: We are all ages and all colors, all genders and all creeds

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: For our families and friends, all communities and all nations,

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: In Jesus' name we pray

All: heal us, O Lord. Amen.



Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (BWV 654)
("Deck Thyself O Lovely Soul")

J.S. Bach

Prelude Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Institution of the Passover of the Lord

Pastor: The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

Confession and 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.

Pastor: 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 be reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: 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. 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.



All: Amen.

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: We 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.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

Change My Heart, O God

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Change My Heart, O God

Refrain

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Word: God Speaks to Us in Holy Scriptures and Prayer

Gospel

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of St. John, chapter 13.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.



Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,

come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:

Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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Homily

“The Word Is Love” by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Hymn of the Day

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (verses 3-4)

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1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad-ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der,
4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,

come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;

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Prayers of Intercession

Pastor: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Pastor: God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Speak words of truth and grace through us. Encourage us in self-giving acts of kindness. Let us love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favorable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. Let the earth flourish so that all may eat and be satisfied. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of love, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another. We give thanks for organizations that respond to disasters and for agencies that offer relief and humanitarian aid to populations in need (*particular organizations may be named*). Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit (*especially...*). Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who rely on the generosity of others. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of love, you invite us to your table of mercy. Heal all divisions between members of this assembly. Extend the hospitality of this table beyond these walls, that your love and welcome be made known to all. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of mercy, bless the life-giving efforts of all medical professionals during this coronavirus pandemic. Protect them and give them wisdom, strength, and endurance. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of love, glorify your servants who walked by faith in this life and who now feast with you. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who were imprisoned, persecuted, or martyred for their faith. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



Peace

Pastor: Family of God in Christ, the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All: 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.

Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World

Blessing

Pastor: In this Holy Week, may the God of mercy bless you, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit .

All: Amen.

Sending

Pastor: Let us go in peace and love each other as he loved us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

Chanted by Robert Morehead

The words of Jesus upon the cross echo Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It is a psalm of lament and suffering which turns to worship and praise for the Lord's deliverance all embodied in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. These words of faith give us hope in our struggles.



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Stripping of the Altar

The removal of the vestments and adornments of the altar and chancel mark an end to the holy season of Lent. Even more so, the stripping of the altar symbolizes the loss experienced in the betrayal, suffering, and death of Jesus Christ which follows.

We close in silence.

Thank you for worshipping with us. Join us again in worship during this Holy Week. Services on Good Friday will livestream at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM. We will livestream our Easter Celebration at 9:00 AM on Sunday, April 12.

***All services can be found at www.facebook.com/elcvienna.
God bless you!***