

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

APRIL 17, 2025

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM



ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

12351 All Saints Place

Woodbridge, Virginia 22192

INTRODUCTION TO THE TRIDUUM ~

THE THREE DAYS is the church's annual experience of the heart of the Christian faith. Because there ought to be no immersion into suffering without the gift of the resurrection, and there ought to be no Easter without Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the three-part service known as the Three Days holds them all together in the mystery of Christ. Some people know of this three-day worship under its Latin name, the Triduum. The service begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

Johannes Brahms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Maundy Thursday with Setting Four*

The pastor invites the assembly into the confession.

INSTRUCTION, 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.

C: Amen.

The assembly sits or kneels.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most Merciful God,

C: 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.

C: Amen.

Lay My Sins On Jesus

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.
 he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.
 his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.
 he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.
 like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: MÜNCH, *Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

GREETING

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

C: 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.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

L: 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. 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: We pray the Psalm in unison.

**I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

**O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the
LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

L: A reading from First 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: I give you a new commandment,

C: that you love one another just as I have loved you.

P: The Gospel according to St. John. **C: 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. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW 358



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The pastor invites the assembly into prayer.

P: Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence is kept; each petition ends with the response.)

L: God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to 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

*The Upper Room
Choir*

Besig

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

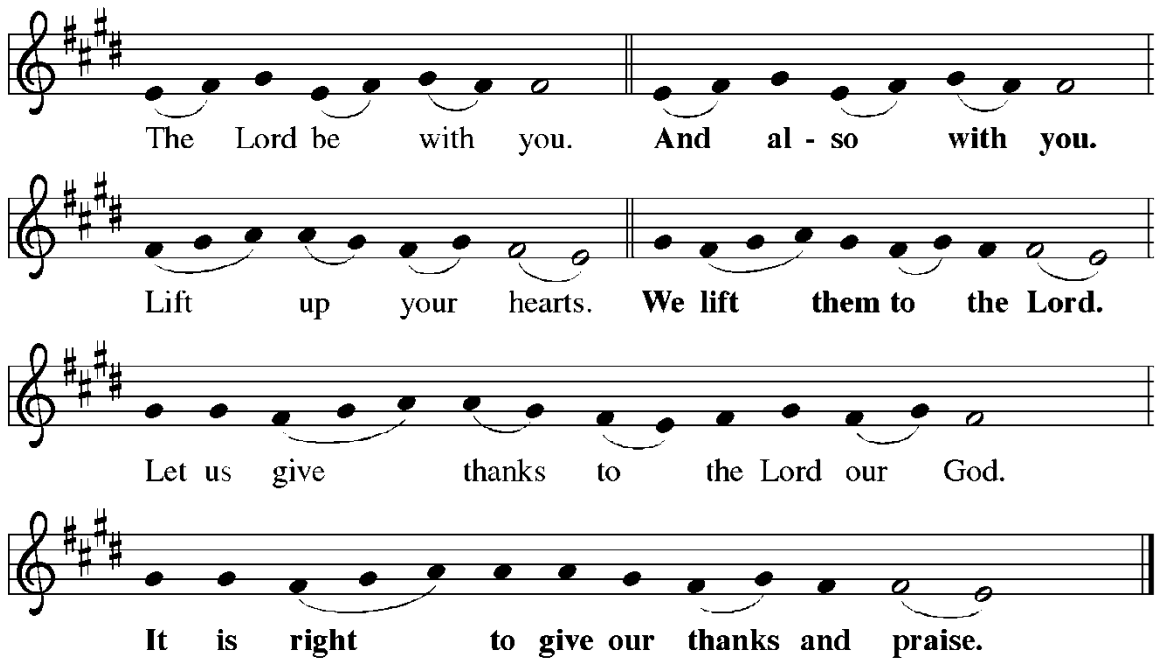
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor begins, "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise..." Here the pastor continues with the preface for the day, "...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



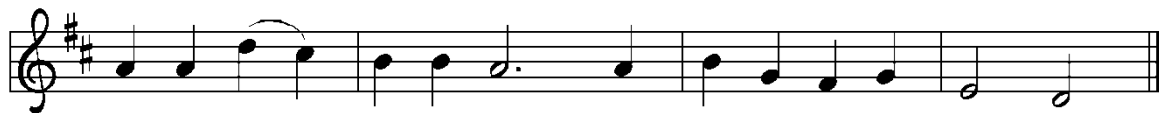
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

C: Amen.

The assembly is 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.

*All who believe Jesus is present in this sacrament are invited to receive the bread and wine.
Communion will be distributed at the altar rail; when invited by an usher, please come
forward and kneel at the altar to receive the bread and wine.*

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

Know that if you only take the bread that you have fully communed.

Whether you are receiving communion at in-person worship

or if you are receiving communion at home, we extend to you:

The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you.

Abide with Me

ELW 629

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Now We Remain

ELW 500

Refrain



We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.



Liv-ing, now we re-main with Je-sus the Christ.



1 Once we were peo-ple a - fraid, lost in the night. Then by your



cross we were saved; dead be-came liv-ing, life from your giv-ing.

Refrain



2 Some-thing that we have known, some-thing we've touched, what we have



seen with our eyes, this we have heard: life-giv-ing Word.

Refrain



3 He chose to give of him - self, be-came our bread; bro-ken,



that we might live; love be-yond love, pain for our pain.

Refrain



4 We are the pres-ence of God; this is our call;



now to be-come bread and wine, food for the hun-gry, life for the



wea-ry; for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

Refrain

Lamb of God

ELW 336

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

Refrain
 sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

The assembly stands.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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 22 is sung; the choir leads, and the congregation sings the verses in bold. The lights are dimmed as the worship space is stripped. All depart in silence.



My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

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

My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;

by night, but I | find no rest.

Yet you are the | Holy One,

enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

Our ancestors put their | trust in you,

they trusted, and you | rescued them.

They cried out to you and | were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,

scorned by all and despised | by the people.

All who see me laugh | me to scorn;

they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

"Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;

let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him."

Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
and kept me safe on my | mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.
Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
and there is no | one to help.
Many young bulls en- | circle me;
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.
They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.
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.
Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
they pierce my hands | and my feet.
I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.
They divide my gar- | ments among them;
for my clothing, | they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.
Deliver me | from the sword,
my life from the power | of the dog.
Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
I will declare your name | to my people;
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.
You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is
the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

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

The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.

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

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

For dominion belongs | to the LORD,

who rules o- | ver the nations.

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 be- | fore the LORD.

Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the | Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be fore|ver. Amen.

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HOLY WEEK 2025

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00PM

Tenebrae

Keeping The Word Alive

Saturday, April 19th, 3:00PM- 6:00AM Easter Morning

Easter Sunday Worship, April 20

Worship times are:

6:30AM – Sunrise Vigil Service with Holy Communion

9:00AM – Service of Holy Communion

11:00AM – Service of Holy Communion

Beginning at 7:30AM,

there will be an Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

A lighter reception will be available in Fellowship Hall at 10:00AM.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.