

LENT



The kingdom of God is at hand.

Mark 1:15



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Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020 - 6:15 PM - Audio Service

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INTRODUCTION

Every Sunday in worship, the church celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit gathers us to receive again the gifts of God that come to us through Christ, the saving Word. On several key days at the center of the church year, known as the Three Days, we recall Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Brothers and sisters 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 wears out 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 is kept for reflection.

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 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.

C **Amen.**

HYMN:

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

APOSTOLIC 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.**

THE KYRIE

P Lord have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for for all people, and in the washing of feet, he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

ESV, p. 68

A 12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 *Read Responsively by verse* **ESV, p. 648**

A I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**ALL Because he inclined his ear to me,
Therefore, I will call on him as long as I live.**

A What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

**ALL I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**

A I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

**ALL Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.**

A O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

**ALL I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

A I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,

**ALL in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!**

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 **ESV, p. 1219**

A ²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

ESV p. 1145

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself,

and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people 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 SERMON **"Washed and Fed"** Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray for renewed life in the church, abundant hope in the world, and holy compassion for all those in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy and merciful God, gather your people to worship in Spirit and Truth. Unite us with Christ that we may be fed and nourished. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Free all who are in bondage, as you did for Israel, the first chosen of your covenant. Free us all from the bondage of sin through the new covenant in Christ's blood. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Grant your grace to all who are in great need. Show them your compassion and surround them with people who will lovingly care for them. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Accompany the sisters and brothers of Christ through this great celebration of his death and resurrection. Encourage us to bear Christ for a world in need. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here, other intercessions may be offered.

P Teach us by the witness of all who faithfully confessed Christ crucified and risen for the salvation of the world. Call us to follow you as they did. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the One who endured the cross, forgives our sins, and feeds us at his table, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS John 18:1-12

P 18 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" ¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.

THE CLOSING HYMN: Go To Dark Gethsemane – Verses 1 and 2



1 Go to dark Geth-se-m - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

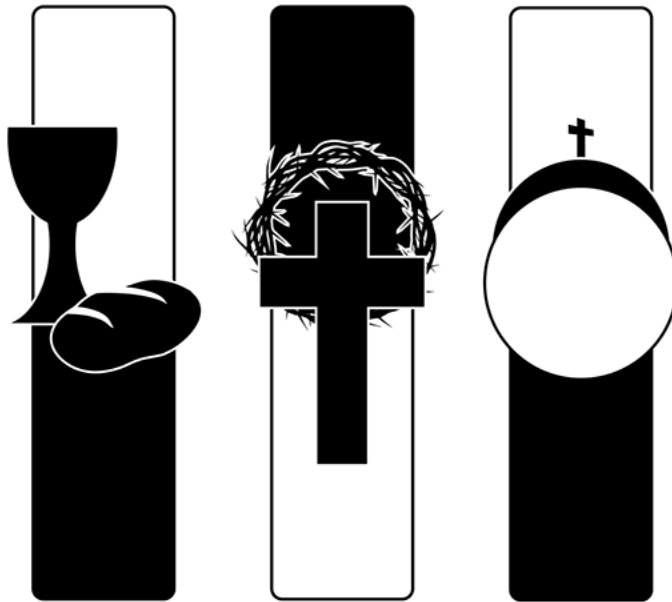
Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

This Concludes Tonight's Maundy Thursday Worship Service

The Great Three Days

On Maundy Thursday evening, the Christian Church begins a three-day celebration of the Easter Triduum (pronounced 'Tri-do-um,' a Latin word which means "the space of three days"). Ancient time-keeping was measured from sundown to sundown: the Great Three Days, The Triduum, begins on Maundy Thursday evening and concludes with the Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening. This observance of Triduum is actually one Feast (one great worship service) during which we enter the mystery of crossing over from death to life with Jesus. Christ's saving passage from death to life is the gift God gives to us as well through Holy Baptism as we live "The Way of The Cross." Our Triduum worship continues with the Good Friday Tenebrae Service tomorrow evening at 6:15 PM.



TRIDUUM

PRAYING FOR YOU

Mack & Karen Flood, Ed & Twyla Wiernicki, Jan Fiorina,
Matthew & Amanda Webster

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to add or remove someone from the Prayer List or Prayer Chain, please feel free to contact the office at elcna1c@gmail.com or 724-327-2190.

✠ *Denotes Eternal Glory*

MEMBERS OF EMMANUEL:

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Gene Seidling,

FRIENDS OF EMMANUEL:

Marcia Briggs (Friend of the Woodwards), **Philip Shaul** (Father-in-law of Ron and Susan Smith's son Brandon), **Jean Wilson** (Friend of the Whipkeys), **The Families of ✠James Buckley** (Friend of Gloria Christofano and guitarist for our Taizé services), **✠Stanley Miller** (Uncle of Ron Smith) and **✠Carolyn Voithofer** (Friend of Karen Kuczek)

THIS WEEK AT ELC

Friday, April 10

Church Office Closed
6:15 PM Good Friday Audio Service

Saturday, April 11

No activities

Easter Sunday, April 12

10:15 AM Easter Sunday Audio Service

Easter Monday, April 13

Church Office Closed

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preaching/Presiding
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Teleconference Host

Rev. Dr. Alden W. Towberman
Kathy Gustafson
MaryAnn Sinwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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In The Cross of Christ, I Glory: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIDxLArpjPM>

Go to Dark Gethsemane: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alPJNxQStRY>

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