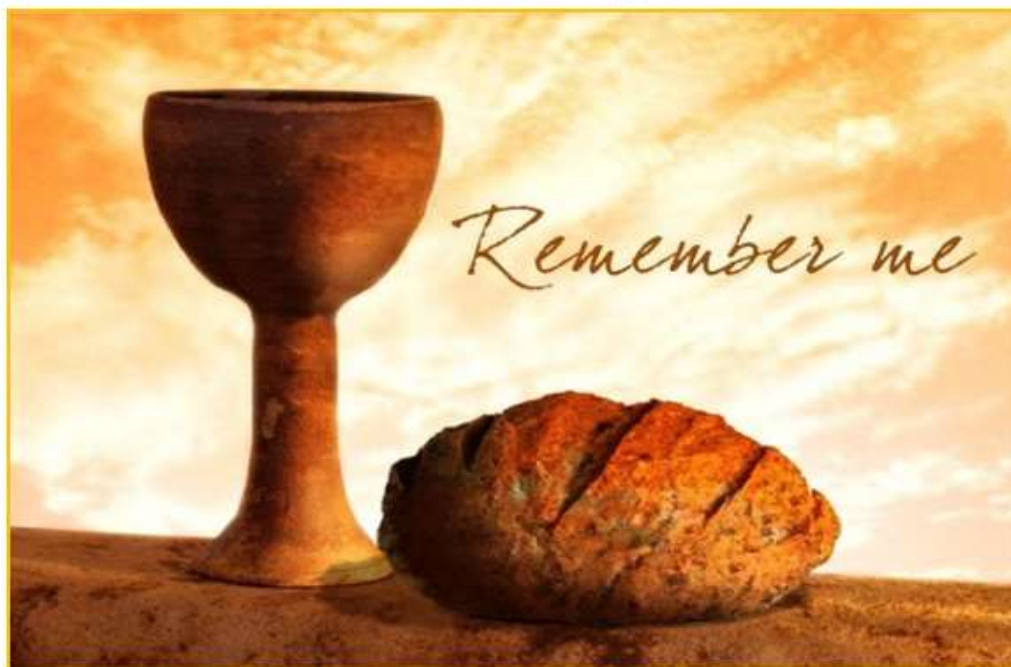


# *Maundy Thursday*



*First Lutheran Church  
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania  
April 17, 2025*

# Gathering

*All gather in silence.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

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.

*Please kneel or sit as you are able. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GREETING**

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

Blessed be God, who gives us life and salvation.

**A gift we can never deserve or earn.**

Given for you, for me, for all for the forgiveness of sins  
**in bread and wine, body and blood, words and presence.**

Given in grace, received by faith.

**Give us truly believing hearts, O God,  
so that we might receive this great gift.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. Amen.**

# WORD

## FIRST READING

## Exodus 12:1-14

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 judgements: 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.

14 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

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  
whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay 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.**

## SECOND READING

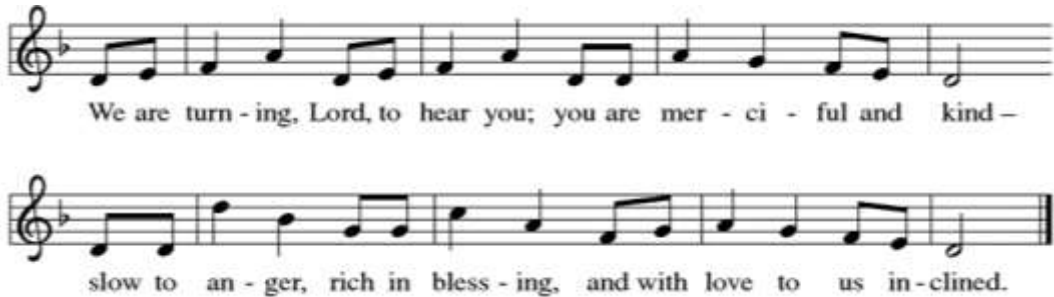
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23 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, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for<sup>25</sup> you. Do this in remembrance of me.' <sup>25</sup>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.' <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table,\* took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' <sup>10</sup>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.' <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

12 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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants\* are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him,\* God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.” <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,  
Receive our prayer.

MEAL

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,  
including the care of those in need.  
Online giving is available at [felcc.org](http://felcc.org)*

## ANTHEM

*When Jesus Wept*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## DIALOG

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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and places  
Give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
Through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.  
You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O living God,  
for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ.  
He is our Servant, who washes our feet with love.

He is our Lamb, whose blood takes away our sin.  
He is our Host at this meal, offering us the cup of salvation.

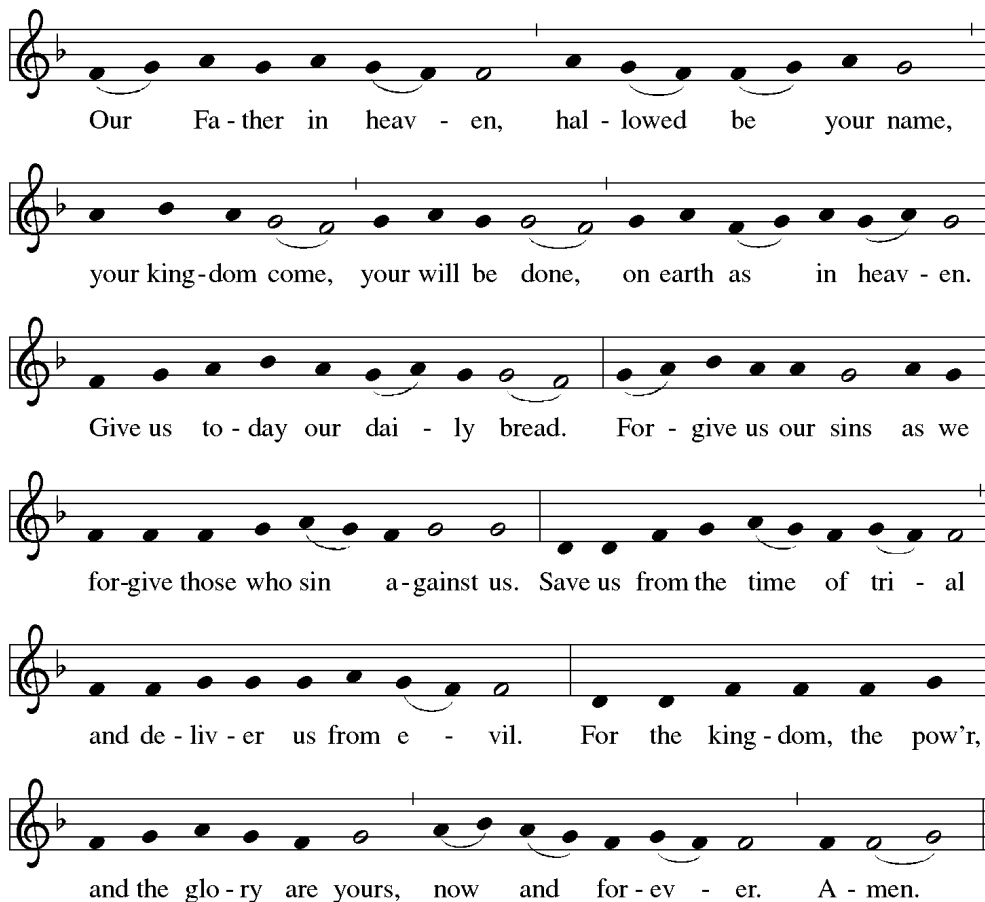
For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross,  
that he might draw the whole world to himself;  
and by his suffering and death,  
he became the source of eternal salvation  
for all who put their trust in him.

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

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



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Receive the body and blood of Christ broken and poured out for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, receive the bread and then a pre-poured cup of wine. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. You are encouraged to return along the side aisles. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please indicate this to one of our ushers.*

## LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Following Holy Communion, please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING & PRAYER

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**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.**

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners and books are removed from the worship space. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped. Please speak the psalm on the following page during this time.*

**Psalm 22** *Piano side and Choir speak odd verses. Cross side speaks even verses.*

<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!"

## DEPARTURE

*You are welcome to remain in prayer.  
When departing, please do so in silence.*

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### **Good Friday**

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service (sanctuary)

### **Easter Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:45 a.m. Easter Worship