



Maunder Thursday

The Living Last Supper & First Communion

March 28, 2024

7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

THE PRELUDE *Adagio*

Samuel Barber

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. 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. OR**

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. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 463 Lord, Who the Night you Were Betrayed

Song 1

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed



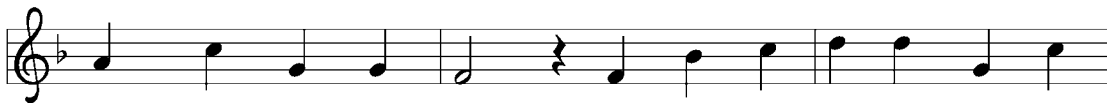
1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
 2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
 3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'rers from your fold; re - store them,
 4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



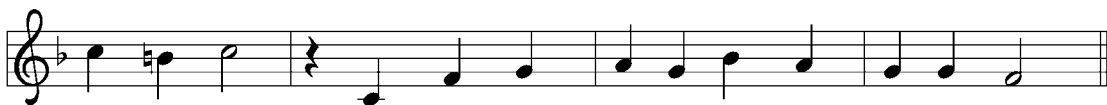
church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
 sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all
 too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the
 one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
 clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
 faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still
 saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in



soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one
 you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
 pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
 one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and



bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.
 Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

GREETING

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

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.**

THE WORD _____

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The 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. ⁴If 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. ¹¹This 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. 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.

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

Read responsively. Verses in bold read by the congregation.

¹I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
**²for the Lord has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

¹²How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for me?
**¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people.

**¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O Lord,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶O Lord, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me |
from my bonds.

**¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the Lord.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord
in the presence of | all God's people,

**¹⁹in the courts of | the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For 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.**

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the Thirteenth chapter. **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.”

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

Please be seated.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER WITH MUSIC BY RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

Pastor: And when the hour had come, Jesus sat down and the twelve apostles with him.

Entrance

How Great His Love

How great His love, how great His mercy,
to choose the path that lead to Calvary;
To drink the cup of pain and sorrow;
How great His love, how great His love for me.
How great His love; God, the Father,
to choose a plan that sends His only Son to live with us,
to walk among us; How great His love,
how great His love for us.
How great His love, how great His love,
that He should call us His children,
that He should give Jesus; How great His love for us.
How great His love, how gen'rous His compassion,
to meet our need before we knew to ask;
To call our names, to beckon us to follow;
How great His love, how great His love for us.
How great His love, how great His love,
that He should call us His children,

that He should give Jesus. How great His love for us.

Matthew, Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot

Is It I?

Is it I? Is it I? Is it I who will deny Him tonight?
We left behind the life we knew to follow Him,
forsaking all to labor at His side.
We left our homes and families,
we travel with Him constantly,
and now He says that one of us is
going to betray Him, and that He will be denied!
Is it I who will deny Him? Would it be,
could it be even me who will deny Him tonight?
To each of us He's been the true Messiah
fulfilling ev'ry promise prophesied.
We've seen firsthand what He can do,
we know that ev'ry word is true,
but now He says that one of us is going to betray Him,
and that He will be denied.
Would it be, could it be even me who will deny Him?
Is it I who will deny Him tonight?

Nathanael Bartholomew, James the Less, Andrew

King Triumphant

Hail to the King Triumphant! Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
We know the prophecy of Zechariah,
we know the promise that was foretold,
that we would see our blessed Messiah,
that He would be riding on a colt!
Here He comes! The King Triumphant!
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
We throw our cloaks and our coats before Him,
we lay the branches at His feet,
We wave the palms as we adore Him,
it is the Promised One we greet! Here He comes!

The King Triumphant! Hail to the King the Son of David!
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Thomas, James the Great, Philip

His Hands

His hands took the impact of the fall when
He stumbled as a child,
little hands, ever gentle, ever kind.
His fingers, learning, changing, as He grew from boy to man;
His hands, flesh and blood, yet divine.
His hands knew the roughness of the wood,
knew the texture of the grain,
Working hands knew each curve and ev'ry line.
The carpenter's apprentice, gaining skill with wood and nail;
His hands, flesh and blood, yet divine.
His hands blessed the bread, and the multitude was fed.
His touch turned the water into wine.
His hands reached out as He said,
"Lazarus come back from the dead!"
All pow'r on earth is His to command
with heaven's voice, heaven's hands,
His hands, loving hands, humbly washed the
dusty feet of His disciples, one by one,
Washed the feet, dusty feet that those very hand designed.
Those hands that serve and lend, hands
that cure and heal and mend,
Jesus' hands will bear the scars meant for mine;
His hands, flesh and blood, yet divine.

Peter, John, Judas

How Great His Love (Finale)

How great His love, how perfect His redemption,
to provide the Lamb,
His precious Son, to die for us, to purchase our salvation.
How great His love, how great His love for us!
How great His love, how great His love,

That He should call us His children, that He should give Jesus;
How great His love for us.
How great His love!

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEAL _____

OFFERING

Herzliebster Jesu

Helmut Walcha

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY No. 186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Richard Hilbert

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

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.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Concludes with ... **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

We are thankful to celebrate the First Communion with the following people:

Benjamin Garcia

Juliana Garcia

Dominick Garcia

Lucille Garcia

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God

You Are the Bread

Ruth Elaine Schram

The Chancel Choir

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

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

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 88 is read by the Lector.

¹O LORD, God of my salvation,
when, at night, I cry out in your presence,
²let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry.
³For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
⁴I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;
I am like those who have no help,
⁵like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
⁶You have put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
⁷Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

Selah

⁸You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
⁹my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O LORD;
I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the shades rise up to praise you?

Selah

¹¹Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
¹²Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?
¹³But I, O LORD, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁴O LORD, why do you cast me off?
Why do you hide your face from me?
¹⁵Wretched and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
¹⁶Your wrath has swept over me;

your dread assaults destroy me.

¹⁷They surround me like a flood all day long;
from all sides they close in on me.

¹⁸You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.

All depart in silence.

SERVING THIS EVENING:

Pastor: The Reverend Henrik Sonntag

Pastoral Intern: Vicar Ian Clements

Music Director: Rae Ann Anderson

Musicians: Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Wesley Ritter

Greeters: Kathy Kolb, Vickie MacMillan

Ushers: Kathy Kolb, Vickie MacMillan

Assisting Minister: Leslie Maxwell, Marsha Hunt

Lector: Jane Kinsey

We extend a special thank you to all those who helped to make this year's Living Last Supper portrayal happen.

The Living Last Supper

(From left to right)

Nathanael Bartholomew
James the Less
Andrew
Peter
Judas
John
Jesus
James the Great
Thomas
Philip
Matthew
Thaddeus
Simon the Zealot

Michael Harrington
Bob MacMillan
Mike Edelman
Jim Hagan
Ian Clements
Doug Strachan
Aurelio Ojeda
Will Ritter
Jason Ojeda
Bob Gruber
George Neveil
Mike Campbell
Rob Gerlach

This group has gathered together for Bible study for eight weeks. Based on this study, each disciple has written his own monologue for tonight's portrayal.

**We invite you to join us for:
Good Friday Community Walk as part of the Glenside
Ministerium**

March 29, 12:00 PM. Meet in the St. Paul's Church Parking Lot

Good Friday, March 29, 7:30 PM
A Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 30
9:00 AM Decorate the Sanctuary
10:00 Easter Egg Hunt. Meet in Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Resurrection of Our Lord, The Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Easter Breakfast