

**THE LITURGY OF
MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 2, 2026
The Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity**

**The Service begins in silence. The hymn
will begin after a period of meditation.**

Entrance Hymn - *Sing, My Tongue*
Fortunatus New

- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; tell the triumph far and wide;
tell aloud the wondrous story of the cross, the Crucified;
tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, vanquished death the day he died.
- 2 God in mercy saw us fallen, sunk in shame and misery,
felled to death in Eden's garden, where in pride we claimed the
tree; then another tree was chosen,
which the world from death would free.
- 3 Tell how, when at length the fullness of th'appointed time was
come, Christ, the Word, was born of woman,
left for us the heav'nly home, blazed the path of true obedience,
shone as light amidst the gloom.
- 4 Thirty years among us dwelling, Jesus went from Nazareth,
destined, dedicated, willing, did his work, and met his death;
like a lamb he humbly yielded on the cross his dying breath.
- 5 Bend your boughs, O tree of glory, your relaxing sinews bend;
for a while the ancient rigor that your birth bestowed, suspend;
and the Lord of heav'nly beauty gently on your arms extend.
- 6 Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, be for all the noblest tree;
none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit your equal be;
symbol of the world's redemption, for your burden makes us free.



THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P. Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and evil intentions – 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. 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)

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

Individual Absolution

(Receiving individual absolution can be a powerful part of one's personal Holy Week observance. If you wish to receive absolution, please come forward to the center portion of the chancel rail and either stand or kneel on the cushion for absolution to be given by the pastor. Then return by the side aisle to your seat.)

P. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive your sin.

C. Amen

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

In God Alone

Musical score for 'In God Alone' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.' The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'On-ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In'. The piece ends with a 'fine' marking.

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.

On-ly in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace. In

Jesus, Remember Me

Musical score for 'Jesus, Remember Me' in B-flat major, 3/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.' The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.'

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

[All stand when individual absolution is completed.]

The Peace

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always. C. And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

P. 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

[Please be seated]

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

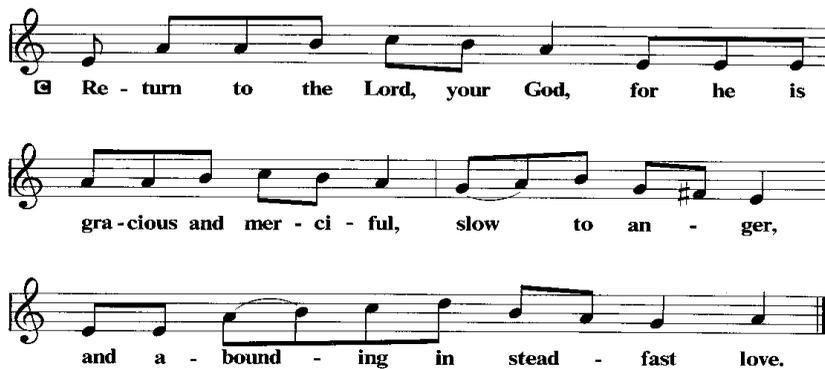
The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

[Please stand at the conclusion of the reading.]

The Lenten Sentence:



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is
gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger,
and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Gospel Lesson

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter. C. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Mark Luscombe

P. On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

The Foot Washing: The "Maundy":

You are invited to come forward to have your feet washed as Jesus' disciples did. As the Spirit moves you, please come forward, sit in the chair and remove your shoes and socks. At that time, the pastor will pour water over your feet in remembrance and dry them with a towel. Once your feet have been washed and dried, please move to the side, put on your socks and shoes, and return to your seat by the side aisle.

#360 LOVE CONSECRATES THE HUMBLEST ACT

#358 GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE HAS CALLED US

#642 UBI CARITAS

The Prayers

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

(Kneel)

(after each petition, please respond)

A. 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.

C. Amen

[Please be seated.]

The Offering: Celebration Choir: A New Commandment, Anonymous

The Offertory: "Create In Me..."

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.

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

The Offertory Prayer

P. God of glory,

C. Receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Preface Dialogue

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P. We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.....Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

C. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

C. 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 Fraction

P. When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the Lord, until he comes again in glory.

The Agnus Dei: 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. A - men

[Please be seated at the conclusion of this hymn.]

The Distribution

(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

1. Three holy days enfold us now in washing feet and breaking bread,
in cross and font and life renewed: in Christ, God's firstborn from the dead.
2. The myst'ry hid from ages past is here revealed in word and sign,
for Jesus' story is our own: new life through death is God's design.
3. Christ, lifted high upon the tree, before you ev'ry knee shall bend
and ev'ry tongue in praise proclaim: "You are the Lord of all. Amen."

#476 THEE WE ADORE, O SAVIOR

#337 ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system ends with a double bar line.

The Blessing of Communicants

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

The Post Communion Prayer

P. Lord Jesus,
C. **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**

[Please be seated]

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTA:

[Please kneel or sit for the stripping of the altar. At the conclusion of Psalm 22, you are welcome to stay for prayer. Silence concludes the liturgy. Please sit quietly in prayer for a brief time following the stripping of the altar. When the Gathering Area lights are lighted, you may depart in silence.]



"Yet he shall be forsaken And yielded up to die; The sky shall groan and darken,
And every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry For stony hearts of men:

God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again."

LBW #74 "A Stable Lamp is Lighted," by Richard Wilbur, verse 3

THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK:

GOOD FRIDAY: SERVICE OF TENEBRAE 7PM

HOLY SATURDAY: THE VIGIL OF EASTER 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY: THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION: HOLY COMMUNION 9AM