

— THE — LORD'S SUPPER



Mauddy Thursday, March 28th, 2024

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, El CA

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Welcome and Announcements

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. 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.

Call to Worship

P: On this night we gather for a commemorative meal.

All: On this night we watch and listen with our eyes ears and hearts.

P: We will be given words of forgiveness hope and courage.

All: We will receive the blessing of the One who will give up all for us.

P: Come to this time of feasting.

**All: Lord enter our hearts and prepare us for the banquet.
Amen.**

Hymn

“Oh, Love, How Deep”

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 God sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
in Christ our Lord to this world came.

- 3 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, alt.

Prayer of Confession

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.

P: 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God...

All: 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

All: Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he has loved 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.

WHERE IT ALL ENDS

PART I-WASHING OF THE FEET

Hymn

“You, Dear Lord”

Refrain

You, dear Lord, resplendent within our darkness:
grant us, grant us your light.

- 1 This heart of mine is in deep anguish.
I feel so far off, so far from you.
How sad our life, Lord, if you should leave us,
if you should leave us without your light. *Refrain*
- 2 This night I follow in your footsteps,
but cannot clearly behold your light.
You, Lord, must guide us throughout our lifetime,
throughout our lifetime to that clear light. *Refrain*

3 We soon shall see the new day dawning,
shall see the dawning of eternal light.
May we in loving and peaceful living
behold together your endless light. *Refrain*

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PART II-THE MEAL

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.

An usher will direct you for Holy Communion.

Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Hymn

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me. (Sung 2x)

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Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord Jesus, while taking part in the Last Supper, you already knew which of your friends would hurt you the most. You knew Peter would betray you, and you honestly told him what would happen. Yet even as you told Peter what pain he would cause, you did not disown him. You extended charity to those you loved who would hurt you in the worst way. Help me to understand and emulate that charity. Show me when it is best to tell someone about the pain they are causing but how to do it in a way that communicates love and concern. If those people cause me pain in anyway, show me how to have the love you still had for people after they had betrayed you. Help me live a life of charity and with truth, honesty and forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

Hymn

“Lamb of God”

1 Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Refrain

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

2 Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

3 I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

¹²Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;

it is melted within my breast;
¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
¹⁷I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.
²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.
May your hearts live forever!
²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

³⁰Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the LORD,

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Stripping of the Altar

During The Last Supper Portrayal Jesus washed the disciple's feet. The offering tonight will be donated to Samaritan's Feet. This 501(c) organization is a humanitarian aid organization that serves and inspires hope by providing shoes to those in need around the world. In John 13:14, Jesus says, "Now that I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." Similar to John 13, the organization washes feet while providing the message of hope. Since its founding in 2003, Samaritan's Feet and its partners have served over 10.1 million people across 109 countries and over 600 U.S. cities.

Please leave in silence — Service continues tomorrow

Good Friday service — 1:30 PM



The Last Supper

CAST

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Andrew..... Finn Polzin

Judas....Jim Jueds

Peter.... Garret Poole

John.....Jon Mielke

Jesus....Woody Brandenburg

Thomas....Shane Bazile

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Philip....Ron Krueger

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Voice of Jesus...Brian Sawall

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