

**Maundy Thursday**  
**March 28, 2024**  
**6:15pm**

Prelude

Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is This" ELW #666, vs. 1 and 2

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Holy God, have mercy on us.

For the many moments of self-centered living, and for the times that we fail to walk with humility and gentleness:

**All: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**All: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**All: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for evil that creates wars and world strife,

**All: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the whole of creation;

**All: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm;

**All: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: For squandering the gifts of love and grace

**All: Holy God, have mercy on us.**

P: God who is rich in mercy has loved us to life in Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved...and your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day:

**Gracious God, We hear your mandate to love one another. In our world that is not easy. Help us in all ways possible, to love you, to love your people, and to love ourselves. Amen.**

Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (The History of the Passover)

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

Sermon

Hymn: ELW #723 "Canticle of the Turning"

Prayers of the People (response to "Lord in your Mercy" is "Hear our prayer.")

Holy Communion and Absolution

On Maundy Thursday, we give an absolution as the first step of Holy Communion and do this by station. First, we hear a personal absolution—that we are loved, forgiven and freed to be ourselves. A pastor will place their hands on your head for the blessing, call you by name, and speak those words of God's forgiveness to you. So please, either bring a scrap of paper forward with your full name on it so the pastor can call you by name (available before worship in the Narthex)...or whisper your full name (first, middle, last) to the pastor who is pronouncing the absolution. After the absolution, the next person at the station will give you a gluten-free bread that you will dip into the wine or grape juice that the next person at the station is holding. If by chance, you forget and put the bread into your mouth—no problem—eat it and take a fresh one to dip into the wine or grape juice. We will have plenty available. Everyone is welcome at the table of our Lord. Children who are not yet fully communing are offered gluten-free bread and a blessing. The Lord's Supper is for all people.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup> 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 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.

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Absolution and Distribution of Holy Communion

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Stripping of the Altar

(Psalm 22 is canted while the altar is stripped and all items removed from the Sanctuary.)

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We leave tonight in silence, without benediction or dismissal, in order to link this holy night of remembrance and celebration with the loneliness and darkness of Good Friday.

Please join us at noon tomorrow for a traditional Good Friday worship in the Sanctuary.

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Musicians:

Sherry Johnson, Director of Music, [sherry.johnson@explorepeace.org](mailto:sherry.johnson@explorepeace.org)

Judy Hughes, Song Leader

Psalm 22- Jerry and Sherry Johnson, Canters

Pastoral Team:

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