



Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

April 9, 2020 • 5:30 p.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

This evening 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. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. We are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

The service begins in silence.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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. We have shared this discipline of Lent with new brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

Following the invitation, all kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

The presiding minister leads the assembly in the confession.

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.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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.

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 assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Pastor Steve will sing first time; the assembly will sing the second time)

A NEW COMMANDMENT



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

GOSPEL: Luke 22: 7-23

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples then eat the Passover meal, at which Jesus says that the old law of Passover is being made the new covenant of his body and his blood.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Resident Pastor Karole Langset

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.*

Congregational refrain: "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

The image shows a musical score for a congregational refrain. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." and "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

Congregational refrain: ""Bless the Lord, My Soul""**PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Jamie Searles, soloist

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of glory,

receive these gifts and the offering of our lives.

As Jesus was lifted up from the 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 Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PREPARING THE CONGREGATION FOR EASTER)

DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, TONIGHT WE AGAIN “FAST” FROM HOLY COMMUNION.

HOWEVER, WE PREPARE THIS EVENING FOR THE EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION THROUGH LIVESTREAMING ON OUR WEBSITE. ONCE AGAIN WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REVIEW THE THREE-SERIES ONLINE EDUCATION IN PREPARATION, AND JOIN US NOW AS WE MODEL HOW THIS HOLY SACRAMENT WILL BE SHARED IN HOME SETTINGS.

LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, through the proclamation of your Word, you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection.

As we prepare for the Easter celebration of the sacrament of your body and blood

continue to manifest in us the fruits of your redemption in the way we live,

for indeed you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels as the sacramental vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space.

Psalm 88 is spoken. Lights are dimmed as the worship space is stripped.

All depart in silence.

Note: The service continues via Livestream tomorrow night on Good Friday at 5:30 p.m. here in our sanctuary.