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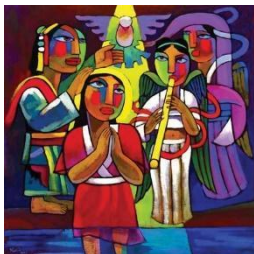
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Maundy Thursday

Prelude **Largo** by Antonio Vivaldi- Janet Heukeshoven, flute

Opening Hymn: ELW 358 *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* (all verses)

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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

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.**

Scripture Readings

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 *Read Responsively*

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I 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.

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

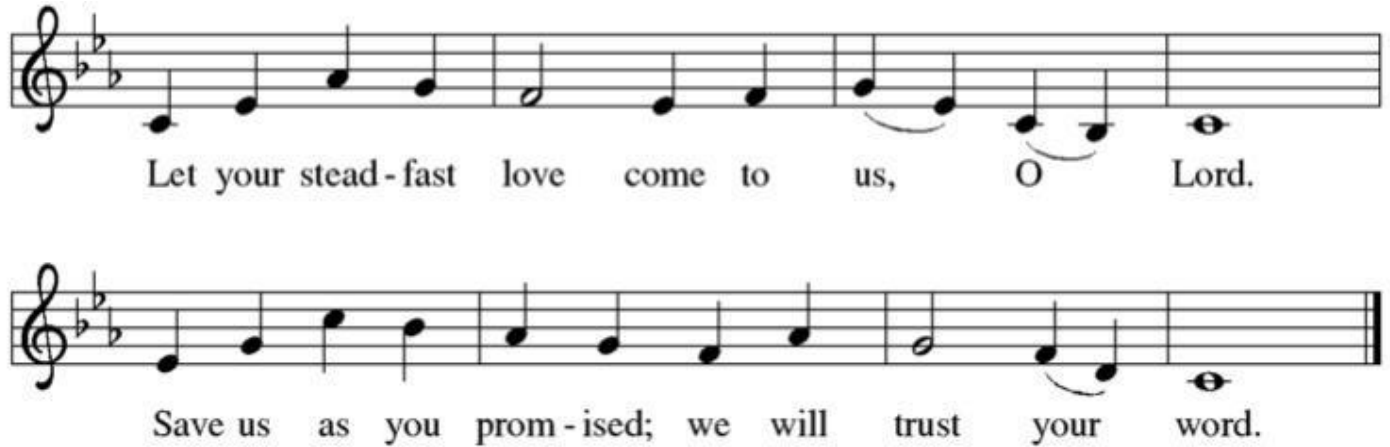
¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I 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.

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Gospel Acclamation **Stand**



The Holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

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

Sermon: Pastor Michael Short, *Directing Pastor*

Hymn of the Day ELW 359 *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (all verses)

Prayers of Intercession

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all of creation.

Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise
to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Offering Hymn ELW 811 *On my Heart imprint your Image* (verse 1)

On my heart imprint your image,
blessed Jesus, king of grace,
that life's troubles nor its pleasures
ever may your work erase.
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation,
all my glory and salvation!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856-1921, alt.

Offering Prayer

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

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Communion Hymn ELW 623 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (all verses)

Prayer after Communion

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. **Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

DEPART IN SILENCE

Good Friday

Gather in silence

Invocation

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn ELW 666 *What Wondrous Love Is This* (all verses)

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 13—53:12

Choir Anthem: *Were You There* arr. Hanson, Stephen Pelkey, Cello

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 16-25

Gospel Acclamation (spoken)

AM: Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

PM: **The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.**

Gospel Reading: John 18: 1—19:42

Hymn of the Day ELW 342 *There in God's Garden* (verses 1,2,5,6)

Bidding Prayer

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

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.

...but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Exiting of the Paschal Candle

Depart in silence or remain for prayer and reflection.

Great Vigil-Saturday

Gather in Grace Hall in silence

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.**

Lighting of the Paschal candle

The Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Reading of the Easter Proclamation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

First Lesson: The Creation Story, Genesis 1:1-22

Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of him who came to share our humanity, your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn ELW 684 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* (verse 1)

Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Second Lesson

The story of Noah and the Flood, Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your church, a wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world come to see that what has fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through the one from whom they first took being, your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: ELW 613 *Thy Holy Wings* (verse 3)

Oh, wash me in the waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Third Lesson: Israel's Deliverance, Exodus 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us the salvation of all nations by the waters of Baptism. Grant that all peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham and Sarah and may rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn: ELW 326 *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* (verse 2)

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Fourth Lesson: Valley of Dry Bones, Ezekiel 37:1-14

Prayer

Let us pray

Living God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Breathe into us your life-giving spirit, that receiving the gifts of word and sacrament, we may live in the hope of all your blessings to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: ELW 328 *Restore in Us, O God* (verses 1-2)

Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Fifth Lesson: Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace, Daniel 3:1-29
(Eric Heukeshoven & Confirmation Band)

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the world of salvation. By the grace of your spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be reunited with your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn: ELW 408 *Come, Thou Almighty King* (verse 1)

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing; help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

Affirmation of Baptism

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for having made us your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants as we affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

I ask you, do you desire to make public affirmation of your baptism?
If so respond. **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Easter Proclamation: (3 times)

The Light of Christ

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Low in the Grave He Lay (Christ Arose)

Low in the grave he lay,

Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord.

Refrain

Up from the grave he arose,

with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;

he arose a victor over death's domain,

and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed,

Jesus my Savior;

vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord. *Refrain*

Death cannot keep its prey,

Jesus my Savior;

he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:3-11

Gospel Acclamation: ELW 366 *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (verses 1-2)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

now is the victor's triumph won!

Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst;

Jesus their legions has dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909

Gospel: John 20: 1-18

Reflection: Pastor Michael Short

Hymn ELW 367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (verses 1-3)

Prayers of Intercession

On this most holy night, our Lord has acted. Raised with Christ, let us boldly offer our prayers for the whole people of God.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory Prayer

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Communion Hymn ELW 392 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (all verses)

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us Pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn ELW 365 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (all verses)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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