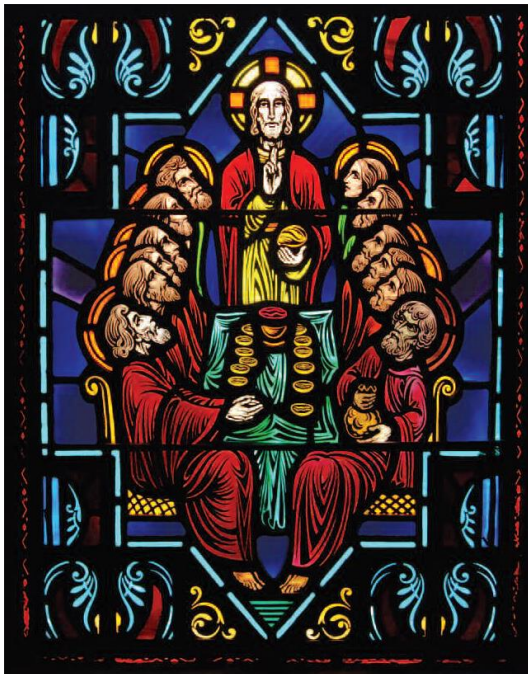


MAUNDY THURSDAY

HOLY COMMUNION



APRIL 17, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

We gather and depart in silence this evening.

✠ GATHERING ✠

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us pray.

Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C Amen.

P Let us make confession to God.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P We pray,

**C Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner,
confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you
and for which I justly deserve your punishment.**

**But I am sorry for them, and repent of them,
and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ,
be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being;
forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit
for the amendment of my sinful life,
and bring me to life everlasting. 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.

Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us
and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the One
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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 The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P 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 servant of all;

through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1, 10–17

Antiphon by Richard Hillert

ANTIPHON: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

℣ I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

☩ **How shall I re- | pay the LORD***
for all the good things he has | done for me?

℣ I will lift up the cup | of salvation*
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

☩ **I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD***
in the presence of | all his people.

℣ Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his servants.

☩ **O LORD, I | am your servant;***
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

℣ I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving*
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

☩ **I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD***
in the presence of | all his people,

℣ in the courts of | the LORD's house,*
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: John 13:34

Michael D. Costello

I give you a new commandment:
that you love one another just as I have loved you.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor David R. Lyle

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what

ha - loes mer - cy's deeds; it sheds a ben - e -
knelt and washed the feet of his dis - ci - ples,
Christ in love so true has free - ly done for

dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, c. 1902, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

FOOTWASHING

- 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.

We sit.

*All are invited to participate in the footwashing
by coming forward to any of the three stations.*

ANTHEM: *Ubi caritas*

arr. James H. Laster

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.

Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,
let us all rejoice and be glad now and always,
And as we hear and love our Lord the living God,
so let us in sincerity love all people.

As we are all of one body when we gather,
let no discord or enmity break oneness,
may all our petty jealousies and hatred cease,
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days.

Now we pray that with the blessed you grant us grace,
to see your exalted glory, O Christ our God,
our boundless source of joy and truth, of peace and love,
forever and forevermore, world without end, Amen.

We stand.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Sonata No. 4 (from *Seven Last Words*)

Franz Joseph Haydn

We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior



1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, thee,
2 O blest me - mo - rial of our dy - ing Lord,
3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:
4 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see:



who in thy sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;
who liv - ing bread to us shall here af - ford:
cleanse us, un - clean, with thy most cleans - ing blood;
may what we thirst for soon our por - tion be,



both flesh and spir - it in thy pres - ence fail,
oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on thee,
in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
to gaze on thee un - veiled, and see thy face,



yet here thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.
and thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.
the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
the vi - sion of thy glo - ry, and thy grace. A - men

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; tr. James R. Woodford, 1820–1885
Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE, mode V; *Processionale*, Paris, 1697

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
Q **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

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.

He is your Word, inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death,
to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot,
to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant,
and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we lift this bread and cup before you,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

☩ Amen.

℟ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**☩ 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.**

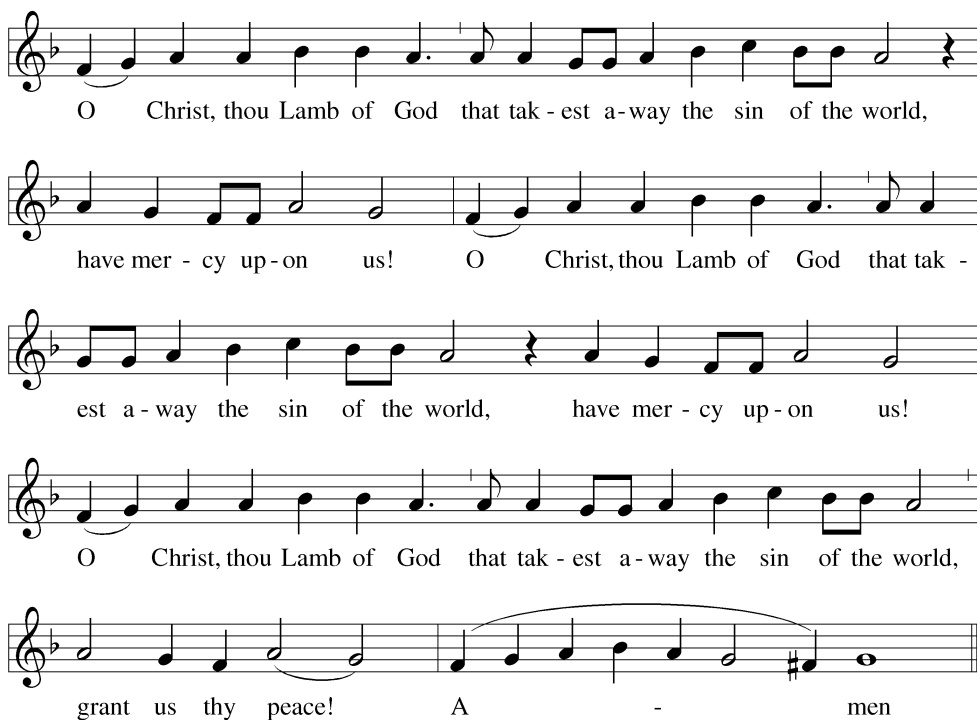
℟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☩ Thanks be to God.

℟ Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink. We receive communion by kneeling at the Communion rail at the direction of the ushers, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray. Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: *Ave verum corpus*

Ave verum corpus, natum

Hail, true Body, born

De Maria Virgine,

Of the Virgin Mary,

Vere passum, immolatum

Having truly suffered, sacrificed

In cruce pro homine

On the cross for humankind,

Cujus latus perforatum

From whose pierced side

Fluxit aqua et sanguine:

Water and blood flowed:

Esto nobis praegustatum

Be for us a foretaste

Mortis in examine.

In the trial of death!

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,

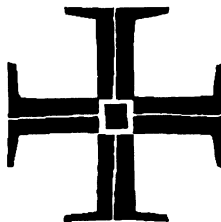
Tu nobis, miserere.

Have mercy on us.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

VOLUNTARY: *Da pacem Domine*

Arvo Pärt



HYMN: Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Text: John 6; adapt. Robert Batastini, b. 1942, and the Taizé Community
Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

Amen.

L Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Psalm 22 is chanted as the altar is stripped,
a symbol of Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers.*

There is no benediction.

*In keeping with the solemnity of this night
and in consideration of one another **we depart in silence.***

*Those who wish to remain in the sanctuary for a time of meditation and prayer
are welcome to do so.*

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister

Rich Schubkegel, deacon

Angelina Guzman, crucifer

Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson and Al Swanson, lectors

Leanne Cribbs and Donna Serpico, gift bearers

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Mike Carioscio, Tom Swanson, Susan Weber, Lance and Stephanie Wilkening, ushers

Kat Starrick and Michael Starrick, livestream audio/video

Grace Parish Choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Kontras Quartet

Eleanor Bartsch, violin

Sherri Zhang, violin

Ben Weber, violin

Jean Hatmaker, violin

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