

Christ Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 1, 2021



PRELUDE

Please stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to you who call upon the name of Christ. We gather tonight to recall the story of the night Jesus was betrayed.

Are you prepared to come to the feast of Jesus, the Christ, who poured his life out for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden — to struggle yourselves to accept God's will for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Then let us worship God, even in this hour of darkness:

God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth. Bring us to this feast of remembrance with open hearts!

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

As we prepare for this worship, let us remember who we are.

O Christ, in your presence we discover who we are. You are willing to wash our feet, our love scarcely suffices for those closest to us, and yet you invite us to join all creation at your feast. Forgive us, and help us treasure your presence more deeply, that we might not take your suffering too lightly and receive your grace too cheaply.

God reaches out to heal, and to reveal again the love that will not let us go.

Know that you are forgiven, set free to answer God's love with your praise, devotion and service.

On Ash Wednesday, we began this season of repentance with confession, and you received the ashes of repentance. Receive now, your absolution, the forgiveness which comes from Christ our Lord.

(You may make the sign of the cross on your forehead)

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. **Amen.**

*Please enjoy the soloist as we refrain from singing at this time.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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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

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

WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I give you a new commandment that you love one another just as I have loved. John 13:34

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel, according to John, the 13th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Following the reading

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” (1, 3,4, 5)

LBW 126

Hymn on page 4

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PRAYERS

Response after each petition.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.



Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

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

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MEAL

OFFERING (Please reflect on giving of your time, talents, and treasures and make an offering to God based on all that God has first given you.) Your continued financial giving is important for the health of our congregation – especially in this time. We appreciate your generosity, and we will need to work together to continue to support our mission. You always have the FOLLOWING options:

- Offering plates are located on the table by the doors for those of you worshipping in person
- Mail your offering to the church office – 237 E. Daley Street, Spring Green 53588
- Give by texting 833.914.1465.
- Simply Giving - sign up by contacting Financial Secretary Scott Mueller at 608.588.5702 or scott.tami.mueller@gmail.com.
- GIVEPLUS Vanco Payment solutions - Go to the App Store or Google Play and search "give plus church" and make a donation.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bless these gifts and our lives, O God, for we offer them in the name of Jesus, our Lord. He emptied himself that we might be filled. He humbled himself that we might be lifted up. We pray that these gifts be used to proclaim the gospel which fills lives that are empty and lifts up those who need help. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION (Please share in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion in your pew or in your home at this time. Use whatever you have available for the hosts (such as wine or grape juice and bread or crackers) and remember that we Lutherans believe in Communion in one kind, so if you only have bread or crackers that is sufficient to partake in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in this sacrament you have given us a powerful display of your suffering and death. May this holy meal so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the forgiveness you have brought. Amen.

Congregation may be seated

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The altar is stripped representing Jesus being stripped of his dignity. Psalm 22 is read because Jesus quoted verses from this passage while on the cross.

PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE

Our worship does not end but continues with Good Friday worship and culminates in our Easter Festival Worship.