



ST PAUL PINE GROVE MILLS

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024

Whenever you see an asterisk (*), you are invited to stand as you are able.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so 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.

PRELUDE: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

(James Engel)

GATHERING

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The presiding minister invites the assembly into the confession, using these or similar words.

P: 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.

P: 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.

All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

The presiding minister leads the assembly in the confession.

P: 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.

P: We have been more interested in our bodily desires than in your word. We have been eager for worldly power and glory. We have used the dependability of your love to follow our own desires rather than your commands.

A: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: We have resisted your new birth and sought to escape your Spirit's freedom, preferring the familiar and comfortable.

A: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: We have allowed prejudice, shame, and old enmities to staunch the flood of your love.

A: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: We have closed our eyes to your wonders. We have darkened the joy of others.

A: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: We have despaired of the new life you offer. We have kept ourselves and others bound by our own expectations.

A: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: We have praised you when it suits our purposes and cursed you when you call us to the cross.

A: Have mercy on us, O God.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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. 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.

A: Amen.

The assembly is seated. People may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands.

The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn.

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

A: Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

(ELW 609)



- 1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
- 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
- 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
- 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
- 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
Love that found me—won-drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
He sus-tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1870

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **A: And also with you**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **A: 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 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. **A: Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: EXODUS 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

After nine plagues, Pharaoh still refuses to free the enslaved Israelites. God provides Moses and Aaron a way not only to escape the final plague – the death of first-born sons – but also to remember their miraculous liberation for thousands of years.

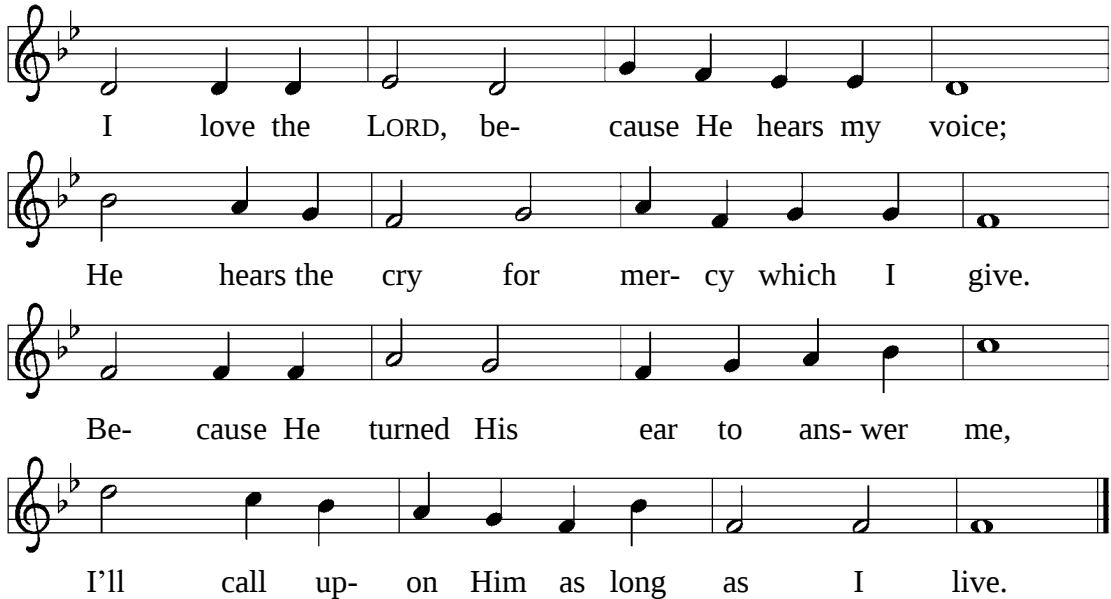
¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If 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.

R: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

This psalm expresses the ultimate confidence of Christ, and the Christian. With its mention of thanksgiving and the lifting of the cup, it is particularly appropriate on Maundy Thursday..



The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple, using quarter, eighth, and half notes, with rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The first staff contains the lyrics 'I love the LORD, be- cause He hears my voice;'. The second staff contains 'He hears the cry for mer- cy which I give.'. The third staff contains 'Be- cause He turned His ear to ans- wer me,', and the fourth staff contains 'I'll call up- on Him as long as I live.'.

I love the LORD, be- cause He hears my voice;
He hears the cry for mer- cy which I give.
Be- cause He turned His ear to ans- wer me,
I'll call up- on Him as long as I live.

What shall I render, then, unto the Lord,
For all His goodness, and His love to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation,
And call upon the LORD's name earnestly.

I will fulfill my vows unto the LORD;
May it be in the presence of His saints.
For precious in the sight of God the LORD
is e'en the death of all His faithful saints.

O LORD, I am Your faithful servant true,
You've loosed my chains, the son of Your handmaid.
I'll sacrifice a thank off'ring to You,
and call upon the LORD's name unafraid.

I will fulfill my vows unto the LORD
within the presence of His saints abroad;
Within the courts of the house of the LORD,
In your midst, O Jerus'lem. Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

The church at Corinth had split into factions, many of them reflecting the social and economic divisions of the surrounding community (between enslaved people, free workers, and the rich, for instance); they could not even schedule a time for their weekly meal together at which everyone could share the food each brought. Paul reminds them of a story they know well, and emphasizes the unity which the Lord's Supper establishes, summed up in the single loaf and single cup the disciples shared.

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.

R: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

*GOSPEL READING: JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

Because Lent points us toward Holy Week, the Gospel readings this year collect Jesus' predictions of his own suffering and death. In the earlier chapters of this Gospel, Jesus has denied that his hour had come. Now, when Gentiles first seek him out, the hour has come and he points forward to his crucifixion, speaking of it in ways which echo Moses' lifting up the bronze serpent in the wilderness (we heard this story and Jesus' other use of it last Sunday).

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

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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."

^{31b}"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. **A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Spirit, Open My Heart"

(ACS 1043)

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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FOOTWASHING LITANY

O Prince of Peace, O Friend of Sinners, we praise you and give you thanks, because you laid aside your power as a garment and took upon yourself the form of a slave.

You became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. You allowed yourself to be born to die in our place, You allowed your own feet to be anointed for death. You allowed a sinner to wash your feet with her tears. For God chose what is low and despised in the world to bring to nothing things that are. Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth, with the woman who anointed you for death, with the woman who worshiped you with her tears, and with all our fellow sinners who have loved and served you from that time till now, we praise you, Lord Jesus.

O Eternal Father, blessed is our brother Jesus, who on that night before Passover, rose from the Supper, laid aside his garments took a towel and poured water, and washed his disciples' feet, saying to them: "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Come now, mighty Spirit of God, wash us and make us one body in Christ, that, as we are bound together in this act of love, we may no longer be in bondage to the principalities and powers that enslave creation, but may know your liberating peace such as the world cannot give. Amen.

UBI CARITAS ET AMORE - *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (ELW 359)



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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FOOTWASHING LITANY

God, we receive the love of Christ.

We receive his great example,

We receive the power and work he demonstrated by your spirit;

And we receive the commands he has given.

This is Christ's command:

That we love one another

Just as Christ loved his disciples and others he met.

As Christ has done so must we do.

This is Christ's example:

Washing the feet of his friends;

Humbly doing the work of a servant

Becoming vulnerable, laying down his life.

This is Christ's legacy

Which we receive as the gift of heaven:

Where once there was sacrifice,

Now there is mercy.

Where once there was flesh and blood,

Now there are bread and wine.

The mercy of God has been made known in the body of Christ.

The character of God has been made known in the work of Christ.

He has shown us a way forward,

And we will follow the path of peace. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

L: Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near (*especially*). Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints (*especially*). In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

A: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **A: And also, with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

Offerings can be made online at stpaulpgm.org/give, mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 200, Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868, placed in the mail slot (outside door to Pastor Paul's office), or in the offering plate located in the lobby/narthex near the entrance of the sanctuary.

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Ah, Holy, Jesus"*

(Michael Burkhardt)

*OFFERTORY: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

(ELW 188)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff continues the melody: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your'. The third staff continues: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: 'pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -'. The fourth staff continues: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: 'store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,'. The fifth staff concludes the phrase: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: 'and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.'

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

*OFFERING PRAYER

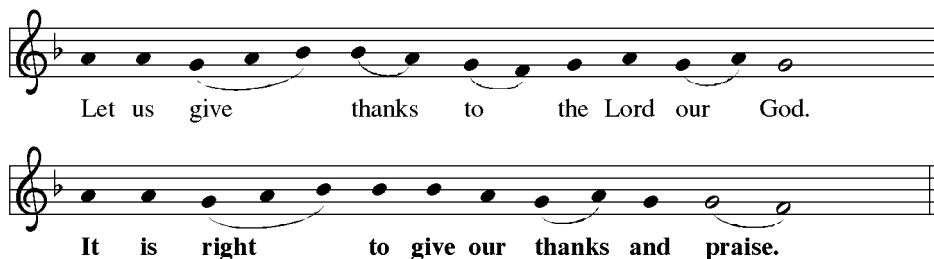
L: Let us pray: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **A: Amen.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

* DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

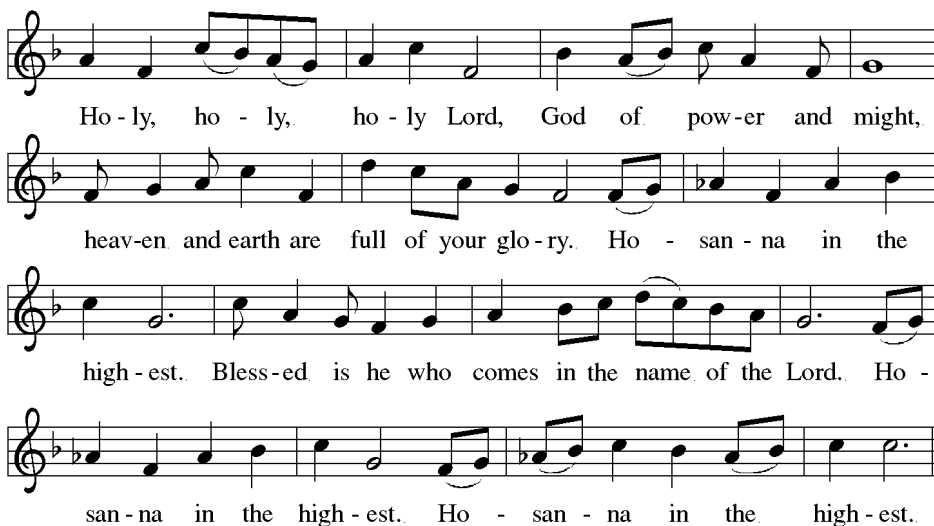
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*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O living God,
sovereign of time and space.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Your Word leads us across the sea to freedom,
and you have carried us together to these holy Three Days.

A: Blessed be God forever!

Blessed are you, O living God,

for your glory revealed in Jesus Christ.

He is our Servant, who washes our feet with love.

He is our Lamb, whose blood takes away our sin.

He is our Host at this meal, offering us the cup of salvation.

On this night on which he was handed over.

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Blessed are you forever, O living God, for these holiest of days

that, with us, proclaim the mystery of our faith:

A: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

Blessed are you, O living God! As we remember your life, death, and resurrection,

in this, your high feast, we eagerly await your promised life for all this dying world.

A: Come, Lord Jesus! Blessed be Christ forever!

Blessed are you, O living God,

for the gift of your loving Spirit.

Fill this meal with the life of your Son.

Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need.

Bring us with all your people to the joy of the resurrection.

A: Come, Holy Spirit! Blessed be the Spirit forever!

Through your Passover Lamb, all glory and honor is yours,

Blessed Father, with the Gracious Comforter,

in your holy Church, both now and forever.

A: Blessed be God forever! Amen, amen!

*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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;

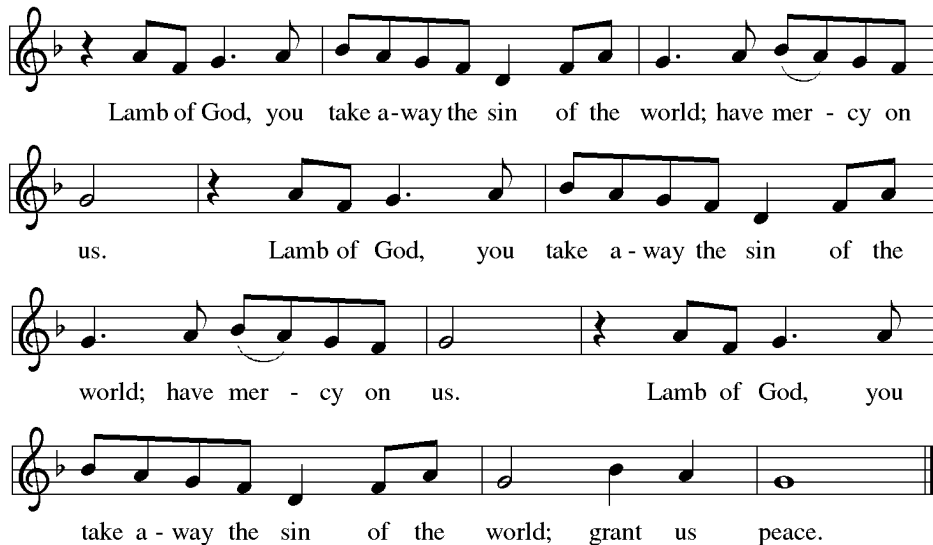
and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **A: Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN: "O Lord, We Praise You"

(ELW 499)



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to
 3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we

giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -

bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this

they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!

May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see

in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German hymn, 15th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, sts. 2–3; tr. composite
 Music: GOTTE SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strength and keep you, body, mind, and soul, now and unto eternal life. **A: Amen**

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

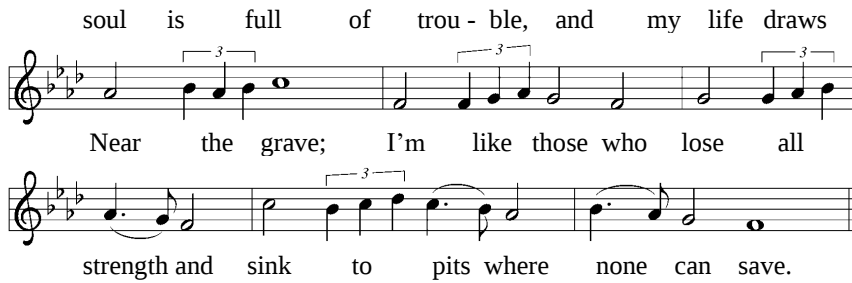
*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **A: Amen.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

You may come forward to help carry objects from the altar to the sacristy to help the sacristans.

O LORD God, the God who saves me; day and night I cry to You. Turn Your ear to hear my ang - uish; may my prayer come be - fore You. For my



I am counted with the dying, like the dead already there;
 Not remembered, even by You; fully cut off from Your care.
 You have put me in the depths and in the lowest pit I'm cast;
 Your wrath lies like weight upon me; with Your waves, I'm drowned at last.

You have taken close friends from me, made me be abhorred by them.
 I am trapped, cannot escape and with much grief my eyes are dim.
 Yet I daily call to You, LORD; I spread out my hands to You.
 Will You show the dead Your wonders? Will the dead rise and praise You?

Is Your love declared in death and is Your faithfulness there found?
 Are Your wonders known in darkness? Can Your righteousness abound?
 Still I cry to You for help, LORD; in the morning my prayers rise.
 Why, O LORD, do You reject me, hide Your face from my worn eyes?

From my youth, I've been afflicted, close to death and in despair,
 And Your wrath has swept around me, terrors kept me from Your care.
 All day long those fears surround me, and engulf me without end.
 You take friends and loved ones from me; darkness is my closest friend.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES FOR CHURCH!!

March 29: God's Friday (Good Friday) 7PM

March 30: The Great Vigil (Easter Eve) 7PM

March 31: Resurrection of our Lord/Pascha (Easter)
 Sunrise Service: Jo Hays Vista, 6:30AM
 Regular Service: 10AM



SERVING TODAY

Worship Leader.....Pastor Paul Tomkiel
Assisting Minister.....Sydney Bennington
Musician..... Jim Rearick
Sacristan.....Delorse Homan
Reader.....Ann Reede

ABOUT ST. PAUL

PURPOSE

We are a beacon, boldly sharing the light of Jesus' grace and love.

MISSION

Guided by Jesus, we strengthen faith, deepen compassion, extend generosity,
and serve community.

CORE VALUES

Faith ♡ Compassion ♡ Generosity ♡ Community

OUR BIBLE VERSES

As Paul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [Jesus said,] 'Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before the nations.'– Acts 9:3,15

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Paul is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock people, where we gather for worship this morning. We also acknowledge the Seneca, Cayuga, Lenape, as well as all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.

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