

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026 – 7:00 pm

Accompanists

Gathering

Prelude

† Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Most holy God, **We come to you in need of grace. Time and again we have forgotten your simple and loving call—to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. We have forgotten your promise to care for us, and in our fear, we have made choices that hurt us, those around us, and even those we don't know. Remind us who we are and whose we are, and show us the way to amend our wrongs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and friend.**

Have no fear, little flock, for God loves you already, and desires nothing more than to restore you to wholeness. Know that you are freed from sin and death now and forever in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Those who desire to receive individual forgiveness may come forward to kneel at the railing. Pastor will speak, "In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins," and you may respond "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

God of grace and mercy, On this night, you gave us a new commandment—that we love one another as you have loved us. Help us to see the depth and breadth of this love, and strengthen us to carry even the small fraction of it we are able to carry into our suffering world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

PSALM 88

- ¹ O LORD, God of my salvation,
at night, when I cry out before you,
² **let my prayer come before you;**
incline your ear to my cry.
³ For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
⁴ **I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;**
I am like those who have no help,
⁵ like those forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
⁶ **You have put me in the depths of the Pit,**
in the regions dark and deep.
⁷ Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.
⁸ **You have caused my companions to shun me;**
you have made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
⁹ my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call on you, O LORD;

I spread out my hands to you.

10 Do you work wonders for the dead?

Do the shades rise up to praise you?

**11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?**

**12 Are your wonders known in the darkness
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?**

**13 But I, O LORD, cry out to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.**

**14 O LORD, why do you cast me off?
Why do you hide your face from me?**

**15 Wretched and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.**

**16 Your wrath has swept over me;
your dread assaults destroy me.**

**17 They surround me like a flood all day long;
from all sides they close in on me.**

**18 You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.**

† GOSPEL: John 19: 23-30

The holy gospel according to John, the 19th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

23When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. **24**So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." **25**And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of

Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. ²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

† Hymn of the Day: Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

Around you, O Lord Jesus,
your own you gather still
to share the feast you give us
with grace our lives to fill.

You say to us so lovingly,
"Take, eat! This is my body!
Take, drink! This is my blood!"

We hear your invitation,
and heed, O Lord, your call;
your word of consolation
is spoken here to all.
It draws us to your loving heart;
it brings to us your blessing,

which never will depart.

We are your own forever;
until our final breath
we will be true and never
in joy, in grief, in death
depart from you, for you are still
among your people dwelling,
as you have said you will.

† Prayers of Intercession

With hope in God's promised redemption, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God, you bore your own suffering with dignity and mercy. Give us a measure of your mercy as we walk this road of sorrows by your side. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Creation weeps as you make your way toward the end, dear savior: an innocent lamb undeserving of death. Forgive the lack of vision that still destroys what is good, beautiful, and life-giving. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

So many in our world suffer the injustices of oppressive governments and ideologies. Raise up new leaders here and around the world who are unafraid to stand up to the powerful for the sake of your little ones. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

For those who suffer without complaining, those who struggle without sharing, and those who know no relief from pain, we ask your healing and compassion (especially...) God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

With your mother Mary, your beloved disciple, and all those who first followed you, we grieve at the sight of your persecution and death. Strengthen us in the certain hope of your resurrection, when you will gather all to yourself. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Into your hands we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and entrust all things to your eternal **We lift our prayers to you.**

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

Offering

Offering Prayer

We know we cannot repay the gifts you have given us, O God. And so in quiet and humble gratitude we bring what we can to your altar. Gather these gifts together with those of all your children, and bless them for use in bringing life to the world. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 172

† Eucharistic Prayer

† Lord's Prayer / Padrenuestro

ELW p. 173

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

*Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.*

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.*

*Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

We invite all who believe that Jesus, truly present in cup and bread, is their savior to share in the Lord's Supper.

Communicants may receive either red wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free bread is available on request. People who are not able to come to the altar are invited to ask an usher to have the pastor bring communion to them.

Communion Hymns:

Bread of Life From Heaven

ELW 474

Refrain

Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup
until you come again.

Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain*

Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain*

Love as the one who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.

Come to the one who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain*

Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
make your home in the lifegiving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain*

Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain*

Go to Dark Gethsemane

ELW 347

Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb,
where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Come to the Table

ELW 481

Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Communion Prayer

Holy Jesus, you have given us yourself. You have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of mercy. You have poured yourself out so that we may feast here. As we receive this bread and cup, may we become what we receive: your body on earth, giving ourselves for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

Stripping of the Altar

After the Lord's Supper is celebrated it is customary to "strip the altar," which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It also represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin. Bare of adornment, the sanctuary awaits the joyous explosion of color, flowers, and decorations for Easter when we will celebrate that Jesus is risen.

Psalm 22

All depart in silence.

Upcoming Worship:

Good Friday Worship - 7 pm April 3

Easter Vigil - 5 pm April 4 (outdoors- bring a lawn chair)

Easter

Easter Worship - 8:15 & 10:45 am

Easter Breakfast - 9:15 - 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt - 10 am

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