



# Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024 Holy Communion

## Create in me a clean heart, O God

Scriptures for Singing

G Bm C D G D C

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, And re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

8 D G Bm C D G D C/G G

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, And re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

C D G D/F# Em G/D C Am D D/F# G

17

Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence; Take not Thy ho - ly Spir - it from me.

24 G<sup>7</sup> C D G D/F# Em G/D C Am D D<sup>7</sup>/F# C/G G

Res - tore un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; And re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

Let us make confession to God.

**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**

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 power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of God's 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. **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**

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**

### **First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell 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. <sup>4</sup>If 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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This 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. <sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>The 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.

<sup>14</sup>This 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.**

### **Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19** *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

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

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

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

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup>For 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, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In 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." <sup>26</sup>For 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.**

The holy gospel according to John the thirteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Stronger

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**VERSE 1**

$\text{♩} = 75$

D E A D E A

1. There is Love, that came for us. Hum - bled to a sin - ner's cross. You broke my

**INSTRUMENTAL 1**

5 D E F#m D E D E A/C# A D E

shame, and sin - ful - ness. You rose a - gain, vic - to - ri - ous.

**VERSE 2**

11 A/C# A D E A/C# A D E A/C# A

2. Faith ful - ness none can de - ny. Through the storm, and through the fire. There is

**CHORUS**

16 D E F#m E D E A A

truth that sets me free. Je - sus Christ who lives in me. You are strong - er. You are

22 E F#m D A E

strong - er. Sin is bro - ken, You have saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus

**INSTRUMENTAL 1** **VERSE 3**

27 D E D E A/C# A D E A/C# A D E

You are Lord of all.

3. No be - gin - ning, and no

33 A D E A D E F#m E

end. You're my hope, and my de - fence. You came to seek, and save the lost. You paid it

**CHORUS**

38 D E A E A E

all, up - on the cross. You are strong - er. You are strong - er. Sin is

43 F#m D A E 2nd time to Coda D E

bro - ken, You have saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus You are Lord of

**INSTRUMENTAL 2**

D F#m E A/C# E/G# E/G#

all. So let Your Name

**BRIDGE 1a**

D F#m E A E

be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. So let Your Name

**BRIDGE 1b**

D F#m E A/C# E/G#

be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. So let Your Name

61 A/C# E/G# D.S. al Coda

Be lift - ed high - er. You are

**CHORUS**

63 D Coda E A E A

You are Lord of all. You are strong - er. You are

66 E F#m D A E  
 strong - er. Sin is bro - ken, You have saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus

71 D E D  
 You are Lord of all. \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff, starting at measure 66, contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. Above the staff are the chords E, F#m, D, A, and E. The second staff, starting at measure 71, contains the melody for the second line. Above the staff are the chords D, E, and D. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**SERMON** – Reverend Rick Neu

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – LBW126

### Where Charity and Love Prevail

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Where Charity and Love Prevail'. Each system consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn. The second system contains the final three lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another. *A brief silence*

Dear Father, grant us faith to cling to the forgiveness won for us by your Son. Grant us hope, to cling to him in temptation and darkness. Give us love, to cling to him forever; for he is our Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church. Fill it with your Spirit, so it more perfectly loves you and the people your Son came to redeem. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers throughout the world. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly bear witness to the holiness and love of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for seminarians, theologians, pastors, and missionaries of the Gospel. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly proclaim Christ, and him crucified. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our congregation, its people, and its ministries. Fill us with your Spirit, so we more perfectly reflect the servant-love of Jesus to one another, and to our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who will be baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ during these holy days. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly follow in his footsteps. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our elected and appointed leaders, here and in all nations. Fill them with your Spirit, so they more perfectly accomplish your will for the people entrusted to their care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who risk their lives for the sake of others. Fill them with your Spirit, so that in places of danger, distrust, and disease, they more perfectly accomplish your will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone suffers in body, heart, or mind, including those we name before you either silently or aloud.... Fill them with your Spirit, so that they more perfectly cling to Christ, who is their life and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we share a foretaste of the feast you have set before all whom you have redeemed by the passion, death, and resurrection of your beloved Son. Fill us with your Spirit, so we more perfectly take up our Cross, follow Jesus wherever he leads, and encourage one another along life's way. Bring us, through the merits of Christ, into your Kingdom, where with him and the Holy Spirit, you reign in the glory of heaven's endless day. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For these things, and for whatever else is needful, dear Father, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

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. **Amen.**


## GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

## 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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. 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:



☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:




Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## 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.

Blessed be God forever!  
**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.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
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 for the 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 be God forever!  
**Blessed be God 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.

Blessed be God forever!  
**Blessed be God forever!**

Amen, and amen.  
**Amen, and amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## 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. A - men

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.

Come to this meal and be fed.

The bread that we share is the Body of Christ.

The cup that we share is the Blood of Christ.

## COMMUNION

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

### 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.**

### Psalm 22

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;  
by night, but I find no rest.**
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>**Our ancestors put their trust in you,  
they trusted, and you rescued them.**
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>**But as for me, I am a worm and not human,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
- <sup>8</sup>**“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”**
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- <sup>10</sup>**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.
- <sup>12</sup>**Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
- <sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a slashing and roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup>**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
- <sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup>**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet.**
- <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones  
while they stare at me and gloat.
- <sup>18</sup>**They divide my garments among them;**

**for my clothing, they cast lots.**

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>**Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>**I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's  
face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

*All leave in silence.*