



# St. Luke Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28, 2024  
7:00 PM



YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

\*All are invited to stand as able. Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

## ***The Paschal Triduum***

*The Paschal Triduum is the center of the church year where worship takes a particular shape. These central days have come to be known as the Three Days, recalling Jesus' own words to his disciples that he would be handed over to death, and that "after three days he will rise again" (Mark 10:34). The Three Days encompass the time from Maundy Thursday evening through the evening of Easter Day. In particular, the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter unfold in a single movement, as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life.*

*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. 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.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Twenty-fourth*

setting by Robert Hobby

## WORD OF WELCOME

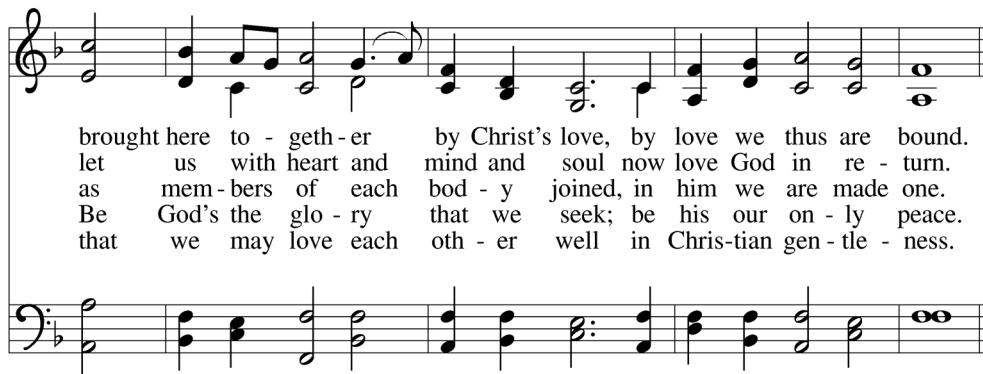
## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## \*GATHERING HYMN 359 Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH



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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## **\*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

*The minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds:*

**Amen.**

## **\*CONFESSION**

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.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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.

Most merciful God,  
**whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way,  
yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness:**

**we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;  
we have compromised with evil;  
we have doubted your power to protect us.  
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.  
Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in  
your ways and delight in doing your will.  
Amen.**

## **ANNOINTING AND INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION**

*The assembly is seated. Individuals may come forward to be anointed and for the rite of individual absolution. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat using the side aisle. If you have limited mobility and are unable to come forward, please alert an usher or neighbor and a pastor will come to your seat.*

*The music during this time is Arvo Part's "Spiegel in Spiegel," with violinist Aara Edwards.*

## **FINAL PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS OF SINS BEFORE EASTER**

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.

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4 & 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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.

### PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

*The psalm is sung responsively.*

<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 re- | pay 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.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the | Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in | the beginning,  
is now, and will be for- | ever. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly sings the acclamation and repeats it after the choir proclaims the verse of the day.*



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

## **\*GOSPEL**

Mark 14:12-25

The holy gospel according to Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me.

For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.


**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **SERMON**



**\*HYMN OF THE DAY 358** Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here RYBURN




1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our  
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems  
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your  
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.





## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The response to the petitions, which all end “Merciful God” is **receive our prayer.***

*The prayers conclude:*

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

**Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

*An offering is taken to support the mission of the church and the care of those in need. An usher will bring a basket or plate to you, or you may drop your offering in the plates on the table near the back row upon entering or leaving. Offerings can also be made by visiting [stlukeithaca.org](http://stlukeithaca.org) and clicking on “do-nate.”*

## OFFERTORY

*Ubi caritas*

Ola Gjeilo

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ’s love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

*The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

### \*DIALOGUE

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.**

### \*PREFACE

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting Five

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

*Three times during the thanksgiving the following dialogue takes place:*

Blessed be God forever!

**Blessed be God forever!**

*The thanksgiving concludes:*

Amen, and amen.

**Amen, and amen.**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

**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 tresspass 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

*At St. Luke, all are welcome to the table Christ without exception. Please make your way forward to the kneelers around the altar by exiting the center aisle and coming up the steps. To the right of the steps is a lift if you need assistance. As you gather around the altar you may stand or kneel, bread is received in your hands, let the presider know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Cups are available as you approach the altar. To return to your seats, please exit after receiving the wine or juice via the side steps and aisles, leaving the cup in the basket provided. If you wish to receive communion at your seat, please tell the ushers.*

**\*LAMB OF GOD**

Setting Five

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.

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister offers the prayer after communion and the assembly responds*  
**Amen.**

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Psalm 88 is sung by the choir to a setting by Michael Clarkson as the altar is stripped.*

*The linens, paraments, banners and books are removed from the worship space.*

*This year we connect the Three Days observances by singing “Stay with Me.”*

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*The blessing, dismissal, and postlude are omitted from tonight’s service since this is the start of the great Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil comprise one singular service.*

*We depart silently in the same way in which we will gather tomorrow night around the foot of the cross at 7:00 pm. The church doors will be open from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on Good Friday for contemplation and reflection in the sanctuary and pastoral conversation and coffee/tea in the Campus Ministry lounge.*

## **PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

|                        |                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| St. Luke Ministers:    | All the people of this Community |
| Assisting Minister:    | Everett Nelson                   |
| Reader:                | Susan Hoskins                    |
| Ushers:                | Don Tennant and Emma Dodici      |
| Music Director:        | Erik Kibelsbeck                  |
| Presider and Preacher: | The Rev. Jason R. Churchill      |

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