



Holy Week: Maundy Thursday

Order of Worship for streaming service during COVID-19

April 9, 2020
7:00 pm



about today's service

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 the 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.

P: Presiding Minister C: Congregation L: Lector A: Assisting Minister

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Welcome / Introduction Pastor Jack Horner

Prelude: "O Mortal, Lament Your Great Sin" Joh. Seb. Bach
*O mortal, lament your great sin,
for the sake of which Christ left his Father's bosom and came to earth.
Of a pure, gentle virgin Jesus was born for us;
He wanted to become the Mediator.
He gave life to the dead and put aside all sickness,
until the time arrived that he should be sacrificed for us.
He bore the heavy burden of our sins stretched out on the cross.*

Confession and Forgiveness Pastor John Brock

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. 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.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

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Greeting Pastor John Brock
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day Pastor John Brock

P: 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.

C: Amen.

✝ Word ✝

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.

Reading: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Steve Kauffman

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Pastor Jack Horner

Gospel Acclamation: Pastor Liz Frey

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Pastor Liz Frey

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Liz Frey

Prayers of Intercession Pastor Jack Horner

Each portion of the prayer ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Solo: "The Lord's Prayer" A. H. Malotte

Nancy Moore, soloist

Stripping of the Altar

*Listen as Psalm 22 is read and the altar
and chancel are stripped.*

*Just as Christ was stripped of his power and glory
and placed in the hands of his captors, the church is stripped in
preparation of the solemnity of Good Friday.*

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

worship leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. John H. Brock

Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

Assisting Minister: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Musician: H. Timothy Koch

Lector: Steve Kauffman

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