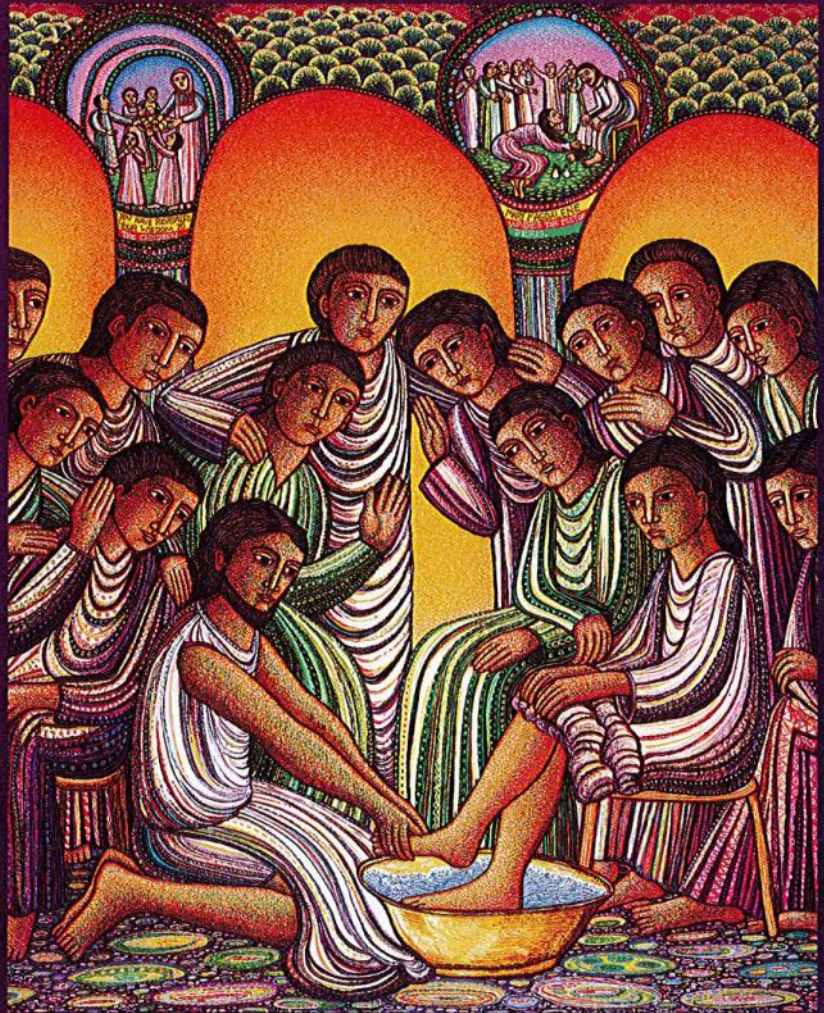


# He loved them to the end

JOHN 13:1



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**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 17, 2025—7:00 PM**  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 9

**PRELUDE**      *At the Meal of the Lamb We Cried Out*      Christopher Tambling

*Stand*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**      *Great God, Your Love has Called Us* (WOV 666)



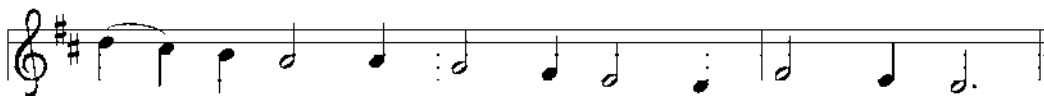
1 Great God, your love has called us here. as we, by love, for  
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
5 Great God, in Christ you set us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

**INSTRUCTION**

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage 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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Exodus 12:1-14 (back page)

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (back page)

Stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

*Lord, Jesus, Think on Me (ELW 599)*

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,  
from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.  
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.  
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 13:1-17, 31b—35 (back page)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**RESPONSE** Chancel Choir *Peace is My Last Gift* Craig Phillips

Stand

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Heal the wounds of your church, O God. As we remember your commandment to love one another, guide us toward reconciliation within the body of Christ. Bless all who gather around the world and in this community for these holy three days (*local ecumenical partners may be named here*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Renew the life of your creation. Restore lands suffering from chronic drought or flood, and protect fragile habitats from destruction. Encourage all who strive to build more sustainable systems for life and thriving. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Bring peace and justice among your people. Where there is oppression or fear, bring liberation and hope. Instill wisdom and humility in local and national leaders, and guide them to serve their communities in the way of Jesus. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Console all who suffer. We pray especially for all who are lonely and yearning for community. Assure them of your loving presence. Come alongside all who cry out to you in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

In the bread and cup we share, you show us the way of love poured out for the whole world. Nourish all who hunger in body or in spirit, that they experience the life abundant that flows from you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember the saints who rest in you. We give thanks for all our beloved dead (*especially*). Confident of your steadfast love, we commend them to your eternal care. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

*The pastor prepares the altar for Holy Communion*

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION HYMN *Stay with Us* (WOV 743)

*The people come forward during the singing of the hymn  
placing their offering in the basin.*



1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to  
2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: hear when our  
3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our  
4 Talk with us, till we be - hold a joy - ful  
5 Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor



you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our  
wea - ry spir - its cry. Feel a - gain our loss, our  
weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our  
life you will un - fold. Heal our eyes to see the  
dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace im -



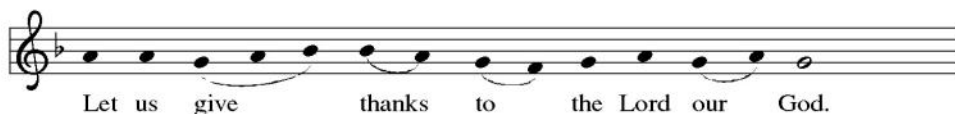
eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.  
pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.  
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE *Sung by Pastor and congregation*



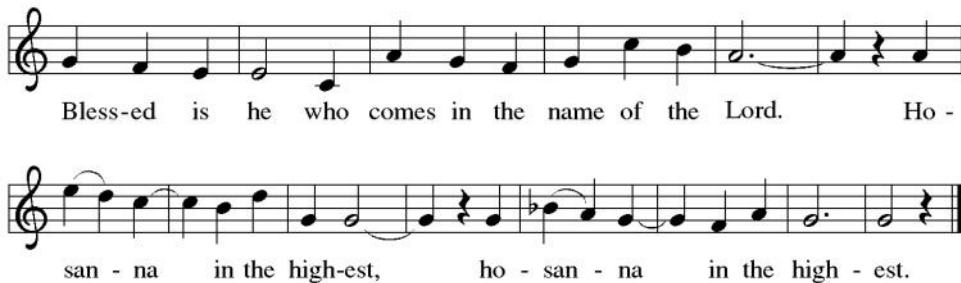
## PREFACE *The preface appropriate to the day is sung.*

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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 *Sung by all.*



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## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

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

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.



## THE 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 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

**FRACTION RITE** *A brief silence is kept.*

**AGNUS DEI** *Sung by all.*

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, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

*Procedure for receiving Communion:*

1. Come to communion using the center aisle.
2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.
3. Take your place along the chancel step.
4. The ministers will bring the host and wine to you.
5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.
6. Return to your pew using the side aisle

*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit*

**PSALM 22** *Psalm 22 is introduced by the organ and then is sung unaccompanied by Cantor/Congregation. The altar and chancel are stripped of all their appointments in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday.*



- 1 My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me\*  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of | my distress?
- 2 **O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you | do not answer;\***  
**by night as well, but I | find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the | Holy One,\*  
enthroned upon the prais- | es of Israel.
- 4 **Our forefathers put their | trust in you;\***  
**they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and | were delivered;\*
- 6 **But as for me, I am a worm | and no man,\***  
**scorned by all and despised | by the people.**
- 7 All who see me laugh | me to scorn;\*
- 8 **"He trusted in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\***  
**let him rescue him, if he de- | lights in him."**
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out | of the womb,\*  
and kept me safe upon my | mother's breast.
- 10 **I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;\***  
**you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.**
- 11 Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.
- 12 **Many young bulls en- | circle me;\***  
**strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**

<sup>13</sup> They open wide their | jaws at me,\*  
 like a ravening and a | 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 mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
 my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;\*  
 and you have laid me in the dust | of the grave.  
<sup>16</sup> **Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers cir- | cle around me;\***  
**they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count | all my bones.**  
<sup>17</sup> They stare and gloat | over me;\*  
 they divide my garments among them; they cast lots | for my clothing.  
<sup>18</sup> **Be not far a- | way, O LORD;\***  
**you are my strength; hast- | en to help me.**  
<sup>19</sup> Save me | from the sword,\*  
 my life from the power | of the dog.  
<sup>20</sup> **Save me from the | lion's mouth,\***  
**my wretched body from the horns | of wild bulls.**  
<sup>21</sup> I will declare your name | to my brethren;\*  
 in the midst of the congregation | I will praise you.  
<sup>22</sup> **Praise the LORD, | you that fear him;\***  
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's | line, give glory.**  
<sup>23</sup> For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
 neither does he hide his | face from them;\*  
 but when they cry to | him he hears them.  
<sup>24</sup> **My praise is of him in the | great assembly;\***  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.**  
<sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
 and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him: \*  
 "May your heart | live forever!"  
<sup>26</sup> **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\***  
**and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.**  
<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs | to the LORD; \*  
**he rules o- | ver the nations.**  
<sup>28</sup> **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;\***  
**all who go down to the dust | fall before him.**  
<sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descend- | ants shall serve him; \*  
 they shall be known as the | LORD's forever.  
<sup>30</sup> **They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn\***  
**the saving deeds that | he has done.**

*At the conclusion of the Psalm, the minister will leave the chancel.  
 The congregation leaves in absolute silence. There is no benediction or postlude.*

The second portion of the Great Paschal Triduum will begin tomorrow at 7:00 PM  
 as we gather for the liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord.

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

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.

**Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19****SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

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.

**GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

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."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18.

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