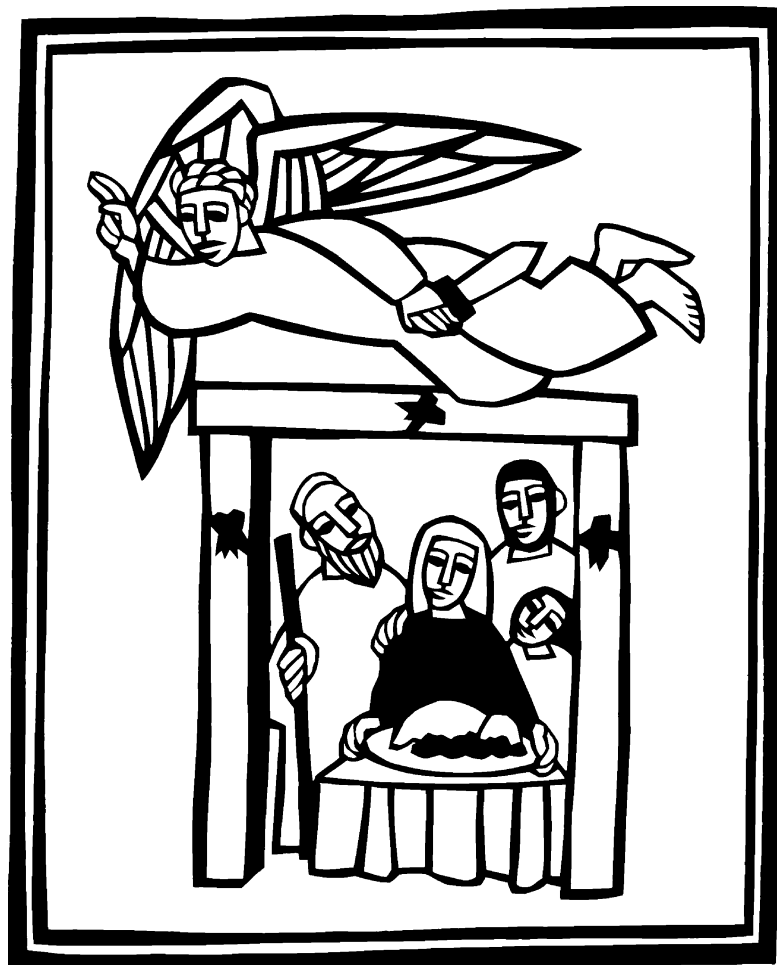


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
*Mauudy Thursday*



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. 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. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

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- PRELUDE
  - WELCOME
  - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: 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.*

L: Most merciful God,

**ALL: 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.**

L: 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.

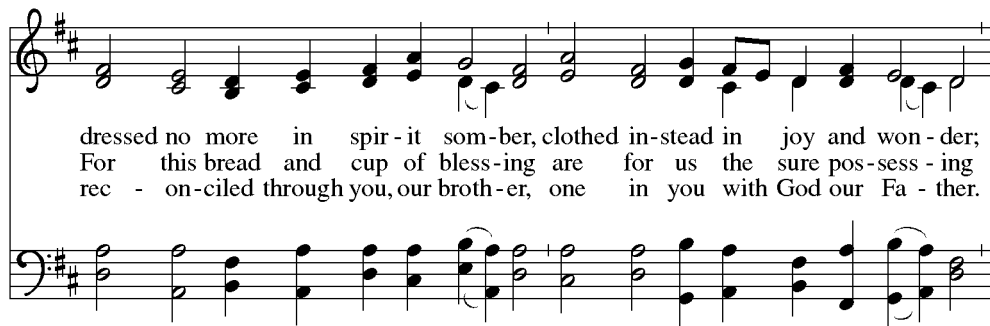
**Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: Now We Join in Celebration**  
**Green Book: #203**

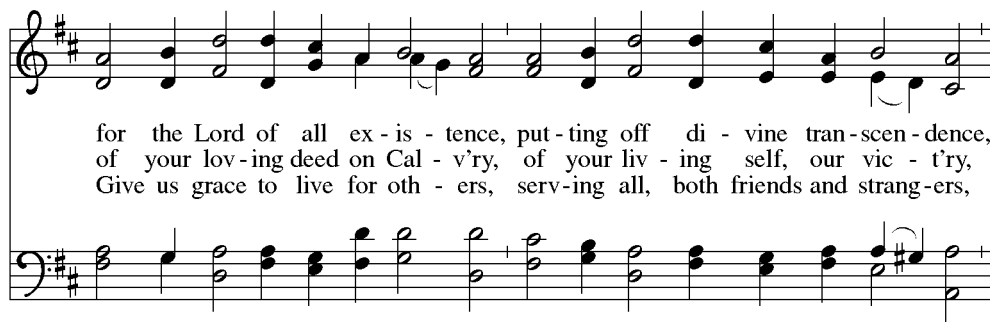
Now We Join in Celebration



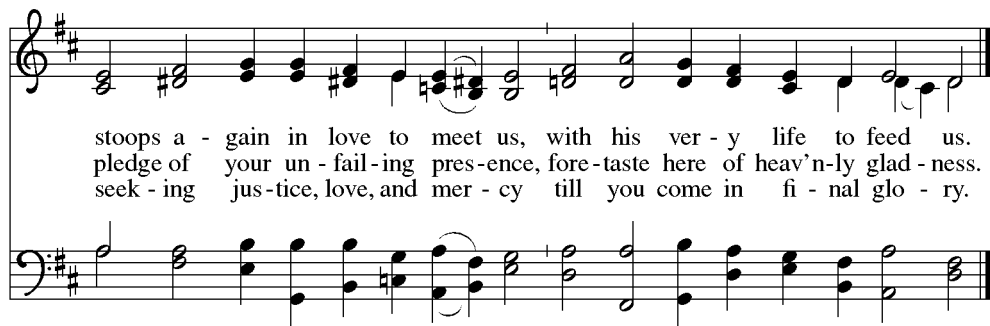
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662  
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**\*GREETING:**

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

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

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

L: <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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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

*I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

L: <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.

**ALL: will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

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

**ALL: <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**

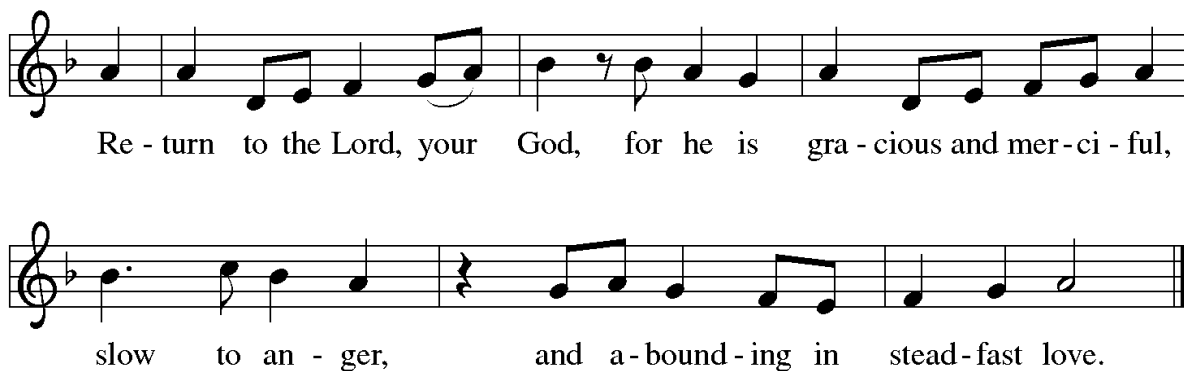
*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

L: <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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

L: <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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.


All: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill**

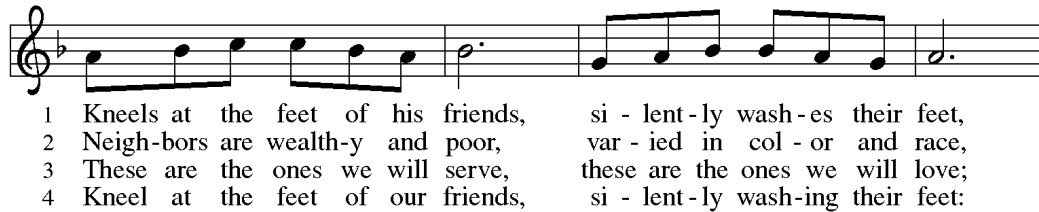
**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love  
Blue Book: #765**

**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

*Refrain*




Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

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## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each prayer ends with these words:*

L: Merciful God,

**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*\*You are invited to greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace. Please be sure to have your neighbor's consent before sharing greetings with a handshake or other physical touch. Otherwise, sharing a wave, peace sign or a high-five are great ways to share the peace from a distance.*

### **CHOIR ANTHEM: Gentle Lamb of Calvary**

*With musical accompaniment by Julie Conschafter*

Music by Stan Pethel

Words by Dave Bolling

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## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

*Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.*

L: God of good gifts,

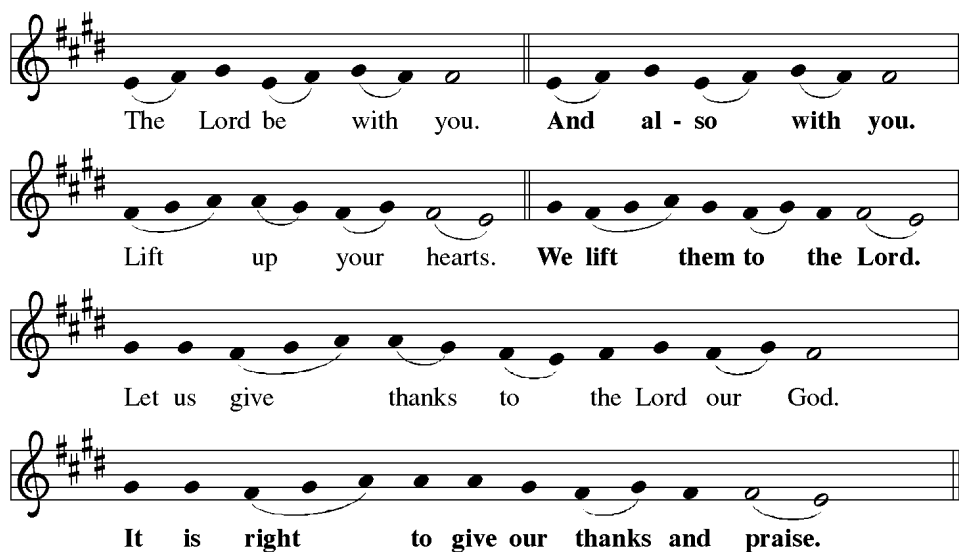
**All: receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.**

**Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal**



as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



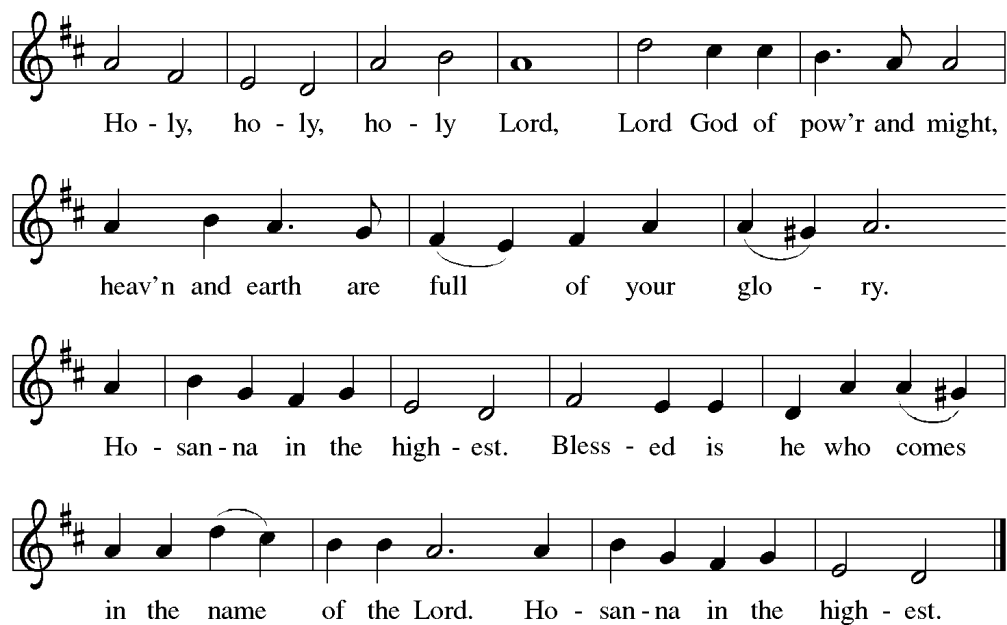
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n 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.

L: 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.

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: LORD, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Come and receive Jesus,

our strength in the wilderness.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.*

### COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God

*To be sung during the distribution of communion*

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.

### COMMUNION HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together

# Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

### **\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Lord Jesus,

**ALL: 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.**

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space.*

*As this is being done, the congregation will read Psalm 88:*

**All: <sup>1</sup>O Lord, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence,  
<sup>2</sup>let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry.**

**<sup>3</sup>For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.**

**<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; I am like those who have no help,**

**<sup>5</sup>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.**

**<sup>6</sup>You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.**

**<sup>7</sup>Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves.**

**<sup>8</sup>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;**

**<sup>9</sup>my eye grows dim through sorrow.**

**Every day I call on you, O Lord; I spread out my hands to you.**

**<sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise you?**

**<sup>11</sup>Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?**

**<sup>12</sup>Are your wonders known in the darkness,  
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?**

**<sup>13</sup>But I, O Lord, cry out to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
<sup>14</sup>O Lord, why do you cast me off? Why do you hide your face from me?  
<sup>15</sup>Wretched and close to death from my youth up,  
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.  
<sup>16</sup>Your wrath has swept over me; your dread assaults destroy me.  
<sup>17</sup>They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me.  
<sup>18</sup>You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me; my companions are in darkness.**

*All depart in silence.*

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## Join us:

- ❖ **Good Friday** – **April 7<sup>th</sup>** - Worship at 7:30 pm
- ❖ **Easter Sunday** - April 9<sup>th</sup>: Pot luck breakfast at 8  
Worship at 9:30 am  
Easter egg hunt to follow