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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Maundy Thursday

To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .

. . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,
study and fellowship

. . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith
that works in real life

. . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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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.

INVITATION INTO THE 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. 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God, 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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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**

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

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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ubi caritas et amor *Where True Charity and Love Abide*

The musical score is written for a single voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, / Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. / God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass clef and key signature. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and a triplet in the vocal line.

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Music: TAEZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

The holy gospel according to St. John. **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.

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you

know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.'³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By 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.**

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

A New Commandment

D Em Em A D F[♯]m Bm

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you, that you love one an-oth-er as

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff in D major (two sharps). The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains the accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: D, Em, Em, A, D, F[♯]m, Bm.

Em A D F[♯]m Bm Em A⁷ D

I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.

The second system of musical notation. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: Em, A, D, F[♯]m, Bm, Em, A⁷, D.

G A D F[♯]m Bm

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis-ci-ples, if

The third system of musical notation. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: G, A, D, F[♯]m, Bm.

Em⁷ D G A D G A

you have love one for an-oth-er, by this shall peo-ple know

The fourth system of musical notation. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: Em⁷, D, G, A, D, G, A.

D F[♯]m Bm Em⁷ D G A D

you are my dis-ci-ples; if you have love one for an-oth-er.

The fifth and final system of musical notation. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: D, F[♯]m, Bm, Em⁷, D, G, A, D.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At this service of communion at Christ's table, let us join together in prayer for the church, the world and all in need..

Blessed are you, O God, for the church.
Bring all people into your fellowship of love.
Make us worthy to share your food.
Pass us over from death into life.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you for this good earth.
Protect the waters from pollution.
Bless the growing crops with your rain and sun.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you for our nation.
Inspire us and all nations to live in peace and concord. Free those who are enslaved by injustice.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you for this table.
We pray for the hungry, those in need, the sick and for those alienated from you. Answer their cries.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you for this community of faith.
Form us into servants for this neighborhood.
Give us your spirit of service.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Blessed are you for all believers who have gone before us
Bring us all at the end into your everlasting glory.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive, O loving God, our prayers, and
grant that we and all people may know the mercy
of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

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:

SANCTUS

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 the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has three staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a guitar line (treble clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. Chords are indicated above the guitar line. The chords used are C, G7, Am, F, and C7.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

“Do You Believe in Me”

Dallas Holm

Bob Nelson, solo

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Amen

COMMUNION - *Communion is shared among us in people's homes*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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**

As Psalm 22 is read, the stripping of the altar will take place.

PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹²Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled;

¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD,

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Holy Week Worship

Good Friday, April 2 – This service will be a collaborative, pre-recorded service as we participate with the leaders of Okemos Presbyterian Church and Okemos Community Church. Our portion of the service includes Lindsey Campbell singing a special solo, Pastor Ellen reading scripture and sharing a short reflection. The link to this service will be sent out to you by Katie and it will be posted on our Facebook page.

Easter Service, April 4 – This Easter morning worship will be live-streamed on our Facebook page at 10:00 AM. The hymns we will use have been extracted from Easter Sunday Worship in April of 2019. Therefore, you will be able to hear yourselves singing along with the brass quartet. Lindsey Campbell will also be singing “I Know That My Redeemer Lives.” If, the weather for that day looks promising earlier in the week, we will pre-record this service so it can be played through our Facebook site on Easter Sunday, and we will also hold an outdoor service. All of this is TBD.

