

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday
April 14, 2021**

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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~

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 you and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister 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.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS/INDIVIDUAL FORGIVENESS

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 together.

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.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"I Will Remember Thee"

Lloyd Larson

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, in the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had

come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"

#360

1. **Love consecrates the humblest act and haloes mercy's deeds;
it sheds a benediction sweet and hallows human needs.**
2. **When in the shadow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
of his disciples, he gave us a sign of love complete.**
3. **Love serves and willing stoops to serve; what Christ in love is true
has freely done for one and all, let us now gladly do!**

FOOTWASHING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

Petitions end: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**MEAL****OFFERING SONG**

“For the Fruits of All Creation”

#679

1. **For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 For these gifts to ev’ry nation, thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
 future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
2. **In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.
 In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvest we are sharing, God’s will is done.**
3. **For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that will confound us,
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. Extravagant God,
**you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you
 offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and
 feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING—spoken

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**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.

SHARING OF COMMUNION

"Jesu, Jesu"

#708

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
Neighbors are nearby and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you,

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

"Thee We Adore, O Savior"

#476

1. Thee we adore, O Savior, God most true,
thy glory clothed in bread and wine anew;
our hearts to thee in true devotion bow,
in humble awe, we hail thy presence now.

2. O true remembrance of Christ crucified,
the bread of life to us for whom he died;
lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,
be thou the sweetness we were meant to find.

3. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God,
cleans us, O Christ, with thy most cleansing blood:
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

4. Jesus, by faith we see thee here below;
send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:
someday to gaze upon thy face in light,
blest evermore with thy full glory's sight. Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

At the conclusion: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the conclusion: Amen

SENDING

RECITATION OF PSALM 22 and STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

POSTLUDE