



## Maundy Thursday Worship

Service of Forgiveness, Footwashing, and Holy Communion Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Whitehouse April 17, 2025 + 7:00pm Maundy Thursday + April 17, 2025 + 7:00pm

+ At this sign, all who are able are invited to stand.



- + Confession and Forgiveness
  - In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other.... In the words of absolution we receive for-giveness as from God. This absolution we need not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God, for the for-giveness comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

P Let us make our confession to God. Gracious God,

Hymn During Communion

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



- + Communion Blessing
- + Post-Communion Prayer
  - ▲ 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

Stripping of the Altar During the stripping of the altar, we hear Psalm 22 and the lights are dimmed. The congregation then departs in silence, and the story continues tomorrow...

- + Eucharistic Prayer
- + The Lord's Prayer
  - G 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

## Distribution of Communion

This is Jesus' table. You are welcome. Please come forward by the center aisle to one of two stations at the front, receiving the bread first before taking a cup (red is wine, white does not have alcohol) from the assistant at the side. Any who do not commune are invited to come to receive a blessing.

## Lamb of God



Special Music During Communion

"Lord, I Stretch My Hands To You"—Ken Medema; Julie Zedlitz, solo



- Ave mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen
- God, who is rich in mercy loved us even when we were dead in sin... that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C Amen**

The congregation may come forward through the center aisle to receive, along with the laying on of hands, individual assurance of forgiveness at one of two stations up front.

## + Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. G And also with you.

- + Prayer of the Day
  - **P** Let us pray:

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G** Amen

First Lesson	<i>Exodus 12:1-14</i>
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Holy Gospel	John 13:1-17, 31b-35

- **P** The holy Gospel, according to John:
- Glory to you, O Lord.

(following the reading of the Gospel:)

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Vicar Natalie Downs



Footwashing and Handwashing

All who wish to do so may come forward for the washing of their feet or hands as a response to Jesus' command to love one another in selfless service.

There will be two stations at the front for foot and hand washing; come through the center aisle and then around to either side until you can be seated in front of a basin. Special Music during Footwashing

By Eric Dickey; Julie Zedlitz, solo

- + Prayers of Intercession
- + Sharing of the Peace Offering

+ Offertory Prayer

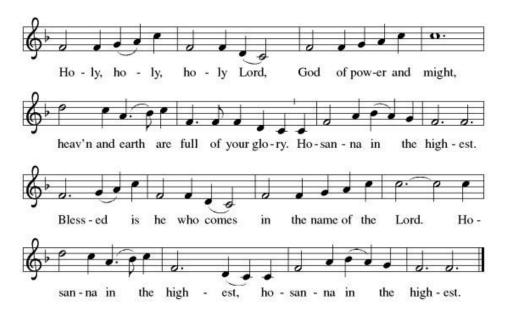
A Let us pray: Faithful God,

☑ You have given us all <u>we</u> have, and more than this, you have given us all that <u>you</u> have in Christ Jesus, who poured himself out for us. We offer back to you these gifts with thanks, asking that, as you feed us at your table, you would use us and make us to become what we receive: the body of Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen

- + Great Thanksgiving
  - P The Lord be with you. **G** And also with you.
    - **G** We lift them to the Lord.
  - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- ▶ It is indeed right our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



led by Assisting Minister

"Our Lord Poured Water"

All share a sign of peace with one another.