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# Maundy Thursday

7 p.m., April 1, 2021

**W**arm welcome, everyone, to Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Church in its ancient wisdom did not try to compress the story of our Lord's Last Supper, Footwashing, Passion, and Resurrection into just one service, but, as if lingering in love over each part of the story, spread the celebration of our salvation over these three holy days, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. We are invited, then, to worship as if in one long liturgy, extended over these evenings, with time between services for rest and work.

This is a spoken liturgy during these pandemic days. We are grateful to Music Director Gwendolyn Toth for playing the organ for us, but we will have to wait a while before we can sing the liturgy and hear our beautiful Immanuel Choir again. Still, we hope you will find strength for your souls in this spoken liturgy. Thank you for joining in the prayers of thanksgiving by way of the Lord's Supper.

This evening's liturgy teaches us that we are to love one another and to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in this evening's washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night



before his death.

It is in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. This Meal is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

We are honored and very pleased that you are here and hope that you will return. If you do not already have a church home, please consider joining this congregation. We would rejoice to have you. Give us a call sometime (212-289-8128) or send Pastor Carol an email (ceafryer@gmail.com). God be with you this Holy Week and always.

In Christ,



Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

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*Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One*

## **The Reconciliation of the Church**

PRELUDE

*Erbarme dich mein*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** This evening's Maundy Thursday liturgy brings to an end the season of Lent. 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. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism, and it is a struggle that should always lead us back to the Church and draw us closer to Christ.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We now bring our Lenten journey to a close through the Maundy Thursday order of Confession and Forgiveness, so that with undistracted minds and settled spirits, we may turn to contemplate the great and final events of Holy Week.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

☞ Let us kneel and make confession to God.

*Silence*

☞ **Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

☞ Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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.**

*Stand*

#### APOSTOLIC 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

☞ Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

*Sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST LESSON .....Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14, RSV

*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.*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>"This month shall be for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; <sup>4</sup>and if the household is too small for a lamb, then a man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb... <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you

shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as an ordinance for ever."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1, 10-17 (To be read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>10</sup>**How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things he has done for me?**

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.**

<sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup>**O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup>**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,**

<sup>17</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON ..... 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, RSV

*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.*

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also the cup,

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.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Lenten Verse:*

**C** **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

*Before the Gospel:*

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

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**N**ow before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>And during supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, <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>rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand.” <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part in 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, “He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you.” <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray

him; that was why he said, “You are not all clean.”

<sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, 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 so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them...

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; <sup>32</sup>if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*After the Gospel:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord!

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit after Seminarian Lara Bhasin's opening sermon invocation.*

SERMON

FOOTWASHING *All are welcome to the footwashing.*

*Music during footwashing:*

Solo, LBW 126

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

TWENTY-FOURTH

Michael Celentano, tenor

Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love him in return.

Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells God's begotten Son;  
As members of His body joined,  
we are in Him made one.

Let strife among us be unknown,  
let all contention cease;  
Be His the glory that we seek,  
be ours His holy peace.

For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

We now forgive each other's faults  
as we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well  
in Christian holiness.

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

The Immanuel Choir

If ye love me,  
keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever,  
e'en the spirit of truth.

*Jesu, Dulcis Memoria* Tomas Luis de Victoria (1540-1608)

The Immanuel Choir

Jesu, dulcis memoria,  
Dans vera cordis gaudia:  
Sed super mel et omnia  
Ejus dulcis praesentia.

O sweet memory of Jesus  
Giving real joys of the heart  
But above honey and all things  
Is His sweet presence.

*Stand*

## PRAYERS

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☛ **And also with you.**

*Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "The Peace of the Lord be with you."*

### GREETING OF PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☛ **And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you."*

*Sit*

**THE OFFERING** *You may leave your money offerings in the alms boxes which are at the end of the center aisle as you exit past the rearmost pew, and also in front of the stairwell door which leads to the Lexington Avenue exit. If you are worshiping from home, you may use these links to give your tithes and offerings:*

*Donate now:* [Donate](#)

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Offertory

*Tantum Ergo*

Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

Motomi Tanaka, soprano

Tantum ergo sacramentum  
veneremur cernui,  
et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui;  
praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui.

Such a great mystery, then,  
let us bow down and adore,  
and let the old covenant  
give way to the new:  
let faith provide for  
the weakness of the senses.

Genitori Genitoque  
laus et iubilatio,  
salus, honor, virtus quoque  
sit et benedictio;  
procedenti ab utroque  
compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

To the Father and the Son  
let there be praise and jubilation,  
salvation, honor,  
strength and blessing;  
and to the Spirit proceeding from both  
let there be equal glory.  
Amen.



**A** Let us pray.

**C** **Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*spoken*)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Preface for Passion Sunday*

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Eucharistic Prayer III (This prayer is based on ancient models from the Liturgy of St. James, the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Apostolic Constitutions, the Roman Missal, and the Liturgy of St. Basil. Its only congregational response is at the end, "Amen," which the congregation is encouraged to say loudly and boldly as the principle Amen of the service. See 1 Corinthians 14:16.)*

**P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

**☩ Amen!**

*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.**

*The Fraction — The Eucharistic Bread is broken.*

*Agnus Dei*

**☩ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Distribution of the Sacrament*

✠ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible "Prayer for Spiritual Communion" lifted up in a recent *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

During Communion

*Ave Verum*      Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)  
Juli Borst, mezzo-soprano

Ave, verum corpus natum  
de Maria Virgine:  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum,  
in mortis examine. Amen.

Hail the true body,  
born of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed  
on the cross for the sake of man.  
From whose pierced flank  
flowed water and blood  
Be a foretaste for us  
In the trial of death. Amen.

*Stand*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

*Kneel*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Psalm 22 and 88 are read antiphonally by the ministers.*

*At the end of the Psalms, you may leave the church in silence.*

## Holy Week Continues

Our observance of Holy Week continues tomorrow evening with the Good Friday liturgy, the great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, and then the culmination of Holy Week, Easter Sunday morning:

- ✦ Good Friday, at 7 p.m.
- ✦ Easter Vigil will be Holy Saturday, at 7 p.m.
- ✦ The festive Easter Morning Eucharist will be 11 a.m. this Sunday.

## Welcome always to Immanuel Lutheran Church!

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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Edna Szmodis, Marion Nitsch (mother of David Kiehl's friend Carolina Nitsch), Vera Harwell (godmother of Denise Du'Maine), Raymond Chin (cousin of Priscilla O'Carroll), Marion Molno, Emma Kaefer
- ✦ IN CONTINUING NEED OF PRAYER: Melissa Alke (friend of Kathy Jolowicz), John Romano (brother-in-law to Richard and Maggie Schreiber), Robert Mallery (son-in-law of David Kiehl's sister), Wolfgang Hahn, Yoleidy Perez (Tamares's brother), Obdulia Mundo (friend of Maggie Schreiber), Mary Ann Grant (Deirdre's mother)
- ✦ FAITHFUL DEPARTED ..... Camille Volpe Arena  
Bereaved ..... Kenda Ward, friend since childhood

## Service Notes

Director of Music/Organist ..... Dr. Gwendolyn Toth  
Preacher ..... Seminarian Lara Bhasin  
Assisting Minister ..... Rev. Gregory P. Fryer  
Presiding Minister ..... Rev. Carol E. A. Fryer