

*March 28, 2024*



## ***Maundy Thursday***

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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.*

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### **PRELUDE**

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*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

*arr. R. J. Powell*

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### **GATHERING**

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#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P 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.

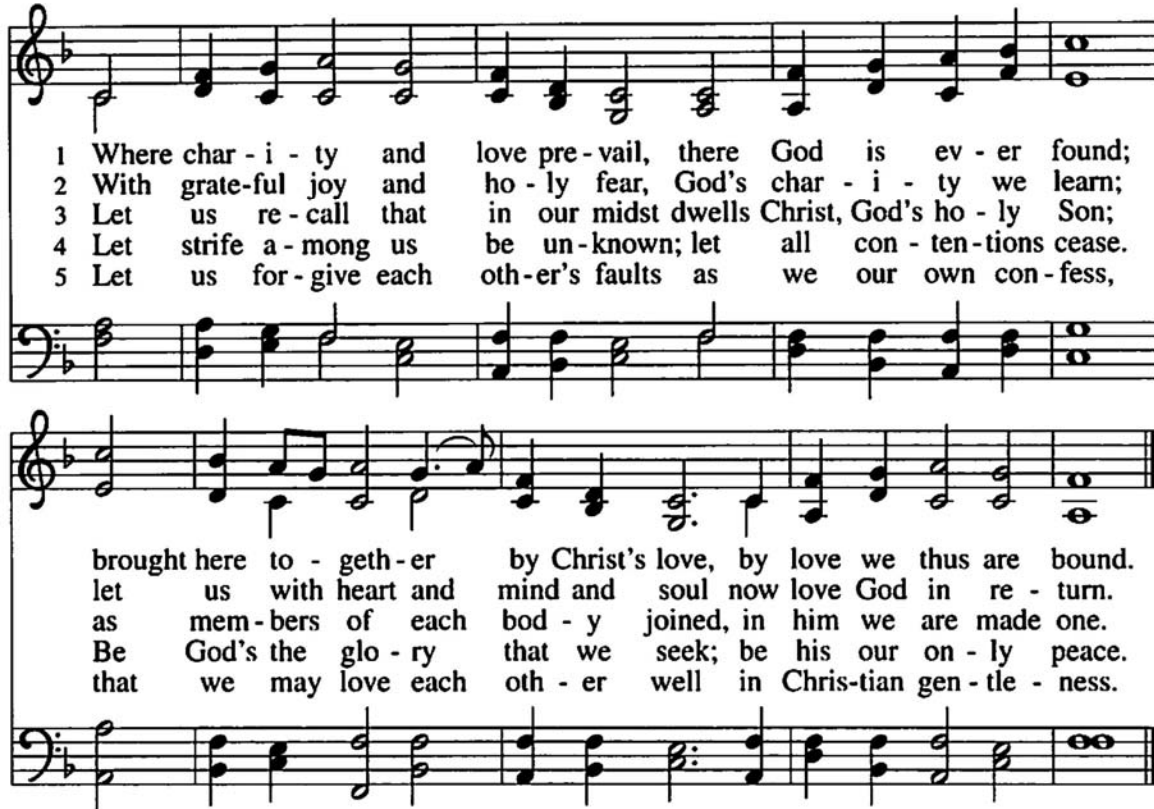
*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

**C 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.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

## GREETING

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

C And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C 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.

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14

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>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.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-26

<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.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR LENT



**P** The Holy Gospel, according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35**

<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."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oh, Love, How Deep*

ELW 322

*Please stand after the last verse.*

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and  
God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

### NICENE CREED

**P** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith through the Nicene Creed.

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## HAND WASHING

P On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of hands, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

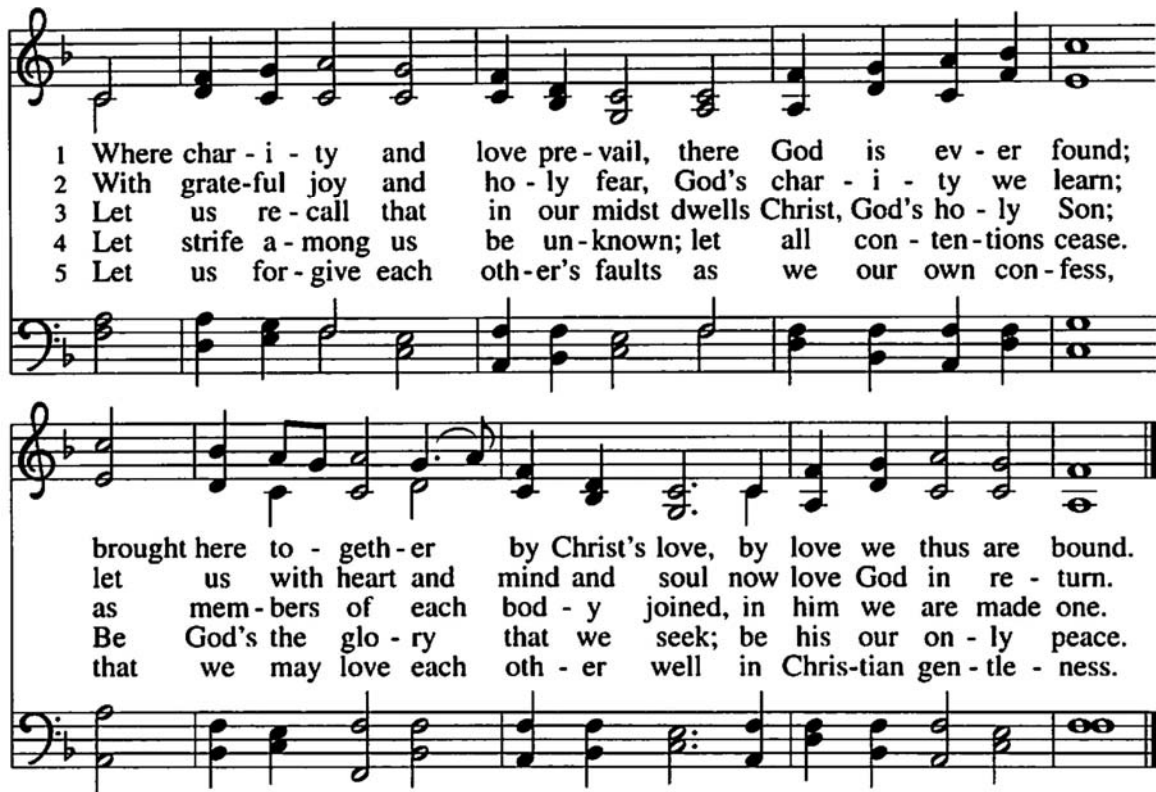
*The ministers and people may wash each other's hands.*

## HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

ELW 359

*Verses 3 thru 5*



The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a grand staff with two treble clefs and two bass clefs. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the verses. The music concludes with a double bar line.

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

## **THE PRAYERS**

A Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God who kneels to wash our feet, gather your church around the world during this holy week. Humble the powerful and lift up any who are marginalized. Renew our faith and make us bold in service and love to our neighbors. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who blesses the grain of the soil and the fruit of the vine, inspire in us a reverent care for the earth. Sustain fields, gardens, and wild places, that all people are fed and every living thing flourishes. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God whose greatest commandment is love, guide all who govern by the principle of love. Transform unjust human systems that oppress some for the gain of others. Restore communities as places of justice and concern for those who are vulnerable. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer**

A God who was betrayed, comfort people everywhere who have suffered abuse at the hands of someone they knew and trusted. Heal the bodies, minds, and hearts of victims of exploitation. Help all in pain to know that you are near, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, Liz Utech, and Martha Nemeth. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P God who brings new life out of death, we pray with thanks for the lives of those who have joined the communion of saints. In our holy meal, connect us to the faithful who have gone before us, and nourish us as your people living today. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

**C Amen.**



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## MEAL

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### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with God's peace.*

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Please stand as you are able.*

A Let us pray.

C **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P 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, God of pow-er 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, ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C 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

P Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*

ELW 327

1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,

goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its

ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the  
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall

fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which  
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -  
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing

guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing  
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y  
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all

pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.  
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

COMMUNION HYMN

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

ELW 347

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;  
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear-ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

**C 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

The stripping of the altar symbolizes Jesus being stripped of his power and glory. This is the transition from the Eucharistic celebration to Jesus' crucifixion and death.

*The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The assembly may be seated. As Psalm 22 is read by the pastor with sung response by the congregation, the sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Lights are dimmed as the worship space is stripped.*

P <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. <sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.



P <sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. <sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; <sup>8</sup>“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

### C Refrain.

P <sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. <sup>10</sup>On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. <sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

### C Refrain.

P <sup>12</sup>Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; <sup>13</sup>they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. <sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; <sup>15</sup>my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

### C Refrain.

P <sup>16</sup>For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; <sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup>they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! <sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! <sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. <sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:



P <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! <sup>24</sup>For 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. <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

### C Refrain.

P <sup>29</sup>To 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. <sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, <sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

### DEPARTURE

*Our worship during the Three Days is truly a single service. Thus, there is no sending hymn this evening, nor a benediction, for our worship will resume tomorrow at 6:00 pm. This is a pause, not a conclusion. Once the altar has been stripped and the psalm has ended, all may stay for prayer as long as they wish, then depart in silence.*

Presiding Minister ..... Pastor Barbara Jones  
 Ushers ..... Diane Bottorff, Bob Horton  
 Acolyte ..... Cindy McGinnis  
 Assisting Minister ..... Ted Murphy  
 Lector.....Shelley Andrews  
 Altar Guild ..... All Teams  
 Musicians .....Loretta Hoerman, Laurie Jackson, Herb Kisler

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Tonight., Mar. 28 .....	Maundy Thursday Worship.....	6:00 PM
Fri. Mar. 29 .....	Good Friday Worship.....	6:00 PM
Sat., Mar. 30 .....	Altar Guild Church Cleaning .....	10:00 AM
Sunday, Mar. 31 .....	<b>Easter</b> .....	
.....	Potluck Breakfast .....	9:00 AM
.....	Children's Sunday School .....	9:30 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion .....	10:30 AM

### Holy Week Services

March 29, 6:00 pm — Good Friday

### Easter Potluck Breakfast

**9:00 am**

Everyone is asked to bring a favorite breakfast item to share. Coffee and other drinks will be provided as well as table service.

**Easter worship 10:30 am.**





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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

#### Together in Community

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

#### CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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