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**April 14, 2022**

**Maundy Thursday**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

**GATHERING** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## **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. [We have shared this discipline of Lent with new brothers and sisters in Christ who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.]

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. 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.**

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.  
**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.**

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*[The assembly is seated]*

### **FIRST READING EXODUS 12:1-15**

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>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>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ] <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 deities 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: PSALM 116:1-2,12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

**<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

**<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.

**<sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed  
me from my bonds.

**<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people,

**<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

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

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<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.  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

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

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 Judeans 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*[The assembly is seated]*

**SERMON**

*[Please stand as you are able]*

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us* (ELW 358)**

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**FOOTWASHING**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

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 feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

*(The minister and people may wash each other’s feet.)*

***Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels* (ACS 1044)**

**(as seen in the back of the bulletin.)**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*(other prayers may be offered at this time, silently or loud.)*

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith. Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you. Merciful God,  
**receive 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.**

(At this time share Peace with your neighbors around you.)

*MEAL* God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, 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

### DIALOGUE (ELW p. 107)

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 112)**

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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

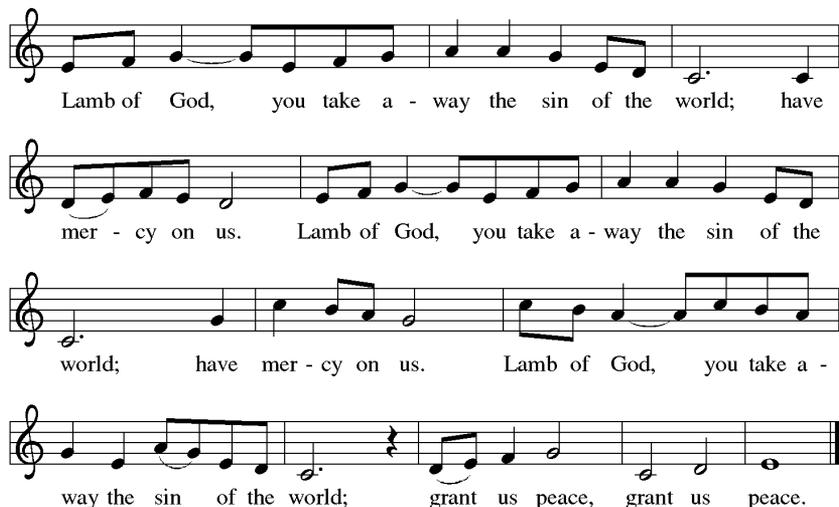
*[The assembly is seated]*

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ; shed for you. Amen*

**COMMUNION** *(Everyone is welcome to come to the communion table. If you have not received instruction in the Sacraments, come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like to receive communion where you are seated in the pews, please tell the usher and at the close of communion you will be served.)*

## COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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.**

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR:

*(The assembly sits or kneels. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space.)*

A reading from Psalm. <sup>1</sup>O LORD, God of my salvation,

when, at night, I cry out in your presence,

<sup>2</sup>let my prayer come before you;

incline your ear to my cry.

<sup>3</sup>For my soul is full of troubles,

and my life draws near to Sheol.

<sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;

I am like those who have no help,

<sup>5</sup>like those forsaken among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,  
like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.

<sup>6</sup>You have put me in the depths of the Pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.

<sup>7</sup>Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

Selah

<sup>8</sup>You have caused my companions to shun me;  
you have made me a thing of horror to them.

I am shut in so that I cannot escape;

<sup>9</sup>my eye grows dim through sorrow.

Every day I call on you, O LORD;

I spread out my hands to you.

<sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders for the dead?

Do the shades rise up to praise you?

Selah

<sup>11</sup>Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,  
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?

<sup>12</sup>Are your wonders known in the darkness,  
or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?

<sup>13</sup>But I, O LORD, cry out to you;  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

<sup>14</sup>O LORD, why do you cast me off?  
Why do you hide your face from me?

<sup>15</sup>Wretched and close to death from my youth up,  
I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.

<sup>16</sup>Your wrath has swept over me;  
your dread assaults destroy me.

<sup>17</sup>They surround me like a flood all day long;  
from all sides they close in on me.

<sup>18</sup>You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me;  
my companions are in darkness.

*(All depart in silence, after the altar is stripped.)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Grace Lutheran Church Syracuse invites any one that would like to attend “Ice Cream Sundays On Thursdays”(sic). Pastor Karl Biermann, our ELCA Regional Gift Planner for Indiana, Kentucky, and southern Ohio will be a guest speaker congregations and individuals to maximize their Financial gifts. There will be Ice cream and fixings, other desserts and some finger food. Thursday May 5, 2022 at 6:30pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Syracuse Indiana. 203 East Main Street Syracuse Indiana 46567. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: The ladies of Grace and hope are invited to a Spring luncheon Tuesday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m. Grace ladies will host the luncheon. Dianna Weiss and Sandy Whiteleather will have a presentation of the music of the "Roaring 20's"

Sunday April 24th 2pm-6pm open house at Grace ! Whiteleather 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All are welcome to join us.

Hope’s Basement Sale on Friday, May 13th, 9-5 and Saturday, May 14th 9-2. If anyone is interested in donating items, please call Dee Blackburn, 260-609-3258. We are not accepting adult clothing, since it doesn’t sell well, however children’s clothing will be welcome!

We cleaned our basement and have a lot of children’s books, toys and crafts as well as items that people are contributing. Thank you!

The Worship and Music committee had a meeting on Feb. 20th and they are currently discussing how to thoughtfully reintroduce our music groups back into our worship setting; bells, choirs, instruments, duets, trios, solos, etc... If you would like to be a part of reimagining new music opportunities for worship, please see Kim Converse. Stay tuned! More information is coming soon!

The Adelphai ladies are donating sleeping garments of all sizes (men and women) for the residents at The Oaks. The Director will be speaking at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. There is a basket in the narthex and in the fellowship hall

## Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels



1 Not for tongues of heav - en's an - gels, not for wis - dom to dis -  
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, love is ten - der, true, and  
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, love will not re - joice in  
4 In the day this world is fad - ing, faith and hope will play their



cern, not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, for this  
kind; love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, gen - er -  
wrong; nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, love be -  
part; but when Christ is seen in glo - ry love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn:  
ous of heart and mind: may love be ours, O Lord.  
lieves and suf - fers long:  
reign in ev - 'ry heart:

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