



*Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*Maundy Thursday*

*April 6, 2023*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Please remember to turn off your cell phone. Thank you.*

Assembly responses are in **bold type**.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAY:** 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.

*Prelude*

Prelude on *Ave verum corpus*, KV 580a Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Gathering*

*the assembly stands as the ministers enter.*

Gathering Hymn

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us  
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,  
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,  
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,  
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,  
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis-hon-ored, dis-o-beyed. We come, with all our  
by so-cial forc-es swept a-long, by pow'rs and sys-tems  
but by your gra-cious love a-lone. We strain to glimpse your  
and show how grand-ly love in-tends to work till all cre-  
to turn from guilt and dull de-spair, and of-fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.  
close con-fined, yet seek-ing hope for hu-man-kind.  
mer-cy seat and find you kneel-ing at our feet.  
a-tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
faith can do while love is mak-ing all things new.

*The assembly remains standing.*



"For I have given you an example,  
that you also should do  
as I have done to you."

-John 13:15

## Confession and Forgiveness

Dear brothers and sisters 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.

*The assembly kneels, as able, or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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.**

*The assembly is seated. The congregation may come forward for the laying on of hands and individual absolution.*

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands as the presiding minister returns to the chancel.*

Peace

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

*The assembly greets one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying "Peace be with you; **and also with you.**"*

*The assembly remains standing.*

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.**

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 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Word*

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

*Verses will be sung responsively by verse.*

1 I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

**2 for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenever- | er I called.**

12 How shall I re- | pay the LORD

for all the good things God has | done for me?

**13 I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

14 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

**15 Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

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

**17 I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

18 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,

**19 in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

Gospel Acclamation

*Assembly sings acclamation; choir sings verse, assembly repeats  
acclamation.*



I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another just as I have loved you.

Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*The gospel is announced.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

Sermon

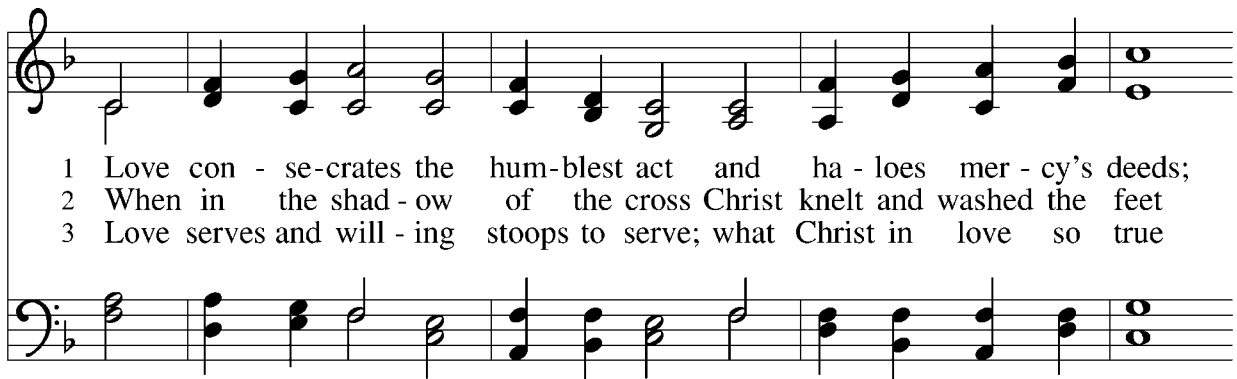
Pastor Brenda Martin

*Silence for reflection.*

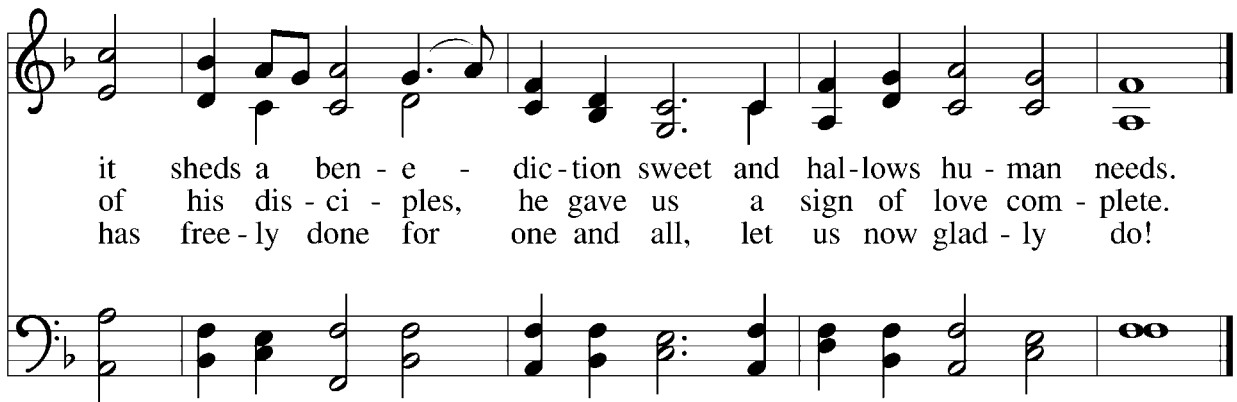
*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

Hymn of the Day

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



1 Love con - se-crates the hum-blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;  
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet  
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic-tion sweet and hal-lows hu - man needs.  
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

*The assembly is seated.*

## Footwashing

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.

*Those participating in the Footwashing in the chancel come forward to their seats.*

### Ubi Caritas et Amor (*Where True Charity and Love Abide*)

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The Soprano part begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Alto part begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. There are some triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

### Prayers of Intercession

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation, responding, Merciful God, receive our prayer.

*A brief silence.*



You make a new covenant with your people. Gather your church around word and table in love and promise as these three holy days enfold us. Open us to behold the mystery of our salvation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You give us our daily bread, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Bless those who labor and tend to their crops and those who prepare our meals. Strengthen us to advocate for food justice and a fair distribution of resources. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You, our Savior and Teacher, stoop down to us in servant love. Inspire national and local leaders with a renewed sense of public service. Increase in them a humility to serve with equity and fairness. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You incline your ear to us in every need. Befriend all who are lonely. Comfort those who grieve. Soothe any who are anxious. Console all who are distressed. Graciously tend to the hurts of your children who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You inspire your people to praise in word, song, and art. We give thanks for artists whose gifts enrich the church's worship. Kindle in us appreciation for all who beautify our worship space throughout the changing seasons. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Precious in your sight is the death of your faithful ones. We remember and give thanks for the those who have died, especially Neal. With them, we trust your promise to love your own until the end. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Are there others for whom we should pray?

**P:** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## *Meal*

Offering

Anthem

Ave verum corpus, KV 618

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus  
natum de Maria Virgine  
Vere passum immolatum  
in Cruce pro homine  
Cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit et sanguine  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine

Hail, true body  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the Cross for mankind.  
Whose pierced side overflowed  
with water and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste [of the heavenly banquet]  
In the trial of death.

text: 14th century, Italian Eucharistic hymn

*The assembly stands.*

Offering Verse

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first line of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on G4 and moving stepwise up to D5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second line continues the melody from the first line. The treble staff melody moves from D5 down to G4. The bass staff accompaniment continues with a steady harmonic support.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third line continues the melody. The treble staff melody moves from G4 up to D5. The bass staff accompaniment continues with a steady harmonic support.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth line continues the melody. The treble staff melody moves from D5 down to G4. The bass staff accompaniment continues with a steady harmonic support.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth line is the final line of the Offering Verse. The treble staff melody moves from G4 up to D5. The bass staff accompaniment continues with a steady harmonic support.

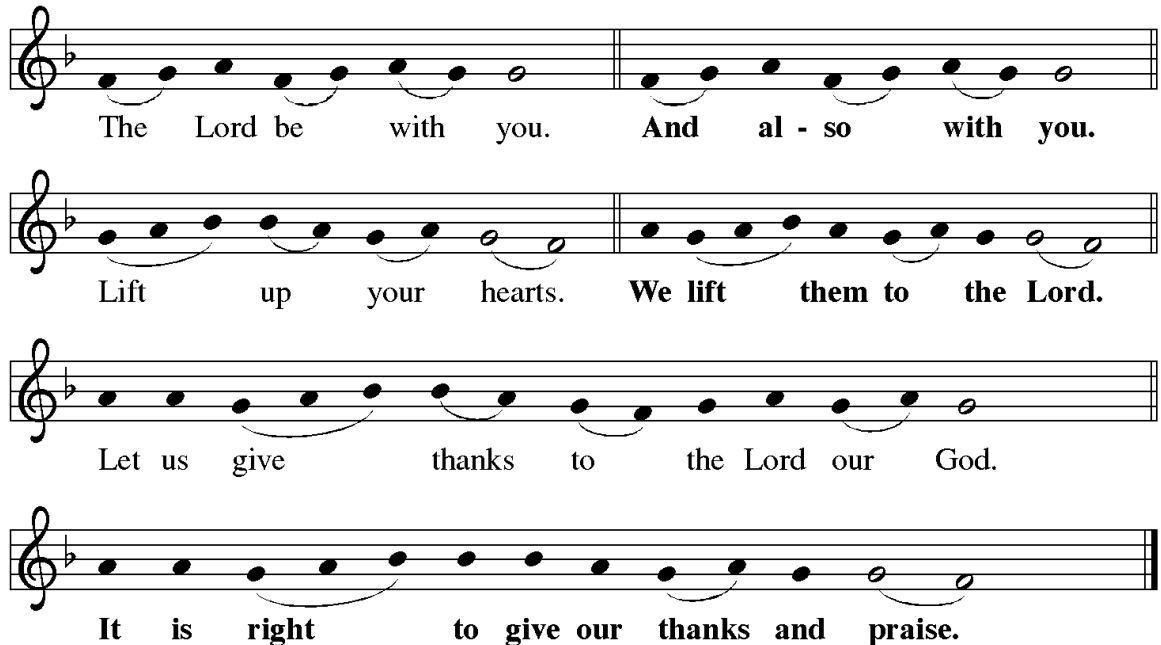
## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



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.

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 Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en 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.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

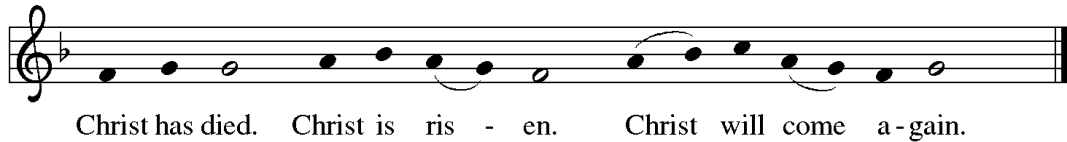
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

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:

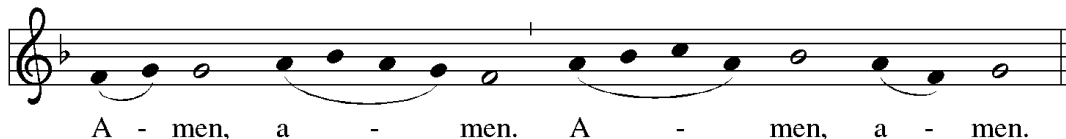


O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

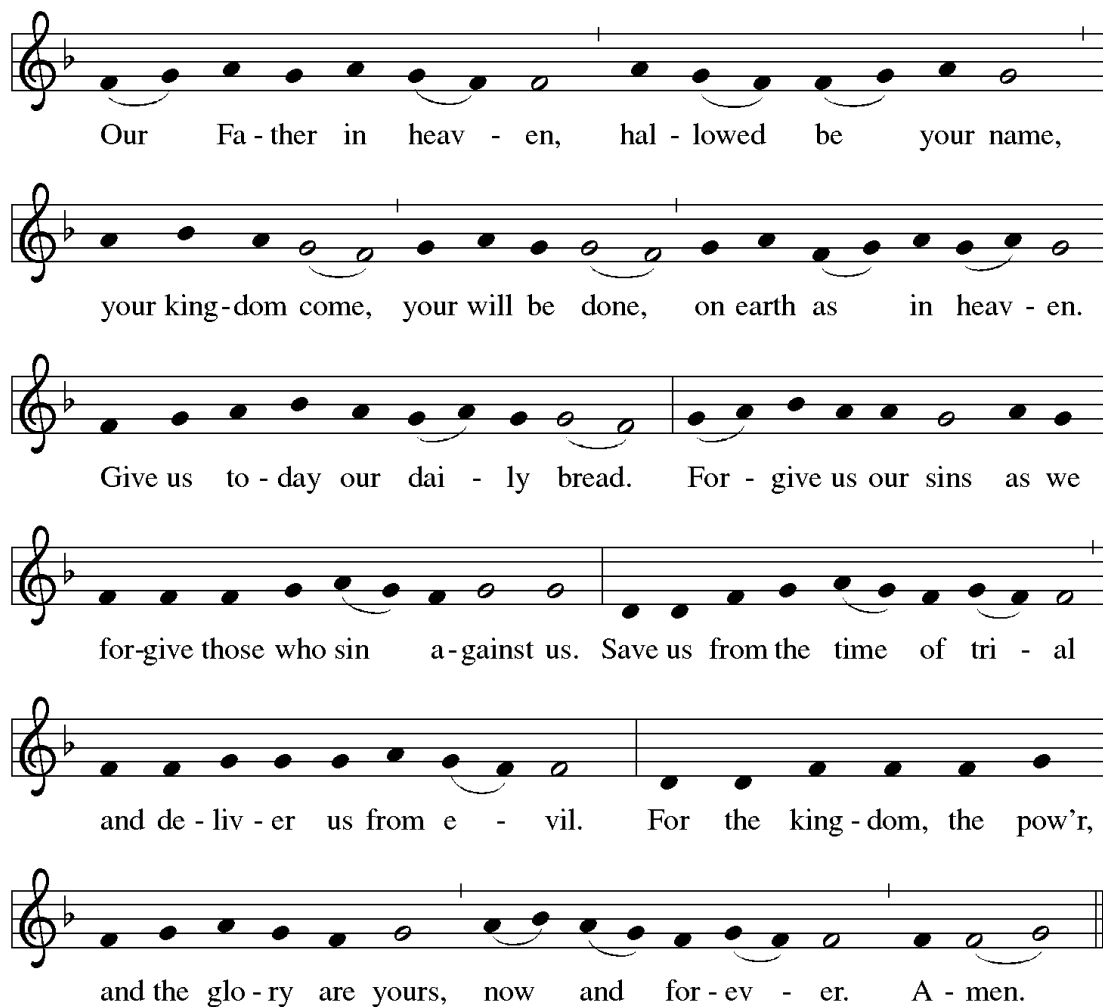
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

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.



## Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Breaking of Bread

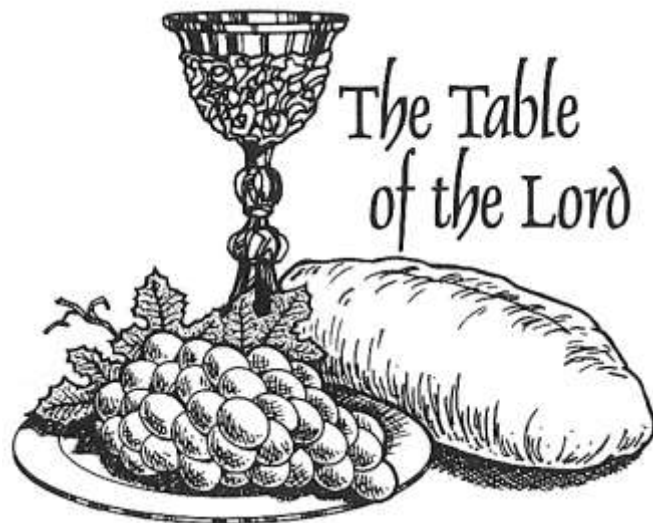
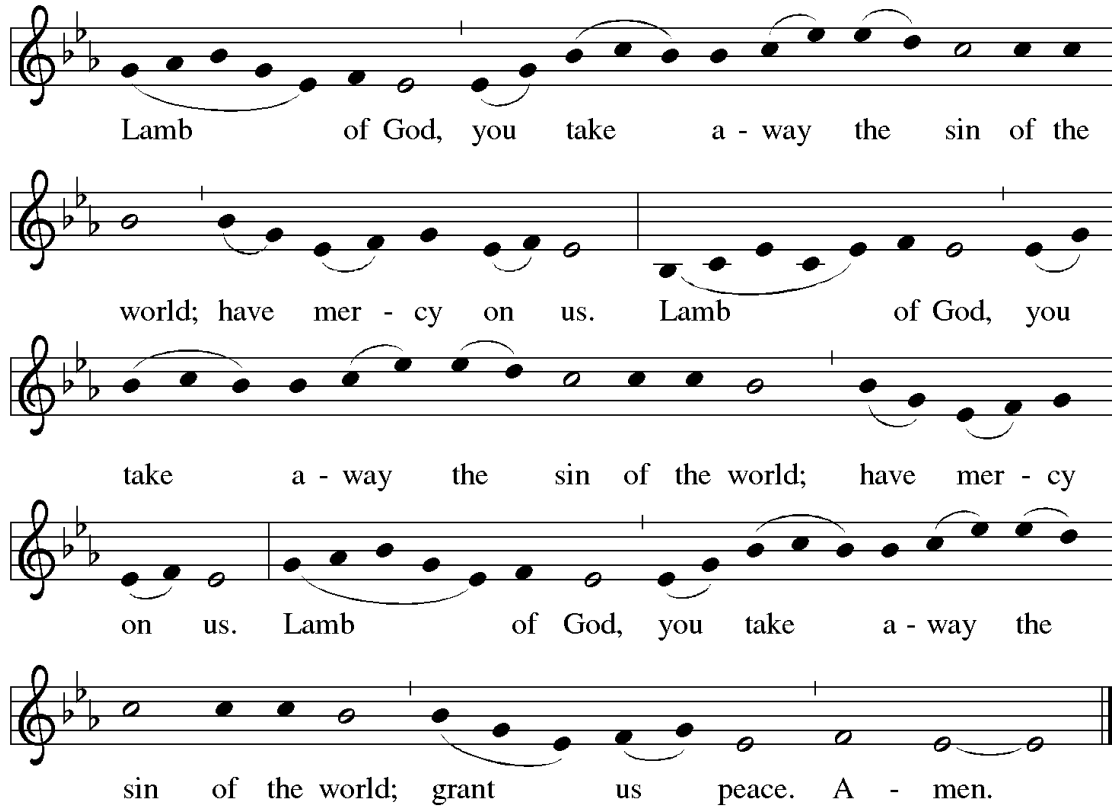
When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

*The assembly is seated.*

## Lamb of God





## Communion Hymn

## Thee We Adore, O Savior



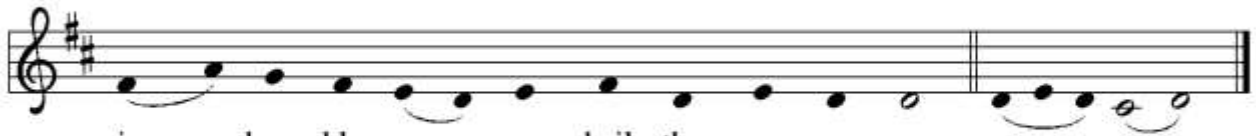
1 Thee we a - dore, O Sav - ior, God most true,  
 2 O true re - mem - brance of Christ cru - ci - fied,  
 3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,  
 4 Je - sus, by faith we see thee here be - low;



thy glo - ry clothed in bread and wine a - new;  
 the bread of life to us for whom he died;  
 cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most cleans - ing blood:  
 send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:



our hearts to thee in true de - vo - tion bow,  
 lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,  
 in - crease our faith and love, that we may know  
 some - day to gaze up - on thy face in light,



in hum - ble awe, we hail thy pres - ence now.  
 be thou the sweet - ness we were meant to find.  
 the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.  
 blest ev - er - more with thy full glo - ry's sight. A - men.

Communion Hymn

Stay with Me



*The assembly stands.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

**Amen.**

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.**

*Please kneel, as able, or sit, following the Post-Communion Prayer for the Stripping of the Altar.*

## *Stripping of the Altar*

*The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, candles, and books are removed from the altar while appropriate Psalm(s) are sung. We recall through this ritual the suffering and mockery of Christ.*

*Psalm 88 sung by Choir*

*After the ministers leave, the people may **leave the church building in silence** or remain in silence to contemplate the Passion of Our Lord. The Prayer Vigil begins after the Service. Worship continues tomorrow evening, Good Friday, at 7:00 p.m.*

## *Serving Tonight*

Presiding Minister  
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