



MAUNDY THURSDAY

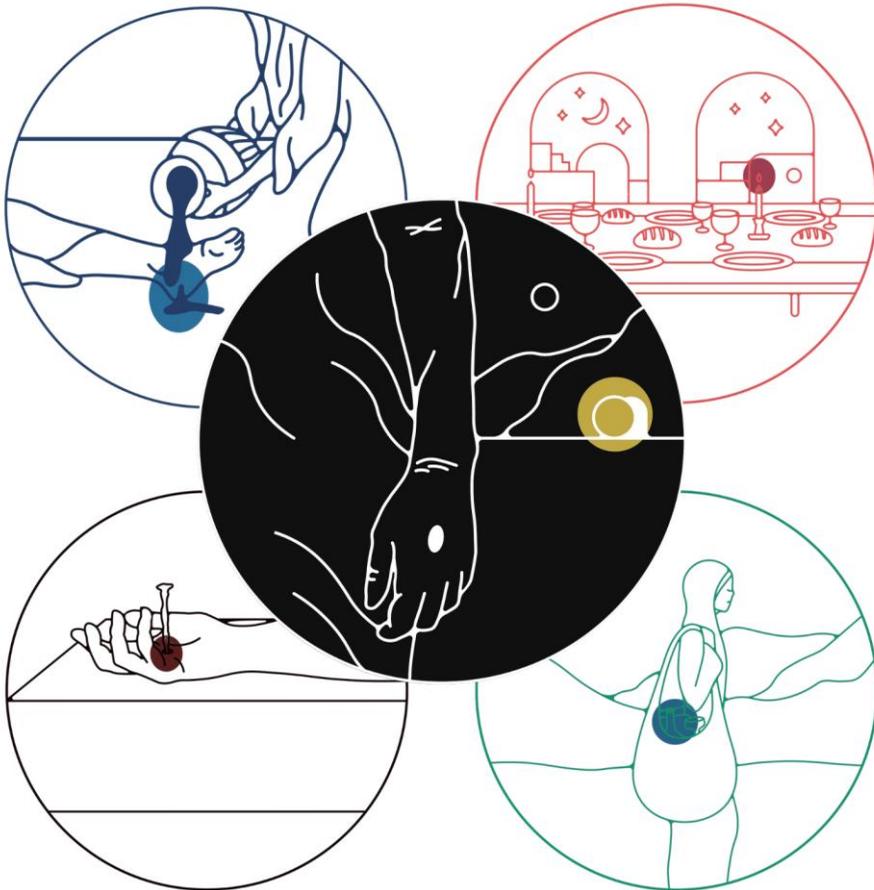
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THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | Great Vigil of Easter



INVITATION TO THE TRIDUUM

We are a Lutheran church seeking friendship with God and one another in Jesus Christ. We are delighted you're here.

The Paschal Triduum, or the great three days, recall the days of Jesus' passion and resurrection. These three days constitute one extended service of prayer and worship. The Triduum begins with the evening service of Maundy Thursday and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil. Prepared for by the days of Lent, Christians celebrate on these holiest of days the saving work God has accomplished in Christ. From the events remembered these days, so sorrowful and so joyful, the church learns the deepest lessons. In rites and words the mysteries of Jesus' final hours are with us again, his passion, his cruel suffering, his rising from the dead. And we discover the answer to age-old questions: Does God love us? Is God merciful? Does God care for us? We have only to look and learn from Jesus Christ. These are days for fixing our eyes on the holy mystery of his cross and filling our ears with the words of his gospel. Nowhere else does God's love appear so vividly. In the love Christ showed for a sinful world, we find the beginning of our church, the key to understanding the human story, and our hope for eternal life.

We pray that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, God will give you new hope and strength for your life through our common prayer.

We stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dear 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.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Holy Name.**

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

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.

GLORIA

Fast and lively

Org. *f*
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

5
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al -

9
- migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

13 *mp*
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

18
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

22
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

27 *Org.*
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

32 *f*
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

35

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

40

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

44 *ff* *rit.*

A - - men, a - - men, a - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

FIRST READING

EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14

A reading from Exodus.

THE Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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 116:1-3, 10-17

Sung by the choir. Music by Kathryn Rose (contemporary).

1 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.

2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

We stand.

GOSPEL

ST. JOHN 13:1-17, 31-35

The holy gospel, according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After 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?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b} "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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.’³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵ 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.

We sit.

SERMON

FR. JOE

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness

HYMN 488

We sit.

HAND WASHING / PERSONAL BLESSING

MOTET

Ubi Caritas

GJELLO (*contemporary*)

We kneel or sit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The congregation responds: Lord, graciously hear us.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We sit.

MEAL

OFFERING *The offering this evening will be given to Pacific House.*

We offer our tithes and gifts to the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum

BYRD

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION CREATE IN ME

HYMN 188

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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 salutary . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:*
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Majestic



Org. *f* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

6 *ff*

might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Slower *p*

Org. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

4 *pp*

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
 We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for 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 the promise of his coming again,
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
 not as we ought but as we are able;
 we ask 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,
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
 may be formed to live as your holy people
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
 To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Our Fa - ther who art in__ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;
 Thy king - dom come; thy will be__ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
 Give us this day our__ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as
 we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst__ us. And lead us

not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the
king - dom, the po - wer and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver.
A - men. For e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

We sit.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine to forgive sins and give life are welcome to participate at St. John's Lutheran. Gluten-free wafers are available. We will commune around the Altar rail for communion. If you have mobility issues, please inform an usher, and communion will be brought to you.

This evening, we invite our first communicants and their families to receive communion first.

COMMUNION MOTET

Greater Love

Ireland

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in this meal of grace, 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.

We kneel or sit.

PSALM 22 –STRIPPING THE ALTAR

Stripping the altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers and abandonment by his followers.

All are welcome to join in the procession to the Altar of Repose in the chapel.

Depart in Silence AS WE PROCESS TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

First Holy Communion / Class of 2026

Jack Mayo
Charlie Pruitt
Henry Pruitt
Molly D'Orta
Mia D'Orta
John Evanko

Worship Leadership

Celebrant The Rev. Martha McCreight, St. John's Lutheran
Preacher The Rev. Joseph Rose, St. Francis Episcopal

Choir of St. John's Lutheran, Cantor Nathan Lively-Greyling
Choir of St. Francis Episcopal, Dr. Richard Weidlich
Katherine Johnson, organist

holy week



maundy thursday

7pm | Choral Eucharist

& First Holy Communion

8pm-12midnight

Altar of repose in the chapel

good friday

12noon | Stations of the Cross

First Presbyterian | 7:30pm

Concert: "Crucifixion" by Stainer



easter vigil

7.30pm | Choral Eucharist

with baptisms

easter

8:30am | Eucharist

9:30am | Easter Egg Hunt

10:30am | Choral Eucharist





EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH
8:30AM & 10:30AM



9:30AM