

April 17th, 2025

Maundy Thursday 5:30 pm

**Alliance of St. Paul and Settlement Lutheran
Churches**



Holy Week

Join us for worship for the rest of Holy Week

Everyone Welcome!

Good Friday Servies April 18th, 2025

Easter Vigil April 19th, 2025

Easter Sunday April 20th, 2025 Holy Worship Alliance

St. Paul 9:30am

Settlement Lutheran Churches 11:00 am

Prelude

Welcome

CONFESSIONS 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.

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.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 491

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

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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.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

¹ I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

¹² What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD;**

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.**

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¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 260 *spoken*

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 holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

13 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. ² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus

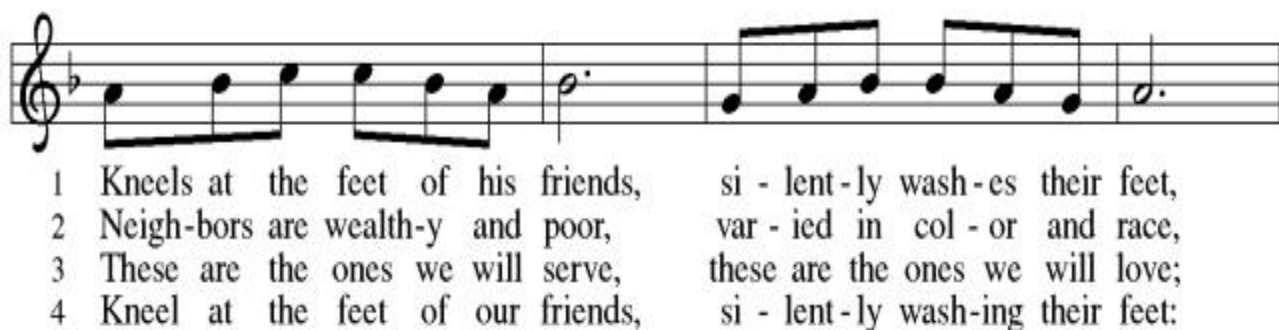
answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.” ¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.” ³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “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.

AGAPE MEAL AND MUSIC

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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,
Receive our prayer.

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

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

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,
Receive our prayer.

God who sits at the table with us, grant the joy of your presence to people celebrating first communion today, and to all who share the meal. Strengthen communities of faith in grace and courage.

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

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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

Receive our prayer.

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. (*arms out*)

OFFERING & OFFERING SONG ELW 592

Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider,
You set your immense treasures among us,
Opening you heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on you bountiful love,
Deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,
Through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Th Lord be with you.
And also 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 SETTING 3

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. Ho -
san-na. 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a period, the third with a period, and the fourth with a double bar line.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, Come!
The feast of grace is spread.

Directions for serving one another will be given by Pastor.

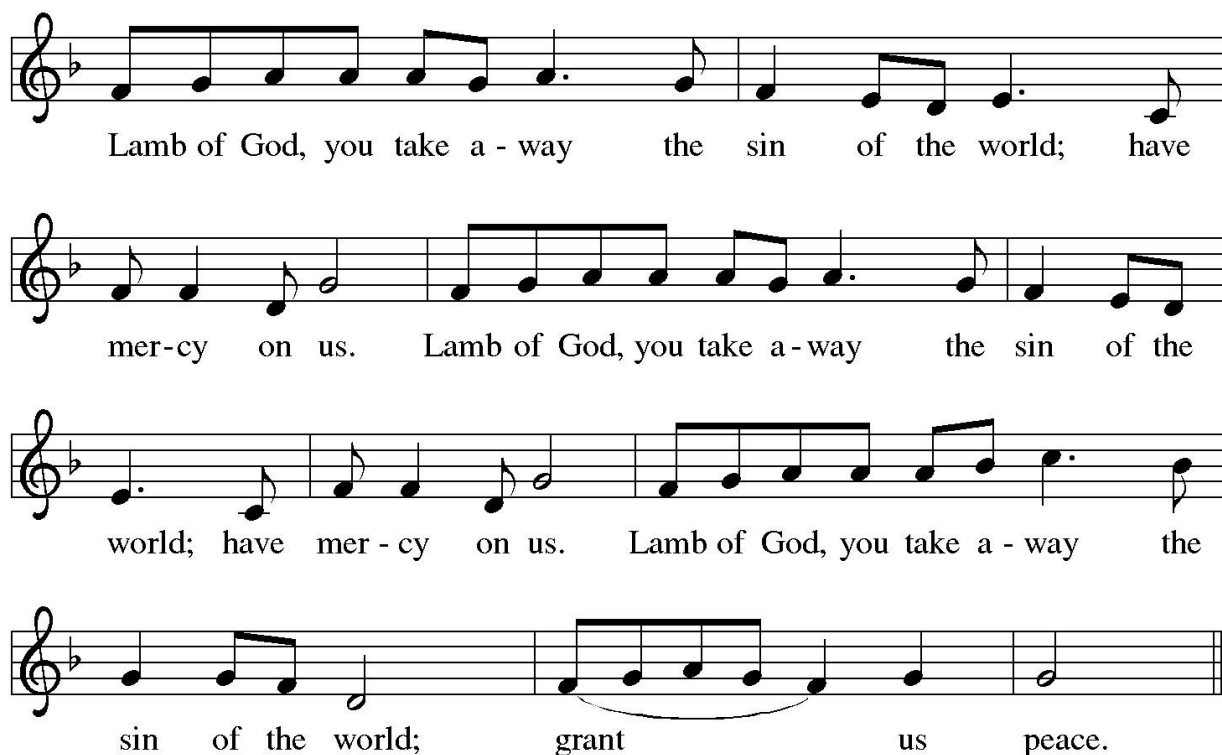
COMMUNION

All are welcome to come to share in Holy Communion at God's Table.

As you receive the bread and wine:
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Each person may respond: **Amen.**

Our musician will play soft reflective music during Holy Communion.

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.

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 AND THE STRIPPING OF OUR TABLES

After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of Jesus. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize His purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the light of the world. As even creation was dark when He suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

(Candles are extinguished and removed.)

The missal stand holds our worship materials, that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand.

(Missal book stand is removed.)

Jesus' offered body and his shed blood have been given to us in, with and under the form of bread and wine in this holy supper. As he was removed from us in death and the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of the sacrament.

(Communion vessels are removed.)

Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings and paraments * are made of fine linen and woven material; materials appropriate for feasting with our King. As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

(Linens and paraments * removed.) *Paraments means fabrics.

PSALM 22:1-11, 22-29

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

(All sing to the tune, "What Wondrous Love is This")

**All Sing: 1 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse
 for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

⁶ But I am a worm and not human,

scorned by others and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they sneer at me; they shake their heads; ⁸ "Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

**All Sing: 2 When I was sinking down,
 sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down
 beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown
 for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

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

**All Sing: 3 To God and to the Lamb
 I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb,
 who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme,
 I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ 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.

**All Sing: 4 And when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing God's love for me,
 and through eternity
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Depart in silence all the way to our cars.

There is no blessing or dismissal as the Church tradition is that Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil are one extended service.

