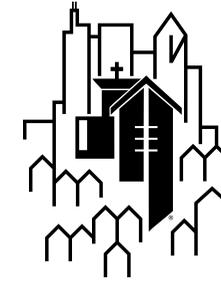




MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 PM



SAINT LUKE CHURCH

A warm welcome to all who gather in the name of Christ this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Luke Church.

Please enter the church using the Courtyard entrance.

Out of an abundance of caution everyone is required to wear a mask in the church and during the service.

Everyone must sign in and have their temperature taken, which will not be recorded. Please go right to your seat after you have signed in.

There will be no singing by the congregation and responses and prayers should be spoken quietly.

Sharing of the Peace will be done in place and without contact. A nod toward the neighbor, a bow of the head, a wave or other signs of mutual spiritual respect can be used.

Following the service an usher will dismiss you from your seat. Please exit immediately. Pastor will greet people in the courtyard, weather permitting.

Free parking is available in the parking garage behind the church. Enter from Melrose St. (one block north of Belmont).

If there is anything else we can do to assist your worship experience, please let the ushers know.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

With nightfall and the beginning of this liturgy, our Lenten observance comes to an end. We gather with Christians around the world in celebrating the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Our remembering is more than a retracing of the last days of Jesus' life. Rather, throughout these Three Days, through word, sacrament, and ritual, we participate in the saving power of Jesus' passover from death to life. As the Three Days begin, we are invited to glory in the cross of Christ--our salvation, our life, our resurrection.

On this night we hear Jesus' new commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example, living out our baptismal vocation with humility and care for one another, and especially for the poor and the unloved.

We gather around the Lord's table to remember the sacrifice of Jesus' life. His love was revealed in the emptying of his life for us. We share the holy meal, becoming what we eat and drink: the body of Christ, offering ourselves in love for the life of the world.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, the altar and chancel furnishings are removed, preparing the worship space for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. We depart in silence, ready to continue the celebration of the Three Days on Good Friday.



THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 1, 2021 • 7:00 PM

GATHERING _____

The congregation gathers in silence.

Stand *Dialog*

Let us glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in him there is life, salvation, and resurrection from the dead,
by him we are saved and delivered.

**O God, be gracious to us and bless us,
make your face to shine upon us,
and have mercy on us.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us make confession to God.

Silence for reflection

Almighty,

and merciful God:

I confess to you all my sins known and unknown

**I am sorry for them, and repent of them,
and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death
of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

be gracious and merciful to me,

forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit

for the amendment of my life,

and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

Almighty God in his mercy has given his son to die for us and, for his sake,
forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us the
power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into
the splendor of his light.

*Worshippers may come forward to receive individual absolution. Please come to
front for the absolution, returning to your pew by the side aisle.*

Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along.
By pow'rs and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for human kind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own,
Not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

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. 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.

The congregation responds: Amen.

Sit First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 116:1, 10-19

I love the Lord, who has¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my¹ supplication,
for the Lord has given¹ ear to me
whenever¹ I called.

How shall I re-¹ pay the Lord
for all the good things God has¹ done for me?
I will lift the cup¹ of salvation
and call on the name¹ of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows¹ to the Lord
in the presence of¹ all God's people.
Precious in your¹ sight, O Lord,
is the death¹ of your servants.

O Lord, truly I¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me¹ from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name¹ of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows¹ to the Lord
in the presence of¹ all God's people,
in the courts of¹ the Lord's house,
in the midst of you,¹ O Jerusalem. Refrain

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand Holy Gospel

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ SAINT JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35 ✠

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



Sit Sermon

Washing of Feet



The washing of feet is an example of the servanthood to which the followers of Jesus are called.

Hymn of the Day

Ubi caritas et armor, ubi caritas Deus ibiest.

Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

Ubi Caritas, Et Armor

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Stand Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing of the Peace will be done in place and without contact. A nod toward the neighbor, a bow of the head, a wave or other signs of mutual spiritual respect can be used.

MEAL

Anthem: Ave verum

W.A. Mozart

Ave, verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum,
in mortis examine.

Hail the true body, born
of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.

Stand Presentation of the Gifts

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.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

Holy God, mighty Lord ...

The presiding minister continues to thank and praise God, remembering especially the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his promise and command to celebrate this meal.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father ...

... to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray ...

... and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all:



Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni-ty of the



Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -



might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

At the conclusion of the Great Thanksgiving, an acolyte extinguishes the "Judas light". "Stay Here and Keep Watch with Me" is sung.

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

Sit Communion

Communion will be through use of the bread only. The pastor will consecrate a chalice of wine and enough wafers to serve those at worship and those who will receive the consecrated bread during the week. Ushers will lead us to the altar, socially distanced, to receive the sacrament. We will receive and consume the bread from a paten by a communion assistant wearing gloves and saying: "The Body of Christ for you." Then stop by the chalice, bow and hear the pastor say: "The Blood of Christ for you."

Prayer for those who will not receive

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

Hymn

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

Refrain:

Lamb of God, pure and sinless, once on the cross an offering,

Patient, lowly, guiltless, forsaken in your suffering:

From sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.

Grant us your mercy, O Jesus. **Refrain**

Grant us your mercy, O Jesus. **Refrain**

Your peace be with us, O Jesus. Amen.

Stand Table Blessing

Hymn

Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

Now, my tongue, the myst'ry telling of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling, which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this world's ransoming.

Giv'n for us, and condescending to be born for us below,
be with us in converse blending dwelt, the seed of truth to sow,
till he closed with wondrous ending his most patient life of woe.

That last night at supper lying mid the twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying, gives himself with his own hand.

Word made flesh, the bread he taketh, by his word his flesh to be;
wine his sacred blood be maketh, though the senses fail to see;
Faith alone the true heart waketh to behold the mystery.

Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son,
honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing who from both with both is one.

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 is sung as the linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed.

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

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words
of my groaning?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Our forebears put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you rescued them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they shake their heads.
"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."
Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.
Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.
Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers
circles round me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones.
while they stare at me and gloat.
They divide my garments among them;
for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to help me.
Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's
line give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in
their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from
them;
but when they cry out the LORD hears them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those
who fear the LORD.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
all the families of the nations shall bow before the God.
For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.

Indeed all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the
LORD.
Their descendants shall serve the LORD;
Whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted."

There is no benediction or dismissal. All depart in silence.