

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7:00 pm Service

## Maundy Thursday

### Gathering

Prelude

*Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis  
[Third Mode Melody] by Gerald Near*

*To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns; set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns. They did not know, as we do now, that glorious is your crown; that thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.*

### Call to Worship

Let us pray. Covenant God,

**we bless and thank you for the gift of the meal that Jesus commanded us to share.**

**We thank you for this sign of your presence with us and your love for the world that Jesus came to redeem. We long to feast with Jesus in the fullness of the coming kingdom. May our worship today deepen our anticipation of that glory. Amen.**

### Call to Confession

### Lord, Have Mercy

1. O Lord, have mercy; O Christ, have  
2. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e -

mer - cy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord.  
- lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, e - lei - son.

Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin; from  
earth - born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.

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## Prayer of Confession

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.

*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.**

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

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

**Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way**

1. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way where - ev - er love may lead
2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but pow'r you laid a - side.
3. No gold - en scep - ter but a tow'l you placed with - in the hands
4. You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor count our - selves a - bove
5. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher - ev - er love may lead



and, bend - ing low, for - gett - ing self, each serve the oth - er's need.  
 You lived your years in ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.  
 of those who seek to fol - low you and live by your com - mands.  
 the low - est place, the mean - est task that waits the gift of love.  
 and bend - ing low, for - gett - ing self, each serve the oth - er's need.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr. Based on Mark 10:35-45, John 13:1-7, 31-35. Music: Caithness, CM Edinburgh 1635.  
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Word

## First Reading

## Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the slaughter, preparation, and consumption of the Passover Lamb, whose blood was used to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's Supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

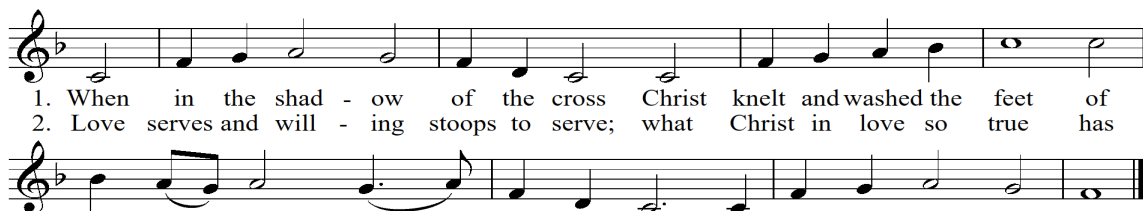
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

## When in the Shadow of the Cross



1. When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet of  
 2. Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true has

his dis - ci - ples he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
 free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845-1917. Music: attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842. Tune: Twenty-Fourth, CM.

## Gospel Reading

## John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*The story of the Last Supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere. Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

The holy gospel according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

## Hymn

## #708 Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love

*(Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

## 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.

. . . 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.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

Hear the teaching of Christ: "A new commandment I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." The peace of Christ be with you all.

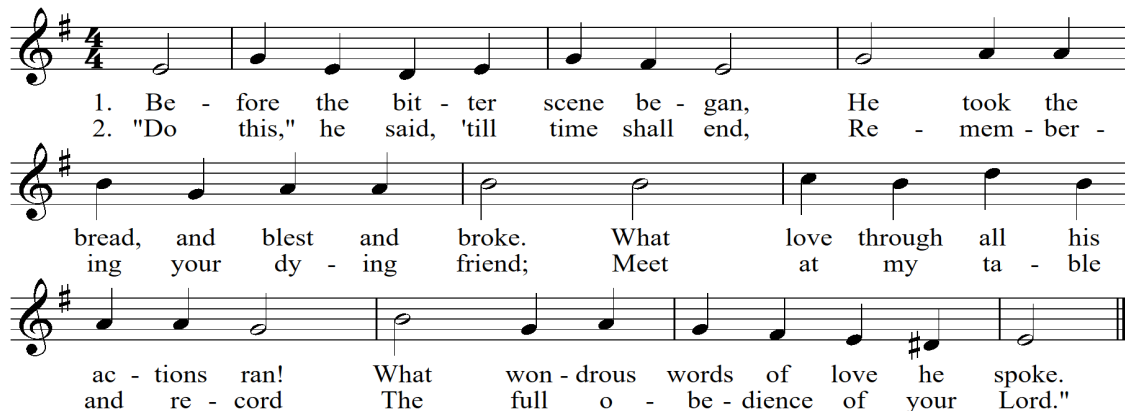
**And also with you.**

Meal

Offering Anthem

*When You Woke That Thursday Morning* by  
David Schack – Senior Choir, Allis Cain, Oboe*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory

**Before the Bitter Scene Began**


1. Be - fore the bit - ter scene be - gan, He took the  
2. "Do this," he said, 'till time shall end, Re - mem - ber -  
bread, and blest and broke. What love through all his  
ing, your dy - ing friend; Meet at my ta - ble  
ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of love he spoke.  
and re - cord The full o - be - dience of your Lord."

Text: Isaac Watts, based on Matthew 26. Music: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543. Tune: Erhalt uns, Herr, LM.

## Offertory Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.

**Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving – Dialogue

The 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.**

## Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places . . .  
. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Lord, God of pow - er, God of 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Eucharistic Prayer

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered . . .  
 . . . Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

## Response

**Christ Has Died**

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

## Response

**Amen**

A - men, a - men, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

## The Lord's Prayer

p. 112 of Hymnal

## Invitation to Communion

Come receive this gift of God.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the Lord, until he comes again in glory.**

Come receive this gift of God.

*Please be seated.*

## Foot Washing

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.

*After you receive communion, you are invited to sit in one of the chairs in front of the pulpit, remove your shoes and socks and have your feet washed. Once your feet have been dried, put your socks and shoes back on and move to the first step of the chancel where you can then wash and dry someone else's feet. All are welcome to participate in this act of humble service.*

## Call to Communion

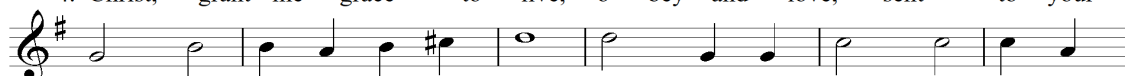
#481 Come to the Table

## Communion Hymn

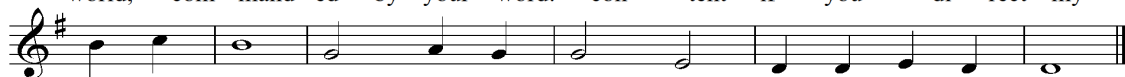
Christ, Grant Me Grace



1. Christ, grant me grace to let you wash my feet, and washed, to
2. Christ, grant me grace to wash an - oth - er's feet, and count it
3. Christ, grant me grace to fol - low and be - lieve in you who
4. Christ, grant me grace to live, o - bey and love, sent to your



let them stand or walk or run; as o - ver moun - tain, de - sert,  
 cause of nei - ther shame nor boast not think some mer - it makes my  
 loved me to the bit - ter end; learn to re - ceive you, as I  
 world, com - mand - ed by your word: con - tent if you di - rect my



cit - y street, they bring good news un - lik - ly vic - t'ry won.  
 work com - plete since those for - giv - en most will love the most.  
 shall re - ceive those you have sent, and those you will yet send.  
 ev - 'ry move, your name be known, your king - ly voice be heard.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his love and grace.

**Amen.**

### Prayer After Communion

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 when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*Please be seated.*

Response

Psalm 22 – Sung by Alexa Doebele

A Healing Service will be offered directly following this service in the East Chapel.

Please Depart in Silence.

*This first liturgy of the Three Days has no ending;  
it continues with the worship of Good Friday and  
concludes with the Resurrection of Our Lord.  
Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*