



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We extend in the name of Christ, a hearty welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. May you find here an experience of true Christian worship and fellowship. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to consider joining Peace.

MISSION STATEMENT

As servants of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

CONFESSION 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. [We have shared this discipline of Lent with new brothers and sisters in Christ who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.]

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.

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.

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

People may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands.

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

GREETING

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. 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.
C. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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

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

¹²How shall I repay 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.**

¹⁴I 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.**

¹⁶O 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.**

¹⁸I 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.**

READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

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.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P. Word of God. Word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Sung to the tune of Canticle of the Turning)

“Return to me,” so Says Our God.

“Return with broken heart.

Your sins, your guilt, your fears, your tears, will not keep us apart.

I am slow to anger, full of love, for sinners great and small.

Return to me with arms outstretched, I welcome one and all.”

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 13th Chapter.

C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

¹Now 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. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION FOR THOSE AT HOME

Reverend Mary E. Zupansic

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW #359



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God’s char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God’s ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er’s faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ’s love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God’s the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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 Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842
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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us to show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Bring an end to the war in Ukraine. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Empower us to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.
Amen.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

+ THE MEAL +

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

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OFFERING PRAYER

P. Let us pray. Extravagant God,

C. you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

P. Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

C. Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG

Were You There

ELW # 353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

TABLE BLESSING

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

INVITATION TO PRAY WITH JESUS

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little further, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want but what your want."

HYMN

Stay with Me (sing 1 time)

ELW #348

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on a G4 note. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

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He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest
 “Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sin-
 ners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

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STIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The Altar and Chancel area are stripped as a reminder of our Lord Jesus
who was stripped and crucified for us.*

SOLO—PSALM 22

My God, My God

Peter A.

Pece

Sung by: Marleigh Andrews-Conrad

My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me,
Far from my prayer,
From the words of my cry?

My God, my God,
Why have you forsaken me,
Far from my prayers,
From the words of my cry?

O my god I cry by day
And you answer not
And by night there is
No help for me
Let me not be put to shame.

My God, my God,
Why have you forsaken me,
Far from my prayer,
From the words of my cry?

From my mother's womb you are my God,
Be not far from me
For I am in distress O lord
All have abandoned me

My God, my God,
Why have you forsaken me,

Far from my prayer,
from the words of my cry?

But you O lord stay close to me
Has ten to my side
Recue me Lord from the sword
From the lion's mouth

My God, my God
Why have you forsaken me,
Far from my prayer,
From the words of my cry?

To the ends of all the earth O Lord
All shall remember you
To him alone we shall bow down
All who sleep in the Lord.

My God, my God,
Why have you forsaken me,
Far from my prayer,
From the words of my cry?

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The blessing and dismissal are omitted.

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