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Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God, to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world through Prayer, Love, and Action.

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

A LITURGY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

The name ‘Maundy’ comes from the Latin for ‘new commandment’, which Jesus, according to the gospel of John, gave his disciples at the ‘Last Supper’

Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of what is called the Great Three Days, *Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday*. This holy time of the year contains different focuses, but it is seen as a continuous time of prayer and worship.

The New Testament reading invites us to hear again the beginning of the Lord’s Supper. The setting of this worship service reminds us of the nearness of the betrayal and approaching passion of Jesus.

Please keep silence as you leave worship.

PRELUDE

Church Sonata in E flat, W.A. Mozart

WELCOME

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn.

C **We are followers in his way, welcoming his truth, encountering his life.**

P This is the night when Christ, the Lamb of God, gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him.

C **This is the night when Christ gathers with his followers in the upper room.**

P This night as we break bread and drink the cup we proclaim God's love for all and come again to God's table.

C **This night Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to both honor and serve others in love.**

P This night is for watching and prayer.

C **May we give ourselves to Christ, dying with him to all that takes life, so that we may be raised by him to live in relationship with the One who gives life to all.**

HYMN

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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us together pray.

C **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.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign 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.

¹The 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. [⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 116:1-2, 12-19 (read responsively)

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

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

¹²How shall I re- | pay 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.**

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.

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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -

slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: John 13:1-7, 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 others.

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

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?”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.”

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?”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, servants 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.”

^{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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

P Dear friends in Christ, the Lord Jesus suffered for us, leaving us an example that we might follow in his steps. In his incarnation he took our human flesh and lived among us for a time. He came not to be served but to serve, and to give up his life for us. Christ died for us, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, in whose image we have been created.

In Baptism we have died in the flesh and been made alive in the Spirit. We have been buried with Christ, that we might share in his resurrection.

As we celebrate the mystery of our Lord’s death and resurrection, let us come before God in penitence, praying that God’s image in us may be restored, and that we may be renewed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I ask you, therefore: Do you place your faith in God, who created the world, and in whose image you are made?

C We do.

P Do you place your hope in Jesus Christ, who died for you and was raised from the dead?

C We do.

P Do you place your trust in God's Holy Spirit, who empowers and directs your life in accordance with God's will?

C We do.

P Do you repent of the sin which has separated you from God, and marred God's image in you?

C We repent.

P Do you accept again the cleansing from the power of sin, which you first received in your Baptism?

C We do.

P Will you model your life on the example of your Lord, Jesus Christ?

C With the help of God, we will.

P Will you take up your cross, and follow Christ?

C With the help of God, we will.

P Will you seek to serve God and God's people, and not only to be served?

C We will, after the example of Christ.

P Will you recognise in others the image of God in which you and they are made?

C We will, after the example of Christ.

P Will you be faithful in worship, in reading holy Scripture, and in prayer?

C We will, by the grace of God's Holy Spirit.

P Will you use your gifts in the service of Christ's Body, the Church?

C We will, by the grace of God's Holy Spirit.

P You have been baptised into the death of Christ, and called to a life of humble and

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 are invited *gluten free wafers are available.*

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

COMMUNION SONG **Song of the Lord's Supper, Michael Joncas**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C **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

The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the worship space. Psalm 51 will be read responsively by the assembly. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
 in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
 and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
 and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
 so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

**⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

**¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

¹³Let me teach your ways | to offenders,
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

**¹⁴Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

¹⁵O Lord, o- | pen my lips,
and my mouth shall de- | clare your praise.

**¹⁶For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**

¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

Please remain until everything is removed and the candles are extinguished.

All depart in silence.

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