

March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday

With Sighs Too Deep For Words



A healing service for Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 W. Sixth St. Racine, WI 53405

PRELUDE (a quiet time for reflection)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: *Bind Us Together* #748

748 Bind Us Together

Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Refrain
F C⁷ F C⁷ F B^b/C

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Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946
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BIND US TOGETHER
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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.

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.

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.

OPENING DIALOGUE

L1) For God alone, we wait in silence

All: At the end of the day in near darkness

L2) To God alone, we open our hearts

All: With simple songs and thoughtful prayers

L1) For God alone, we wait in silence

All: In the company of friends, in this sacred space

L2) To God alone, we open our hearts

All: As we kneel before the Cross

L1) For God alone, we wait in silence

All: Lighting a candle and watching its flame.

L1) Come, you who are troubled... whose burdens are great... whose faith is weary

L2) Come, you who cry out with the whole of creation for redemption and renewal

L1) Come, you who do not know what to ask... or how to pray.

L2) Come, you who will be a living intercession on behalf of those for whom you pray.

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER AND HEALING

Members of the congregation are invited to come forward to light a candle, to write down a prayer concern or a person's name on a 3x5 card, to kneel at the rail to receive a prayer and the laying on of hands. Return to your pew when so moved.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” Senior Choir Kylee Albright, soloist

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino

The musical score is written for a congregation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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WORD

A reading from Romans

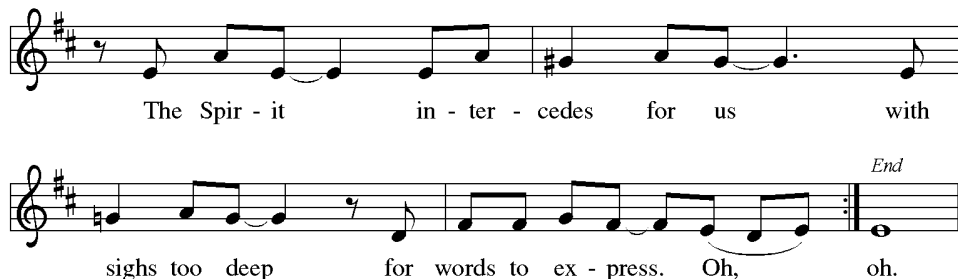
L 1: The Spirit helps us in our weakness...

For we do not always know how to pray as we ought.

But that very same Spirit intercedes for us,

With sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

The Spirit Intercedes for Us *Prayer Response*



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L 2: How often do we find ourselves with insufficient words?

Our needs are great, and our longings are deep.

We do not know what to say to one another...

We do not know what to say to God.

So tonight, we will offer our selves as a prayer...

Clinging to the promise that the Spirit of the loving Christ

Not only hears our prayers, but works in us and through us

The Spirit Intercedes For Us

L 1: It is God who justifies, who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised...

Who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution?

Will famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

(Romans 8:33-35)

L 2: Will shame or guilt?

Will our doubts and fears?

Will our memories from the past?

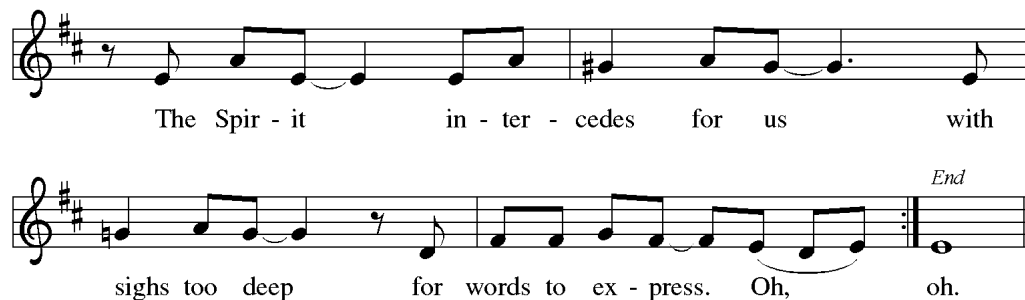
Will our anxiety about the future?

The Spirit Intercedes For Us

L 1: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)

L 2: What freedom this gives us in prayer;
Trusting that nothing can separate us from the love of God.
We can now pray boldly and persistently...
We can pray silently or wordlessly with the Spirit of Christ
praying in us,
Pleading for us, and working through us... to bring Christ's love
to birth, to the earth

The Spirit Intercedes for Us *Prayer Response*



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L 1: Sisters and brothers in Christ,
We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear.
We received a spirit of adoption. We are all children of God.

A GOSPEL READING FROM JOHN, THE 13TH CHAPTER

HOMILY - Forgiveness, Healing, and Love

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You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. To stanza 2
 Come and rest in me. To refrain
 all will know my name. To refrain
 up, now walk and live! To refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." -

4 "I

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AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS FROM OUR HEARTS

O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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OFFERING

OFFERING 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.

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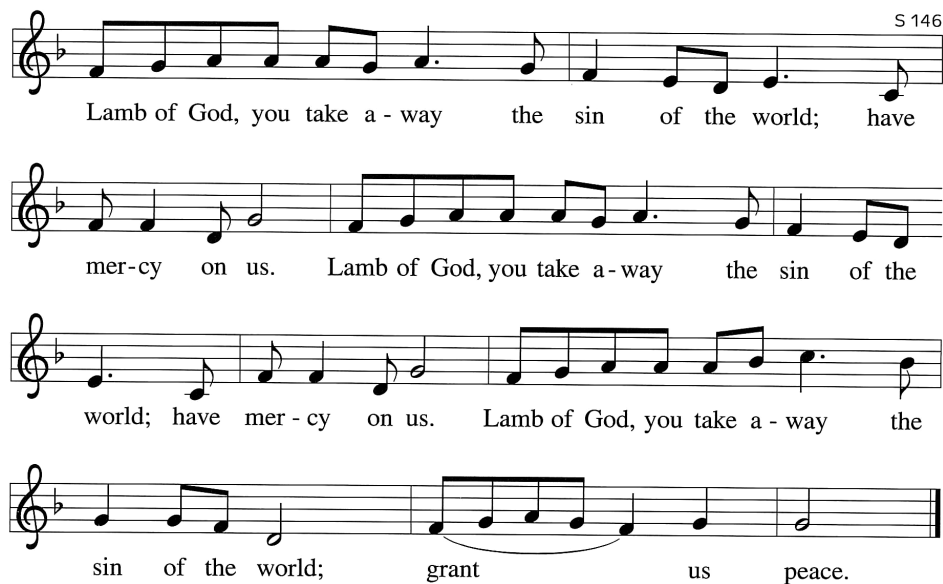
THE LORDS PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom com, 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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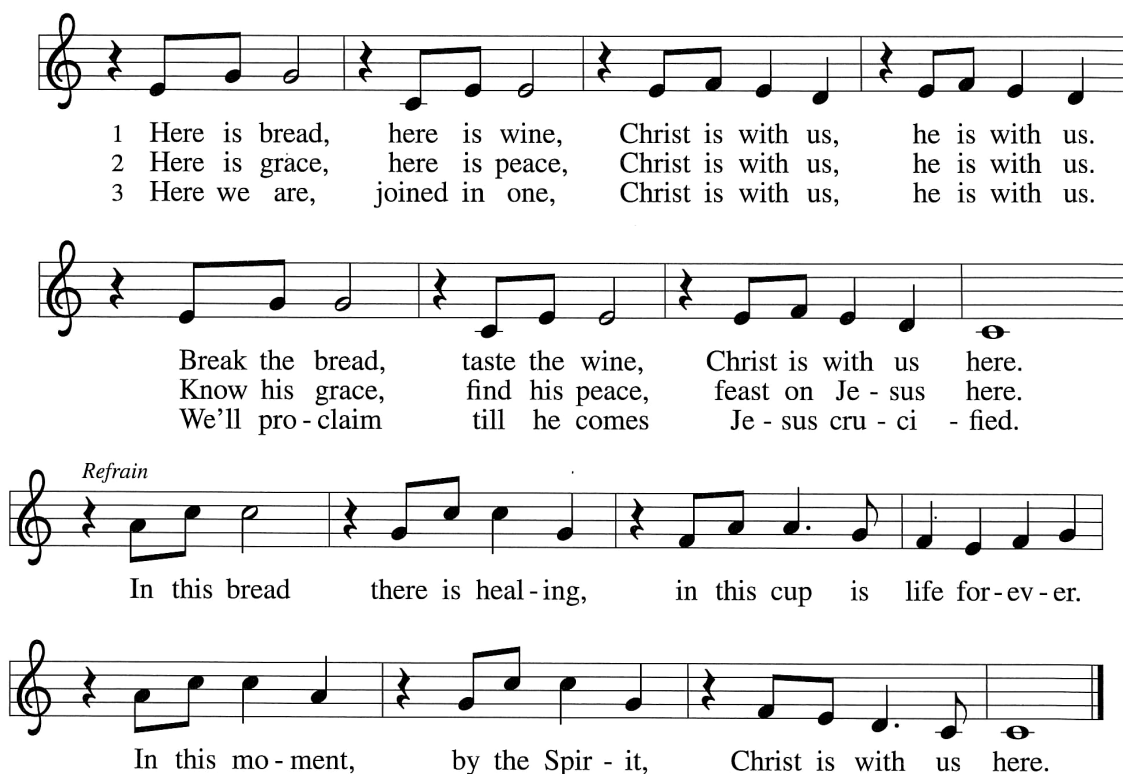
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN Here is Bread hymn 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.

In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION “*An Irish Blessing*”**BLESSING**

The Lord watches over your going out and your coming in.

The Lord shields your joys and holds your sorrows.

May God Bless you and keep you, this day and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Love One Another as You Have Been Loved

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE