

MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 6, 2023, 7:00 pm
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Portland, Oregon

Participating churches:
Covenant Presbyterian (Gresham)
Trinity Lutheran Church (Gresham)
Pilgrim Lutheran Church (Portland)
Smith Memorial Presbyterian (Fairview)
Gethsemane Lutheran (Portland)

In the readings for Maundy Thursday, the people of God experience themselves as a “meal community”. Humans must eat to live, and humans eat together to become and maintain community. Tonight we reflect on the Passover meal, the Last Supper meal, and our Holy Communion meal. God’s covenant promises come alive in these meals for us and for the world. You will be invited to participate in this covenant of love in 4 ways: the laying on of hands for forgiveness; the handwashing; eating and drinking at communion; and witnessing the stripping of the altar. All are welcome!

*** = Please stand as you are able.**

GATHERING

WELCOME

Arriving at the Table

***SONG - ELW 532, *Gather Us In* - sing verses 1-3**

FAMILY TIME - The Passover Table

Story of the Exodus & God's Covenant with the People of Israel

SONG - ELW 870, *We Praise You, O God

*MAKING FAMILY RIGHT AGAIN

Confession and Forgiveness on a Night of Betrayal

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 human community, 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.

*Following the invitation, all sit and keep silence 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 sin is forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Those who wish may come forward to the altar and hear the words of forgiveness spoken to them individually, just as ashes were administered individually on Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent.

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and + of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

(The following hymn is sung during individual absolution.)

SONG - ELW 359, *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

WORD

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2.12-19 (*Spoken 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 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.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

SERVING A NEW FAMILY MEAL Story of Jesus and the Disciples at Table

*GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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.”

SONG - ELW 461, *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Prayer petitions will end “...merciful God.” Please respond, **receive our prayer.***

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

The offering this evening will go to a local charity organization. Thank you for your generosity!

*OFFERTORY SONG



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 to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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MEAL

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of glory,
receive these gifts
and the offering of our lives.
As Jesus was lifted up from the earth,
draw us to your heart
in the midst of this world,
that all creation may be brought
from bondage to freedom,
from darkness to light,

and from death to life;
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**
Our Story, A New Community in Christ

***READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

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.

Blessed are you, O living God,
for the gift of your loving Spirit.
Fill this meal with the life of your Son.
Make us servants of one another and of everyone in need.
Bring us with all your people to the joy of the resurrection.
Blessed be God forever!
Blessed be God forever!
Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

***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 welcome at this table! The sacrament is a means of God's grace for those who receive it. When ushered from your pew, you may first pass the handwashing table. In remembrance of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, please wash your hands - or come with a neighbor or family member and wash each other's hands! Anoint one another with the lotion provided.

Then please step forward to one of the empty spots at the communion rail where you will be served bread (gluten free wafer available) and wine (red) or grape juice (white). All persons are invited to receive the gift of Christ's true presence in the meal of Holy Communion.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

SONGS

ELW 483 Here Is Bread

ELW 496 One Bread, One Body

*TABLE BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

you have fed and renewed us

in your holy meal.

Send us into the world you love.

Through our fasting and devotion, draw us
to you and to our neighbors,
that we may break bonds of injustice,
feed the hungry,
and set the oppressed free.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The service concludes with the stripping of the altar in remembrance of Christ emptying himself for us. The stripping away of all vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books leaves us nothing to distract us from the cross. Psalm 22 will be chanted by a cantor. You can find the words in the front section of the red hymnal.

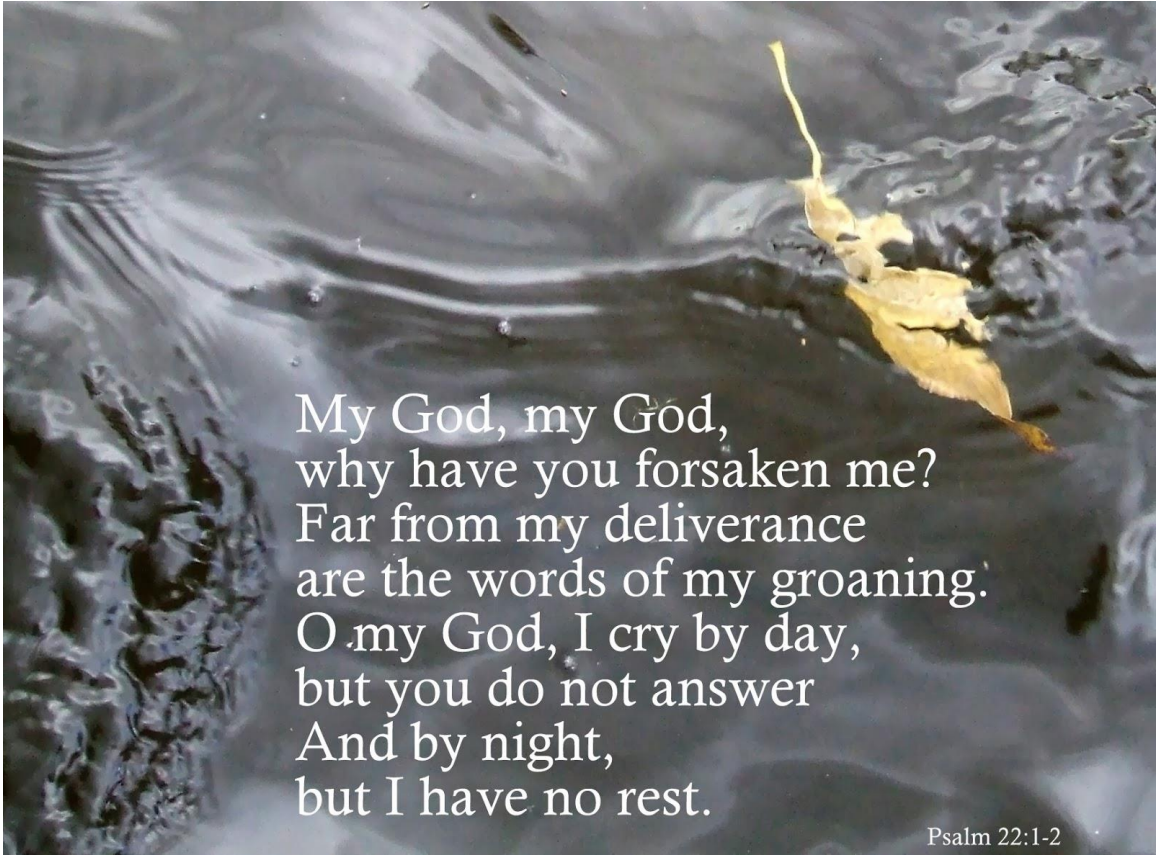
Please leave in silence. Our worship tonight continues with Good Friday services.

Please join in the walk with Jesus to the cross.

Gethsemane Lutheran: 7:00 pm Tenebrae service in the sanctuary

*Trinity Lutheran, Gresham: bilingual with Holy Cross/Santa Cruz
Episcopal Church, 7:00 pm*

Resurrection Lutheran, Portland: jazz worship service, 7:00 pm



My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?
Far from my deliverance
are the words of my groaning.
O my God, I cry by day,
but you do not answer
And by night,
but I have no rest.

Psalm 22:1-2