

Maundy Thursday



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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

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 day, 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.

*All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.
The presiding minister leads the assembly in the confession.*

Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we were 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 my 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. C: Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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 each of you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated. People may come forward to kneel or stand with head bowed for laying on of hands.

Absolution—Laying On of Hands

The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn.

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

The person may respond

C: Amen.

Hymn
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Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

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Apostolic Greeting and Pray of the Day

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.**

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.**

The assembly is seated.

Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading — *Exodus 12:1-14*

A reading from Exodus

The 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 first-born 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.

P: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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

²**for the LORD has given ¹ear to me whenever ¹er I called.**

¹²How shall I re- ¹pay the LORD for all the good things God has ¹done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup ¹of salvation and call on the name ¹of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows ¹to the LORD in the presence of ¹all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your ¹sight, O LORD, is the death ¹of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I ¹am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me ¹from my bonds.

will offer you the sacrifice ¹ of thanksgiving and call upon the name ¹ of the LORD.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD in the presence of ¹ all God's people,

¹⁹in the courts of ¹ the LORD's house, in the midst of you, ¹ O Jerusalem.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians

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.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

**I give you a | new commandment,* that you love one another
just as I | have loved you. (John 13:34)**

Holy Gospel — John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. 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?" 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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message

The assembly is seated.

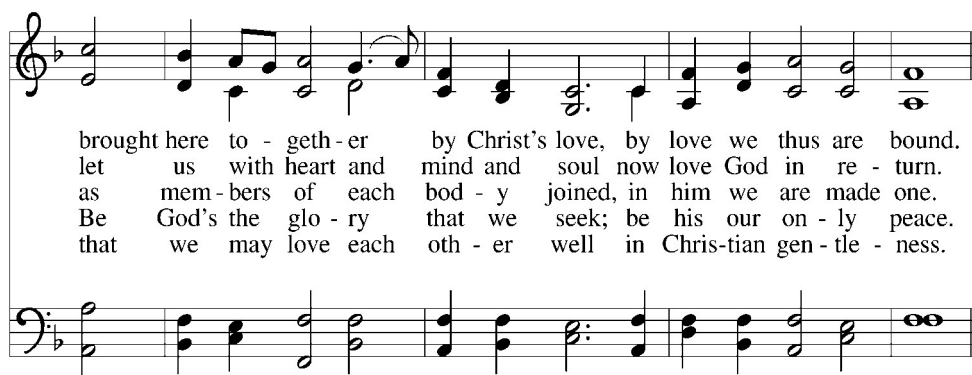
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

**Hymn
of the
Day**
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Where Charity and Love Prevail



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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Prayer of the Church

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, gather your church around your word and the sacraments in love and promise as these three holy days enfold us. Open us to behold the mystery of our salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Give us our daily bread, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Bless those who labor tending to their crops and those who prepare our meals. Strengthen us to advocate for food justice and a fair distribution of resources. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Help us to stoop down to others in servant love as you have done for us in Jesus. Inspire national and local leaders with a renewed sense of public service. Increase in them a humility to serve with equity and fairness. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Incline your ear to us in every need. Befriend all who are lonely. Comfort those who grieve. Soothe any who are anxious. Console all who are distressed. Graciously tend to the hurts of your children who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, especially those we name before you... Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Inspire your people to praise you in word, song, and art. Accept our thanks for artists, especially Albrecht Dürer, Matthias Grünewald, and Lucas Cranach, whose gifts enrich the church's worship. Kindle in us appreciation for all who beautify our worship space throughout the changing seasons. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Remind us that precious in your sight is the death of your faithful ones. We remember and give thanks for the saints who have died. With them, we trust your promise to love your own until the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, Father, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace.

Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

During this time, the table is set.

OFFERING – WE RETURN THANKS TO GOD AND SUPPORT GOSPEL MINISTRY



Please prepare your offering in an envelope to place in the offering plate when you are dismissed for Communion **Or** use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your phone. You may also mail your offering to the church office or give through our website www.stpeterslutheranyork.com Also be sure you have filled out the attendance card.

*Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory.
We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.*

The Great Thanksgiving – The Eucharistic Meal

As the baptized children of God, we are invited by God to share the heavenly banquet. Jesus seats us at his table where we are delivered from sin, death, and evil by his body and blood from his death on the cross. In this meal, Jesus forgives our sins, granting us life and salvation. He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread.

Offertory Prayer

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **C: Amen.**

Dialogue

Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.

Fraction—Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ is broken as he was broken for us in the Passover, in the loaves, and on the cross. He gives himself to us as he fed the multitudes. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who gave himself to deliver all people from slavery to sin.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Distribution of the Sacrament

The pastor will commune.

She will then commune those with mobility needs in their pews. Then the congregation. Place your offering in the offering box and then take an empty cup. Receive the Body of Christ in your open palm from the pastor and then proceed to the assisting minister to receive the Blood of Christ. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your emptied cup into the bowl of water. Give thanks to God for such grace!

When giving the bread and the cup, the communion minister says:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

C: Amen.

Blessing After Communion

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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. **C: Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Stripping of the Altar

The service concludes with the stripping of the altar. The assembly sits or kneels.

As Jesus was stripped and scourged for our sins and the sins of all people, so our worship acknowledges this. The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, and books are removed from the chancel.

The reader will pray Psalm 22 as Jesus did from the cross. Lights may be dimmed as the worship space is stripped. All depart in silence.

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. ³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. ⁶But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; ⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver — let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" ⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. ¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. ¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. ¹²Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; ¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! ²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ²³You who fear the

LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. ³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the LORD, ³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

All leave in silence to return for Good Friday as the Triduum continues.

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—APRIL 7—

Good Friday

3:30 PM — Adoration of the Cross

7:00 PM — Service of Darkness

Adoration of the Cross

St. Peter's Lutheran

**^ Both days will be streamed to
Facebook LIVE.**

—APRIL 8—

Holy Saturday

7:00 PM — Vigil of Easter @ St. Paul's
[W Springettsbury Ave at S. George St.]

***The service will premier to YouTube
on Saturday, 4:45pm***

—APRIL 9—

The Festival of the Resurrection

7:00 AM — Sunrise Service of
Holy Communion

St. Peter's Lutheran

*Held outdoors in the Prayer Garden,
Weather permitting*

8:45 AM — Holy Communion
St. Peter's Lutheran

10:30 AM — Holy Communion
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8:45 AM—Worship Service

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This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Friday
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