



Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

Welcome!

It is a joy to worship together!

As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.

All are Welcome to Communion! Christ hosts this meal, and ALL are invited to share this feast of life and forgiveness. Our shared communion bread is gluten free and we offer wine and grape juice. Children commune at the discretion of their parents. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. To receive communion at your seat, please alert an usher.

OUR VISION: In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.

We are gathered on this land, which touches the shared waters of the peoples of the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot Nations. This is God's creation and home to the Coast Salish peoples, whose long history, voices, and practices call inhabitants to loving stewardship, faithful advocacy, and inclusive story-telling. We honor the Creator's presence in this land, confess our complicity in its brokenness, and proclaim our interconnectedness with God's creation and all its creatures.

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IN OUR SERVICE TONIGHT

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Thomas Voelp
Musician: Gean Foddai

GATHER

Gather in the narthex.

*INVOCATION

We are gathered in the name of which we were baptized:

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

*READING

John 13:33-35

A reading from the Gospel of John.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE

Love Consecrate the Humblest Act



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

*Please stand as you are able.

***INVITATION TO THE THREE DAYS**

Tonight, we mark the entry into the three days—following Jesus from table, to passion, crucifixion, and the grave.

As the prophets foretold his coming

We will await his resurrection

As the magi followed the star to where Jesus was born

We will follow the cross to where he was laid

As Jesus led his disciples to the mountain, where he was transfigured

We will follow him to the mountain of God, where he was scourged

As Jesus wandered through the desert

We will follow with those who deserted him

As Jesus ate with the poor, the sinner, the outcast

We will eat the meal he has prepared for us

As God walked among us

We will walk the way of the cross

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, we pray that we may not come to the time of trial. May we follow Jesus and watch with his disciples, strengthened by his Body and Blood, that we may witness what love you have poured out for us. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may love as he commanded. **Write this commandment in our hearts, and guide and help us to humbly serve the suffering world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.**
Amen.

You may be seated; please offer seats to those who need to sit.

FOOT WASHING

We have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. By faith, we are called and empowered to acts of love and mercy, servanthood and humility. As we hear of Jesus's act of loving service in washing the feet of his disciples, we are called also to follow his example in washing each other's feet.

READING

John 13:1-17

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Now 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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, **'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'** Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, **'You will never wash my feet.'** Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, **'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!'** 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.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, **you are blessed if you do them.**

RESPONSE

Ubi caritas et amor

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and a piano accompaniment in G major. The second system has a vocal line in G major and a piano accompaniment in G major. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal line includes a triplet in the second system.

*You are encouraged to come forward to have your feet or hands washed at either station.
Afterward, please move into the sanctuary for the remainder of the service.*



COMMUNE

*PEACE

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.** (*Philippians 4:7*)

All may share a sign of peace.

*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.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us in whatever version is most prayerful for you:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

*INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

This is the table, not of the church only, but of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

It is ready for those who love God,
and for those who want to love God more.

So come, whether you have much faith or little;
who have tried to follow, and
all of us who've feared we've failed.

Come, not because the church invites you, but because it is Christ who invites you to be known
and fed here.

WATCH

THE LORD'S PASSION

Luke 22:39-23:25

³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²**Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.** ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, **"Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."**

Neglected and isolated, Jesus suffers. We pray for hope.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, **"Lord, should we strike with the sword?"** ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, "No more of this!"

And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Betrayed and outcast, Jesus suffers. We pray for peace.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, **"Woman, I do not know him."** ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, **"Man, I am not!"** ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, **"Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"** At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

Abandoned and denied, Jesus suffers. We pray for faith.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said, **"If you are the Messiah, tell us."** He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰All of them asked, **"Are you, then, the Son of God?"** He said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹Then they said, **"What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"**

Dehumanized and rejected, Jesus suffers. We pray for truth.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

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¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³Then Pilate asked him, **"Are you the king of the Jews?"** He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, **"I find no basis for an accusation against this man."** ⁵But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Decried and maligned, Jesus suffers. We pray for mercy.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

**Please rise as you are able.*

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, **"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"** ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, **"Crucify, crucify him!"** ²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Condemned and vilified, Jesus suffers. We pray for justice.

Now, O Christ, we beseech you, we beg you to have mercy upon us.

**Since you came to redeem the lost, do not condemn those you've once redeemed,
for by your cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

You may be seated for the stripping of the altar.

ALTAR STRIPPING

Liturgical Arts Team members strip the altar. Stripping of the Altar is a tradition meant to demonstrate the stripping and humiliation of Jesus before his crucifixion. It is a solemn moment when the places where God's presence is revealed in the church are left unadorned, and covered in black cloth. Just as Jesus is led to his death, so the reflection of Jesus' absence is symbolized in a darkened and stark space.

PSALM 22

Gianfranco Foddai

All may depart in silence.

*If you would like to stay to help us prepare for Good Friday services,
please join us after this service is concluded.*

This Week at Our Redeemer's

Today, Thursday, April 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 PM - Maundy Thursday Service & Communion

Friday, April 18

GOOD FRIDAY

12 PM - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins

3 PM - Meditation on the Cross | Sanctuary or online

7 PM - Tenebrae & Prayer Around the Cross

Sunday, April 20

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM - Sunrise Service | Carkeek Park

8:30 AM - Easter Breakfast | Our Redeemer's

9 AM - Easter Festival Worship

10:10 AM - Easter Egg Hunt | Front Yard

11 AM - Easter Festival Worship

Monday, April 21

Church Office Closed

Email administrator@ourredeemers.net if you need online or in-person meeting help. Find meeting information in the announcements herein or on the church's [website calendar](#).



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