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**April 2, 2026; Noon & 7 P.M.**  
**Maundy Thursday**



*This reflective service for Maundy Thursday includes prayers and meditations, and leads into Holy Communion. The liturgy focuses upon the account of the Last Supper in John 13. Seven candles are lit during the service in response to seven actions. The lit candles offer a reminder of the presence of light even on the eve of Good Friday. Worship continues tomorrow, at noon and 7:00 p.m.*

**GATHERING**

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

**OPENING MUSIC**

**Noon:** "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

setting, Robert A. Hobby (One License)  
Christy Nockels (CCLI)

**7pm:** "By Our Love"

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**God of light and truth,  
grant us peace as we gather tonight.  
May we draw closer to you as we recall again  
the service and suffering of Christ,  
in whose name we meet and pray.  
Amen**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Noon:** "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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ELW 708 (One License)

**7pm:** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

**WELCOME**

## **PRAYER**

God of grace and truth,  
as we move from the brightness of the day's light  
to the enfolding darkness of the night-time,  
help us to know your light in our hearts,  
that in our need for forgiveness and strength  
your gracious word may be known.

**And then help us to go from this place  
renewed in spirit.**

**In the name of Christ we pray.**

**Amen**

*Please kneel as you are able or be seated.*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

Lord Christ, in the evening of this day,  
forgive us for our lack of attention to you,  
our absence of word and action in following you,  
and our denial of your place within our lives.

*Silence for personal confession*

Help us to know your Spirit with us,  
your gracious forgiveness,  
and your strength in our hearts,

**That we may more closely follow you. Amen**

## **LAYING OF HANDS**

*The assembly is seated. People may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands. Pastor, 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 "Amen."*

## **MUSIC**

**Noon:** "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" setting, Robert A. Hobby (One License)  
**7 P.M.:** "Who You Say I Am" Fielding & Morgan (CCLI)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **KYRIE**

**ELW 152** (One License)

## **WORD**

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

## **Introduction to the Gospel reading (John 13) and candle-lighting**

### **Action 1-washing, John 13:1-5**

#### **Prayer**

Tonight....Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your truth.**

*The first candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...*

**Action 2 - cleansing, John 13:6-11**

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

Lord God... Lord, hear us.

**Lord, cleanse us through your grace.**

*The second candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...*

**Action 3-serving, John 13:12-17**

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

Gracious God... Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your humble love.**

*The third candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...*

**Action 4-betraying, John 13:18-30**

**Prayer**

Loving God...Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your strength.**

*The fourth candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...*

**Action 5-leaving, John 13:31-33**

**Prayer**

Jesus told . . . Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your hope.**

*The fifth candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...*

**Action 6-loving, John 13:34-35**

**Prayer**

Jesus commanded . . . Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your compassionate love.**

*The sixth candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...*

**Action 7 - denying, John 13:36-38**

**Meditation**

**Prayer**

O God, you know . . . Lord, hear us.

**Lord, fill us with your courage, your love and your humility.**

**Help us in the night-time shadows of fear**

**to know the continuing light of your presence,**

**that we may be seen and heard as your people. Amen**

*The seventh candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...*

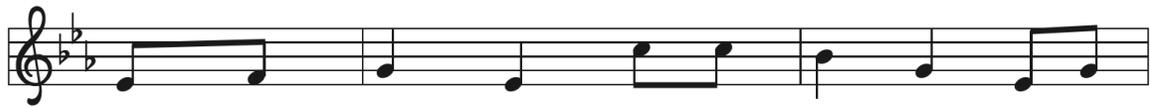
**REFLECTION**

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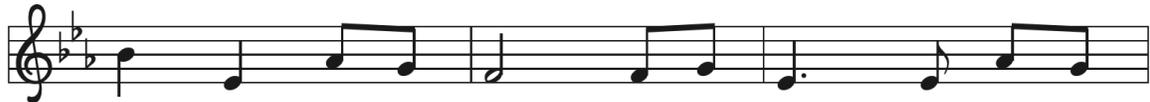
## HYMN OF THE DAY

### "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

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1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

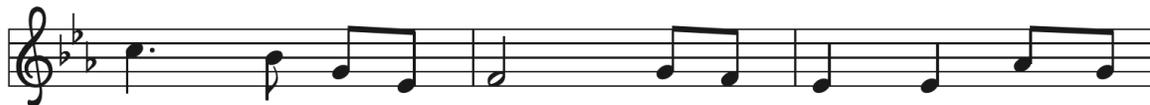


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds. *A brief silence.*

Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts \_\_\_\_\_. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

*After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **OFFERING**

*Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.*



**OFFERING HYMN**      **Noon:**  
**OFFERING ANTHEM**   **7 P.M.:**

**"A New Commandment"**      **WOV 664**  
"Send Me"      Johnson, Lake, Jobe (CCLI)

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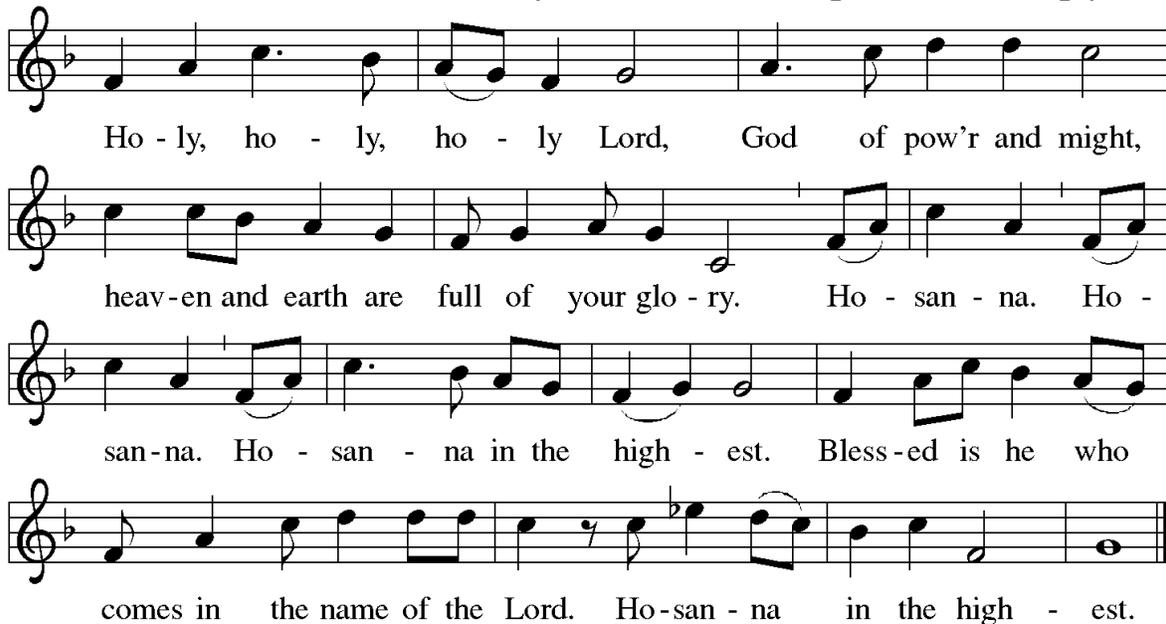
## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

May you know that the Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

May you open your heart to him this night. **May you know his love within you.**  
Even in the foreboding presence of darkness. **May his light shine forth.**

In the beginning, before betrayal and denial, O God,...

... we join with voices around us and beyond us in the song of everlasting praise:



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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

On this night Christ our Lord gathered with his friends...

... that they may be the body and blood of Christ for us, that we may be his body in this world.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW pg. 145, left column

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ invites us to share in bread and wine.

**Christ invites us to share in service and humility.**

Christ invites us to share in strength and renewal.

**We gather in faith.**

*Please be seated. The congregation will then commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place the empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.*

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray: **We give you thanks and praise, O God, that even in the darkness of this night, your light shines. We rejoice that we have shared with Christ around his table, and we pray for his strength as we continue to be his body in this world. Amen.**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **Closing words: Mark 14:32-34:**

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.'

There is no final blessing tonight, as the events continue into tomorrow and then to Easter morning resurrection.

"Psalm 22"

David Cherwien (Augsburg Fortress)

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – 7:00 p.m.**

*Linens, paraments, ornaments, and candles are removed from the altar and chancel.*

*There is no benediction as this service continues tomorrow on Good Friday.  
(Worship at Noon & 7:00 p.m.)*

*You are welcome to sit in silence, and when you are ready, depart in silence.*

# Tomorrow



Good Friday

April 3

12:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary & Livestream)

# Sunday

Easter Sunday

April 5

8:00 a.m. (Sanctuary & Livestream)

10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary & Livestream)





**Worship Team**

12pm Service  
Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Robin Gibbs, Mary Noe  
Greeters: Doug Noe, Mary Noe  
Readers: Michelle Anderson, Pastor Amanda  
Ushers: Carrie Jarnecke, Adele Petersen

7pm Service  
Communion Assistants: Johanna Bergstrom, Sally Sheahan, Faith Metze, Robert Metze, Riley Poremba  
Greeters: Erica Poremba, Fay Wilson  
Readers: Tim Nellessen, Vicki Meiners, Matt Meiners, Kim Lanham, Johanna Bergstrom, Riley Poremba, Andrea Johnson  
Ushers: Nancy Kreznor, Al Wilson, Fay Wilson  
Altar Stripping: Andy Bellavia, Mary Beth Martin-Bellavia, Marylee Steinwehe, Al Wilson, Fay Wilson

A/V Team: Bill Nattress  
Altar Guild: Andy Bellavia, Mary Beth Bellavia, Karen Reinhard  
Musicians: Jan Burns, Grace Tones, Jon Bergstrom, Carrie Filetti, Karen Reinhard  
Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

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To the Glory of God.

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Thank you for sharing time to hear God’s word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace’s website later in the day. You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church’s Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God’s grace.



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