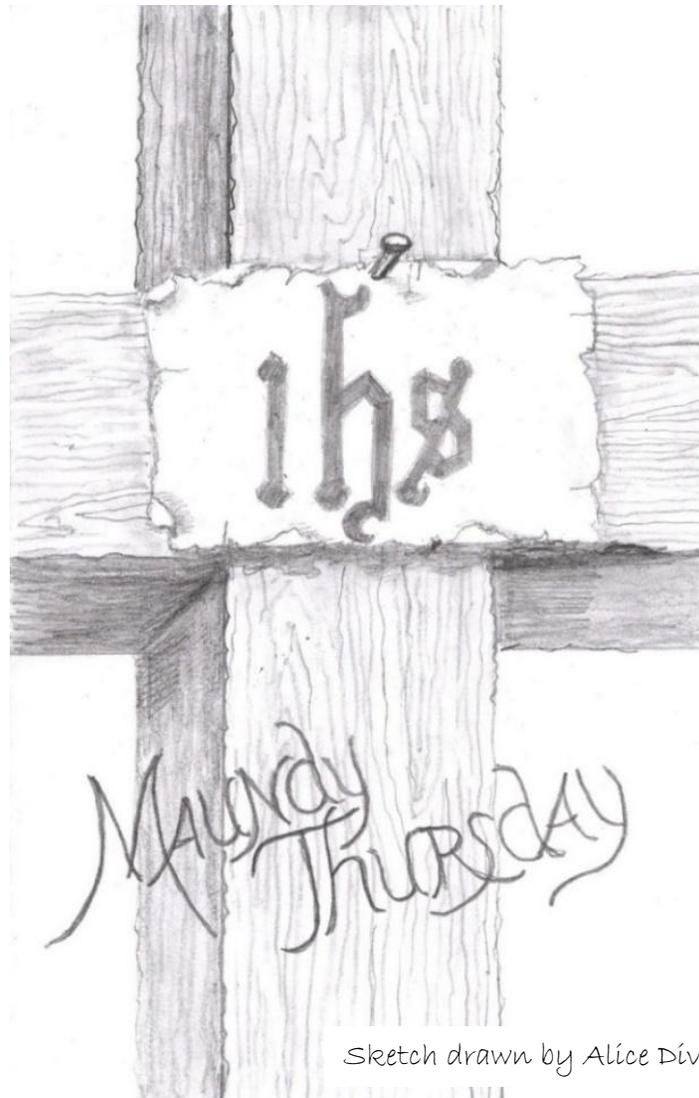


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Thursday, April 17, 2025
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Holy Communion



PRELUDE: ORGAN/CLAVINOVA

[*] REQUESTS YOUR RISING IF COMFORTABLE

**CALL TO WORSHIP BY OUR CHURCH BELL
GREETINGS**

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:

Introduction to the Gospel:

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

*GATHERING

P In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

P Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

P We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. [Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night before his death.]

P It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage 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

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

The First Lesson is from the 12th chapter of Exodus.

¹The 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. 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 firstborn 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. Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1, 10-17

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my ¹ supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I ¹ called upon him.

¹⁰**How shall I re- ¹ pay the LORD
for all the good things he has ¹ done for me?**

¹¹I will lift up the cup ¹ of salvation
and call upon the name ¹ of the LORD.

¹²**I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all his people.**

¹³Precious in the sight ¹ of the LORD
is the death ¹ of his servants.

¹⁴**O LORD, I ¹ am your servant;**

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me ¹ from
my bonds.**

¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice ¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name ¹ of the LORD.

¹⁶**I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all his people,**

¹⁷in the courts of ¹ the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, ¹ O Jerusalem.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Second Lesson is from the 11th chapter of 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.

Here ends the reading.

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

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."

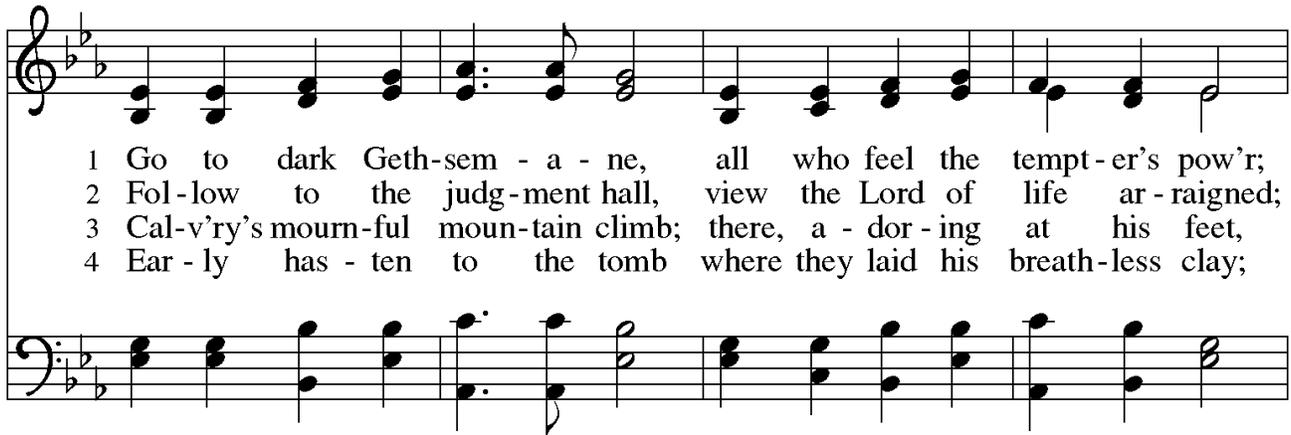
^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to 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 love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

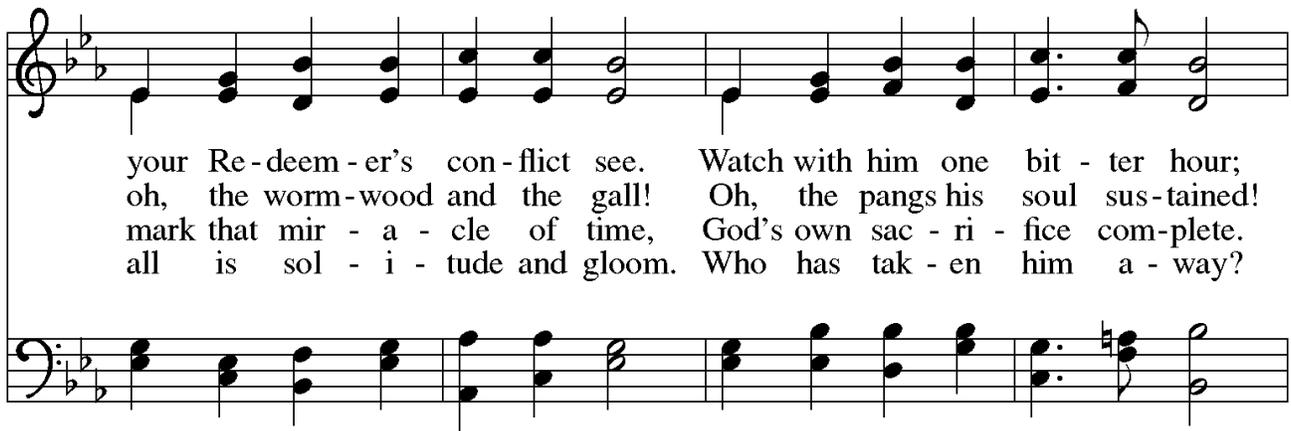
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (LBW 109)**

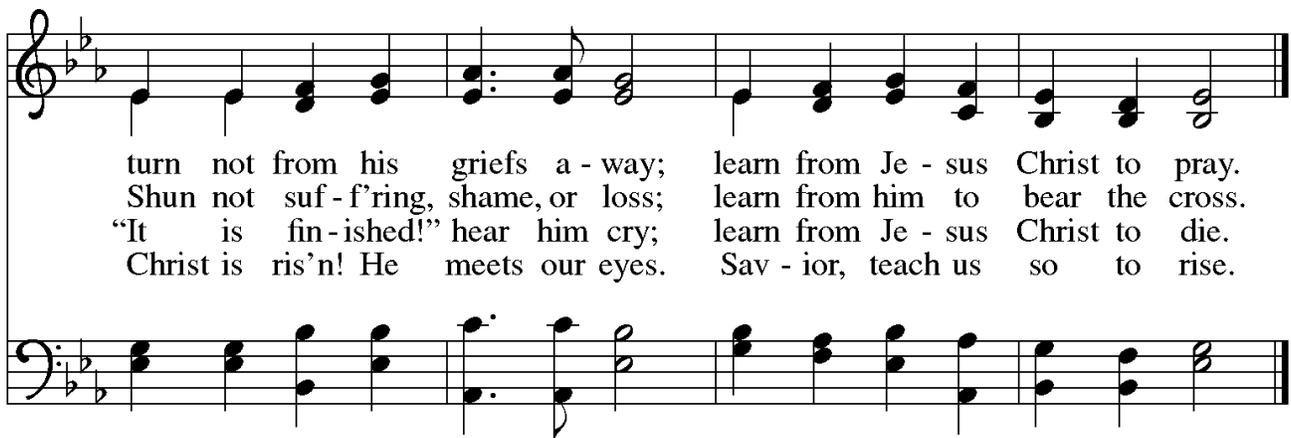
Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

***HOMILY: 'A RETURN TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD'**

***THE PRAYERS**

- P Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.
- P You make a new covenant with your people. Gather your church around word and table in love and promise as these three holy days enfold us. Open us to behold the mystery of our salvation. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P You give us our daily bread, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Bless those who labor and tend to their crops and those who prepare our meals. Strengthen us to advocate for food justice and a fair distribution of resources. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P You, our Savior and Teacher, stoop down to us in servant love. Inspire national and local leaders (*especially*) 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. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P You 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*). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P You inspire your people to praise in word, song, and art. We give 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. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P Precious in your sight is the death of your faithful ones. We remember and give thanks for the those who have died (*especially*). With them, we trust your promise to love your own until the end. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.**

***DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

***PREFACE (LBW p. 68)**

It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of-fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, al - mighty and
ev - er - liv - ing God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the
glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who
gave himself to take a-way our sin, who by his death has de - stroyed death,
and by his rising has brought us to e - ter - nal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene
and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and
sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and ser -
a - phim, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 69)**

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.

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 of bread and wine;

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.

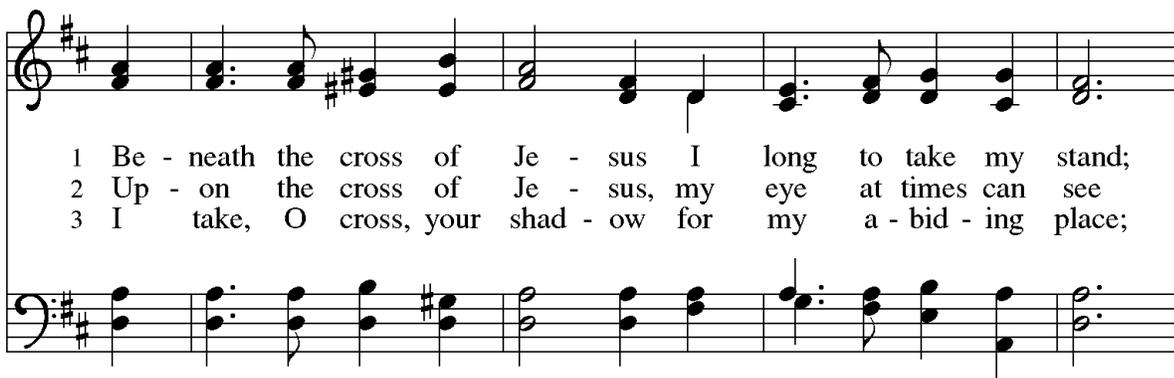
Amen

***LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

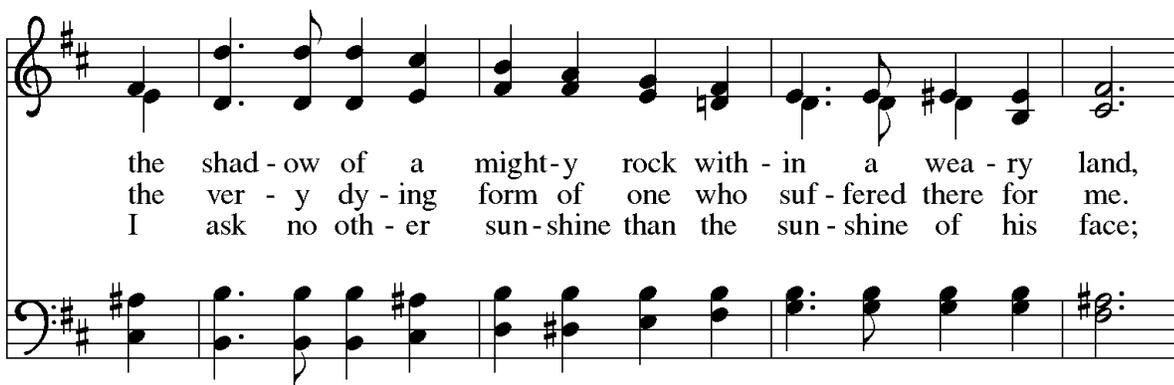
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (LBW 107)

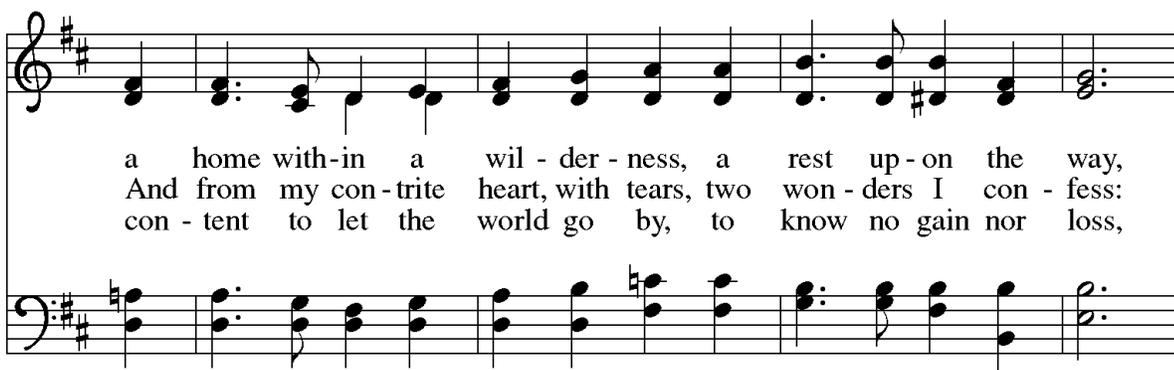
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



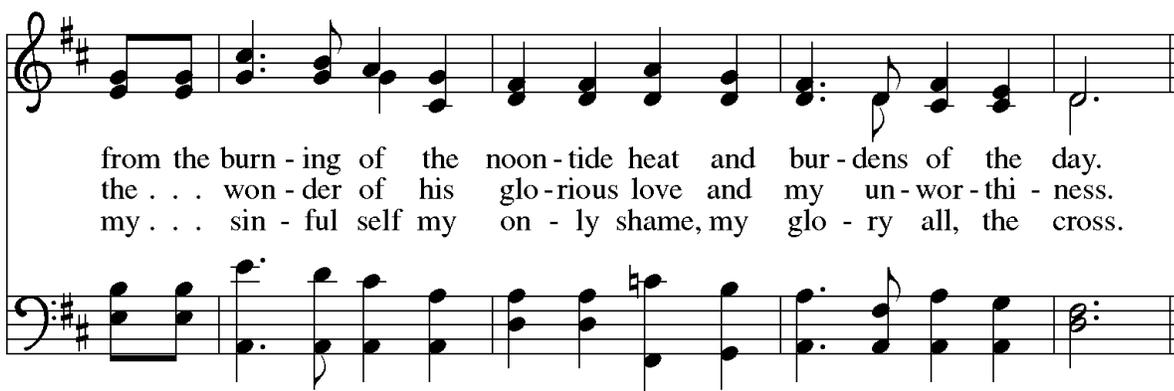
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

COMMUNION (LBW p. 71)

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
C Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)

☩ 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.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 74)**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

~ THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for coming!

~ Strength & Healing Concerns~

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pam Rabe	Judy Livingston	Pat Janssen	Bill Juraco	Phyllis Fischer
Lyle & Mary Lou Nannen	Judy Wyss	Virginia Mahan		Pat Geltmaker
Richard Sathoff	Ray Hammerich	Cyndi Benson		Carl Satterlee
Dave Kroepel	Linda Meyer	Debra Watkins		Grant Blaza
Doug Rabe	Alice Lopez	Derek Cruitt		Heather Hayden
Lisa Pate	Marsha Shafer	Greg Strickfaden		Marie Haage
Greg Sewell	Linda Hollenback			

And All Soldiers Serving Our Country

~ THANK YOU ~

MUSIC: Linda Garmon
READER: Trish Deppermann
GREETER: Volunteers
COMM. ASSTS: Volunteers

Would you like to be part of a committee to pick out parking lot lanterns? The council feels we should repair / replace them now while we are updating the island trees & lot. Contact Alice if interested.

There will be a church spring cleanup day Saturday, April 26. Many hands make light work.

~ ST. PETER HAPPENINGS ~

April 17th – Maundy Thursday – Service @ St. Peter with communion in the pew – beginning at 7pm
April 18th – Good Friday – Service at Glasford United Methodist – 7pm
April 19th – 8am Men’s Breakfast @ White Chapel
April 20th – Communion Sunday
Easter Service @ 10am
NO CONFIRMATION
April 26th – 8am Spring Cleaning
April 27th – Non-Communion Sunday
Pound Sale @ 3pm



GOSPEL MESSAGE

April 17, 2025

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Jesus' Hands

On this Maundy Thursday, what does it mean that Jesus, with his carpenter-calloused hands, takes the role of the servant and washes the feet of his friends? So often we focus on the feet, but what if our attention is on the hands instead? Jesus' hands—the very hands of our God.

Imagine Jesus kneeling in front of you, and you, along with the other disciples, placing your feet in his hands. He looks you in the eye and begins to wash. You glance down and gaze on Jesus' hands and remember.

These hands were birthed in Bethlehem to carry the promise of God's salvation. Jesus' hands felt the flow of the Jordan River in his baptism and belovedness. These holy hands scooped up the little children to bless them and receive them in love. These are Jesus' hands that, coursing with righteous fury, demanded justice for the oppressed. Jesus' soothing hands that healed and comforted, revealing the reign of God. Jesus' powerful hands that stood at death's doorstep and gestured for Lazarus to come out. Jesus' hands that broke bread and ushered in a new covenant. Jesus' hands clasped in prayer: "Not my will but thy will be done." Jesus' nail-pierced hands that from the cross revealed the fullness of salvation, taking on sin and death through the power of God's self-giving love. These are the same hands that folded up death's garments on Easter and opened up eternity for you, for all. These are Jesus' hands that washed the feet of his disciples.

Look upon Jesus' hands that hold you, along with the whole of Christ's church, as we journey through these Great Three Days. These are God's hands that carry us from life, through death, to life everlasting.

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