

Maundy Thursday — March 30, 2026

Prelude Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me, arr. by Stephen P. Folkemer tune c. by Oxford University Press setting c. 2008 by Concordia Publishing House in "God of Grace: Five Hymn Tune Preludes for the Church Year"

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Absolution

L Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

People 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.

L 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 you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen

Those who wish may come forward to receive individual forgiveness.

Opening Hymn Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here ELW 358

Apostolic Greeting ELW Pg. 147

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **People And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you **People And also with you**

L 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.

People Amen

First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-14

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 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.
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

People 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.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice ¹of thanksgiving
and call upon the name ¹of the LORD.**

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

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

Second 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.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

People

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel according to John in the 13th Chapter. People 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." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"

ELW 360

Invitation to Foot Washing

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he loved us. 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 our Lord gave us on the night before his death. Any who wish to come forward to have their feet washed may do so at this time.

Music

Lydia Smith, soloist

Prayers of the Church

L Christ has promised to hear our prayers, and has called on us to offer them. Let us pray for all manner of people in humble confidence in his mercy.

AM For all Christian people near and far, past and present, that our love for one another may show the world God's gracious will for all humanity, Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

AM For the mighty and powerful in the world, that they may be drawn to humble service for the good of all, Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

AM For our physical world, God's good creation, that we may strive to sustain its beauty and abundance, Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

AM For any needs you now lift in silence or out loud.... Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

AM For hearts overflowing with generosity, that the mission of the church may be a bold witness into the future for the healing of the world, Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

L For all these and any other needs, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

People And also with you.

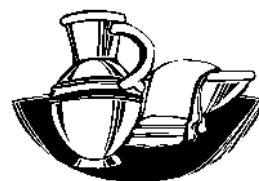
Offertory

Offertory Hymn

ELW 188

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer



The Great Thanksgiving

L The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface is spoken or chanted.

Sanctus

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Communion

“Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.

Communion is distributed.

Communion Music Partita on "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior", arr. by Anne Krentz Organ
c. 1997 by Augsburg Fortress in "Christ, Mighty Savior: Reflections on Four Hymn Tunes"

Post Communion Prayer

Stripping of the Altar

As the altar is stripped, Psalm 22 is chanted

When the altar is bare, we leave in quiet reverence.

