

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

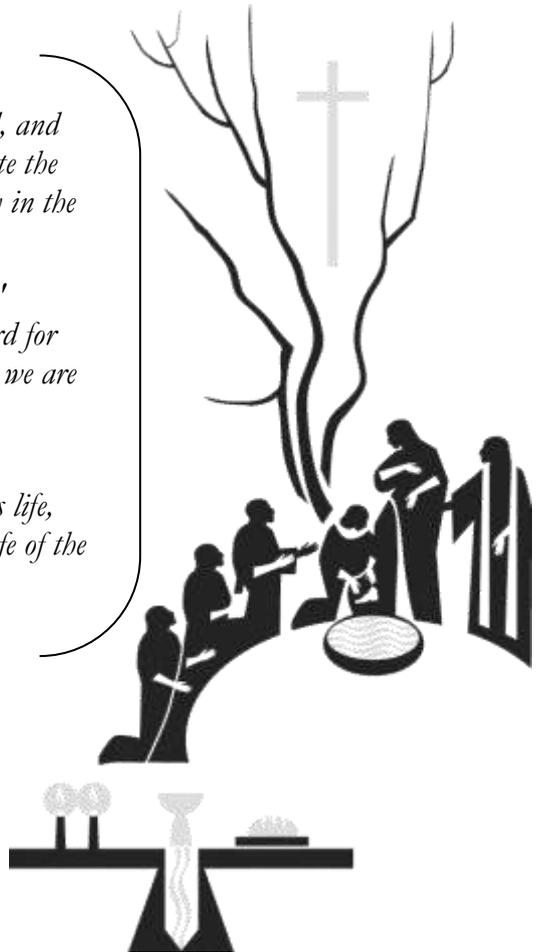
THE LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2014 + 7:15 p.m.

With nightfall 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. We glory in the cross of Christ, for he is our joy and our resurrection

At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. Maundy is the word for "command." As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved.

At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.



Please turn off all cell phones before the liturgy begins.

* – those who are able may **stand**

Bold – all

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE – *Sonata in a minor*
i. Siciliana

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.
Following an introduction and invitation, please kneel if you are able. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**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.**

The pastor announces God's forgiveness, reflecting the Church's tradition which teaches that ordained clergy are called to speak the forgiveness of sin that comes from God.

***Those who desire may come forward** and either kneel or stand for the laying on of hands as an individual sign of God's forgiveness. You may respond "amen."*

The New Testament describes this ancient practice of laying on of hands as a sign of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit passed from one member of the body of Christ to another.

During the laying on of hands the following is sung:

Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is God who has torn us, and God will heal the tear;
for it is God who has struck us, and God will bind us up.

Come, let us return to the LORD.

After two days God revives us, on the third will raise us up,
that we may stand before the Lord and live in God's sight.

Let us come to know the Lord, whose appearing is sure as the dawn;
who will come to us like showers as the spring rains that water the earth.

(Based on Hosea 6:1-3)

Stand and turn to face the cross as it processes; you may bow as the cross pauses, honoring the mystery of salvation.

GATHERING HYMN – #660 *Lift High the Cross*

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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

At the seder meal of Passover, Jews tell the story of Exodus 12. Christians remember the old Passover as a parallel to the new Passover. Over the Three Days we keep the Christian Passover: Jesus is the lamb whose blood saves the people from death.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 116

Setting: Noel Donnelly

The refrain is sung by the cantor and repeated by the assembly. Verses are sung by the cantor.

Refrain:



I trusted when I felt afflicted, I walk in the sight of the Lord, and even in the face of death I will walk in the presence of God.

Refrain

Your servant, Lord, is ever trusting. My bonds you have loosened with care. I offer thanks and sacrifice; I will walk in the presence of God.

Refrain

My vows to God I keep with gladness, I dwell in the house of my Lord. My promises I will fulfill. I will walk in the presence of God.

Refrain

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Appropriately on Maundy Thursday the second reading is Paul's narration of Jesus' last supper with his disciples before his death. During the Three Days, our eucharist heeds Paul's advice: we share food equally, as does one loving body, and we see the meaning of the meal in the death of Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*Stand to welcome the gospel and turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly.
The acclamation is sung by the cantor.*

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another just as I have loved you.

(Text: John 13:34; Setting: Aaron David Miller)

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

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

The holy gospel according to John.

As the gospel is announced you may trace a small cross on your forehead, lips and breast, a prayer that the Word may dwell in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY – #359 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

SILENCE

✠ FOOTWASHING ✠

Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. Footwashing signifies the call of all the baptized to be servants. We offer our lives in service for the sake of the world that God so deeply loves.

As the music begins, those who desire are invited to remove your shoes and socks and move to one of the four footwashing stations.

As one of the chairs becomes available, take a seat to have your feet washed. Then wash the feet of the next person, gently pouring water over them and drying them with a towel.

Finally, return to your seat and, put on your shoes and socks.

You may continue to move to any station as the hymns are sung and as chairs become available.

MUSIC DURING THE FOOTWASHING

ANTHEM – *Where Charity and Love are Shown*

Joaquín Madurga

Where charity and love are shown, our God is there made known.

One assembly at one table; one the cup, the bread, the wine;
in one love we are companions, and in unity we dine.

Brought together by the presence and the promise of God's Word,
here in joy and in remembrance we receive our loving Lord.

At the table we are welcomed to the banquet from above.

We recall the Lord's commandment that we live and grow in love.

As the gifts of God are given, Jesus' body and his blood,
so we give ourselves to others and we seek our neighbor's good.

This, the bread of life eternal; this the saving cup we claim,
draw us close within one fam'ly, make us one in Jesus' name.

Let us tell the living story of his suffering and his pain,
and proclaim the holy myst'ry; Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

(Text: Joaquín Madurga, trans. Martin A. Seltz)

HYMN – #659 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

HYMN – #642 *Ubi Caritas*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - 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 image shows a musical score for the hymn "Ubi Caritas". It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system's lyrics are "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - a - mor, Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The second system's lyrics are "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God;
your mercy is great.

*PEACE

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

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.



✠ MEAL ✠

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND SETTING THE TABLE

Please gather in the chancel area, placing your offering in the plate at the front of the church.

Reflecting our call to servanthood, it is traditional that the offering on Maundy Thursday is for the poor, and tonight's offering will be given to support the World Hunger Appeal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

...we join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

As a sign of openness to the divine presence, you may join the presider in praying the Our Father with the ancient gesture of extended hands.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table, including children. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by either drinking from or dipping the bread in the cup. Those not communing may receive a blessing, keeping your hands folded or extended over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone. Please return to your pew after communing.

COMMUNION ANTHEM – *When twilight comes*

Francisco Feliciano (b. 1941)

When twilight comes and the sun sets, mother hen prepares for night's rest.
As her brood shelters under her wings she gives the love of God to her nest.
Oh! what joy to feel her warm heartbeat and be near her all night long;
So the young can find repose, then renew tomorrow's song.

One day the Rabbi, Lord Jesus, called the twelve to share his last meal.
As the hen tends her young, so for them he spent himself to seek and to heal.
Oh! what joy to be with Christ Jesus, hear his voice, oh! sheer delight,
And receive his servant care: all before the coming night.

So gather 'round once again, friends, touched by fading glow of sun's gold,
And recount all our frail human hopes: the dreams of young and stories of old.
Oh! what joy to pray close together, kneeling as one family,
By a mother's love embraced in the blessed Trinity.
(Text: Moses Andrade, b. 1948, trans. James Minchin, b. 1942)

SILENCE

PRAYER – *Kneel, and remain so through the stripping of the altar, if you are able*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 88 is sung as the communion vessels
are removed and the altar is stripped,
leaving the sanctuary bare for Good Friday.
On this night the disciples betrayed, denied, and abandoned Jesus.
From his last supper Christ walked to his humiliation and death.
There is no benediction; we exit in silence.
The liturgy continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 7:15 p.m.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

PRESIDING MINISTER	Pr. Michelle L. Sevig
PREACHING MINISTER	Pr. Craig M. Mueller
MINISTER OF MUSIC	David R. Brackley
ASSISTING MINISTER	Josh Evans
CRUCIFER	Angel Figueroa
READERS	Ann Sanders
CANTOR	Beth Kregor
VIOLA	Sean Diller
GUITAR	John Kregor
MEDITATION BELL	Meggen Saka



Join us for the continuation of the Triduum worship tomorrow evening at 7:15 p.m. for the **Good Friday** liturgy. Join us also for The **Great Vigil of Easter** on Saturday at 7:45 p.m., a highlight of our church year, and followed by a festive champagne reception.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Whoever you are, wherever you're from, or whatever your feelings about religion or spirituality, you are welcome here.

Easter Sunday Services

Join us on Easter Sunday for two Festival Eucharist services—9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.—each featuring strings, brass, and the Holy Trinity Choir.

Holy Trinity Offers Saturday Night Services

5:00 p.m. at Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn (South Loop)

Join us if you are downtown, cannot attend Sunday, or would like to avoid the busy Wrigleyville neighborhood on Cubs home games.

More info: htloop.org

Offering at Holy Trinity

We rely on the generosity of members and friends to support the programs, staff, building, and ministries of Holy Trinity and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A large number of the congregation gives their offerings through Electronic Funds Transfer. You can also **donate online** at giving.htchicago.org. We still pass the offering plate as well! We appreciate your contributions of time, talent, and financial support!

Lunch With ELCA Missionary Robin Strickler

Sunday, April 27 + 11:45 a.m. + Lunch Provided

Robin Strickler is an ELCA missionary who has served 8 years in Rwanda, which is remembering this year the 20th anniversary of the 1994 genocide. Robin is the founder and director of a high school which focuses on environmental and social sustainability. Now in its fifth year, the school is helping students to become future leaders of Rwanda. Come and hear about Rwanda's efforts to engage in reconciliation and build a new society.

ONE Northside Convention

Join 1,000 members of ONE Northside (formerly the Lakeview Action Coalition) at our Inaugural Convention this spring to act powerfully for our shared values of racial, social and economic justice. Together, we will ask for public commitments from our elected officials, local housing developers, the police department, and corporate CEOs to advance our campaigns for affordable housing, education, mental health justice, violence prevention and economic justice.

Details:

Sunday, May 4, 2014, 2:30 p.m. (*Doors open at 2pm*) at Anshe Emet Synagogue (3751 N. Broadway St. St.)



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