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# Maundy Thursday

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P Friends in Christ,  
in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call  
to 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 called at baptism.  
Within the community of the church,  
God never wearies of forgiving sin  
and giving the peace of reconciliation.  
On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor,  
and enter the celebration of the great Three Days  
reconciled with God and with one another.

*All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,  
**C 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.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P 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.  
**C Amen.**

### GREETING

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

## LESSONS

Exodus 12:1-14

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A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

## Sermon

## Hymn

“Amazing Grace” ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Pastor concludes each petition with:*

P Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

*Pastor closes the petitions with:*

P We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

C Amen.

# THE PEACE

## HOLY COMMUNION/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

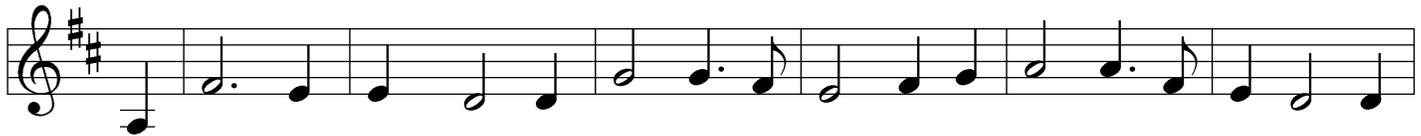
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

*All people who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to come and receive Christ's body and blood. Regardless of your church background or affiliation, you are welcome to come forward. We will begin with those seated on the pulpit side of the congregation then those seated on the keyboard side then those that are in the back section. You may come down the center aisle to receive the bread. Choose an individual cup (red is wine, white is grape juice) to receive and use the receptacle to dispose of your cup as you return to your seat using the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

# Hymn

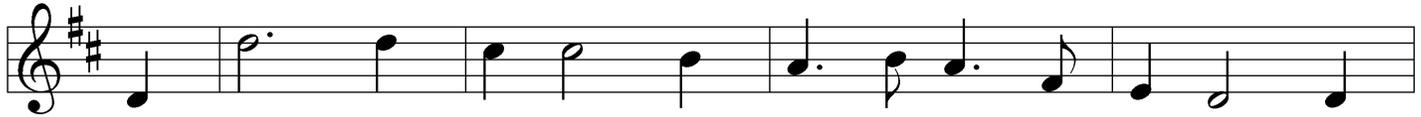
## "A New Commandment"



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo - ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

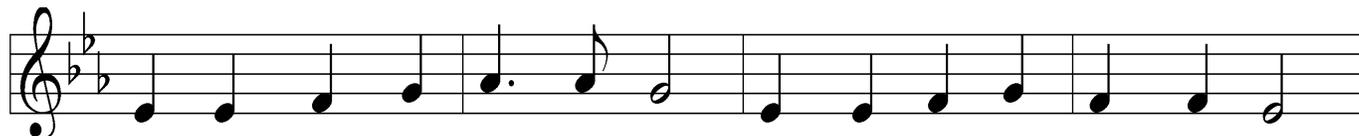
## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Lord Jesus,  
in a wonderful sacrament  
you strengthen us with the saving power  
of your suffering, death, and resurrection.  
May this sacrament of your body and blood  
so work in us that the fruits of your redemption  
will show forth in the way we live,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

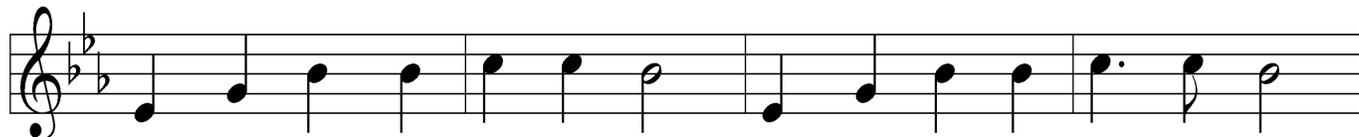
**C** Amen.

# Hymn

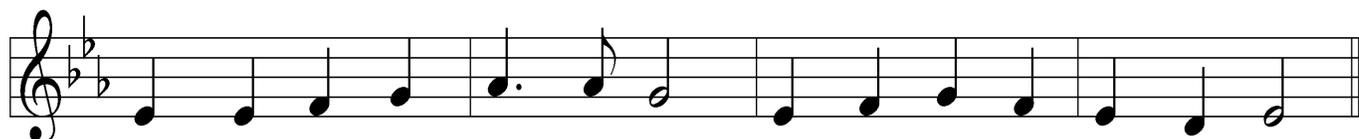
## "Go to Dark Gethsemane"



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,



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.



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.

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" Words: James Montgomery and Music: Richard Redhead Public Domain

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

### PSALM 22 *(to be read responsively whole verse by whole verse)*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?

**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;  
by night as well, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

**Our forefathers put their trust in you;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

They cried out to you and were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**But as for me, I am a worm and no man,  
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn;  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

**"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;**

**you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

**Many young bulls encircle me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

They open wide their jaws at me,  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

**Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;  
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.**

They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them; they  
cast lots for my clothing.

**Be not far away, O LORD;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

Save me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.

**Save me from the lion's mouth,  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**

I will declare your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**Praise the LORD, you that fear him; stand in awe of him.  
O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he  
hide his face from them;  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

**My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:

**"May your heart live forever!"**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

For kingship belongs to the LORD;  
he rules over the nations.

**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.

**They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done. †**

THERE IS NO BENEDICTION:  
JESUS IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF HIS CAPTORS.  
WE LEAVE IN SILENCE

***Good Friday***

Ecumenical Service 12:00PM @ St. Stephen

Tenebrae Service 7:00PM @ St. Stephen

***Easter***

10:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 AM Worship

After worship we will have coffee and pastries in the Narthex for those who wish to join! Everyone is welcome!

**Serving Today**

Celebrant: Pr. Beth Ferne Johnson

Music: Scott Ballard