



Maundy Thursday  
*April 2, 2026*



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*Welcome to Worship...*

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 65 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;**

**However, please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

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*Please silence your cell phones at this time.*

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*Welcome*

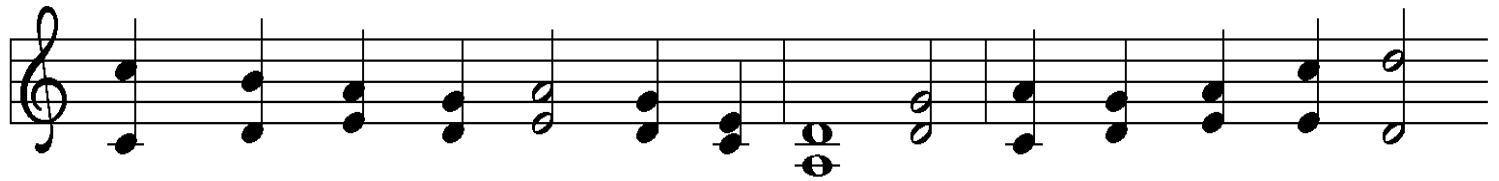
*P* This is the night that it begins...

...How you are pleading with us to love, as your friends break your heart.  
How you are showing us how to remember, when we long to forget  
that in your undoing, you remade the world.

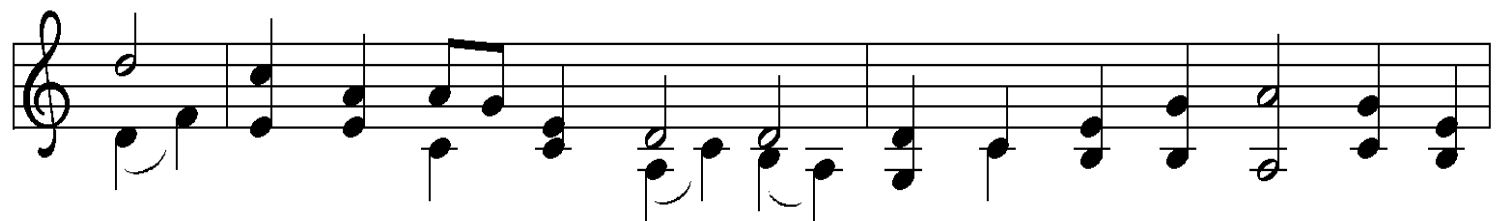
## What Wondrous Love Is This



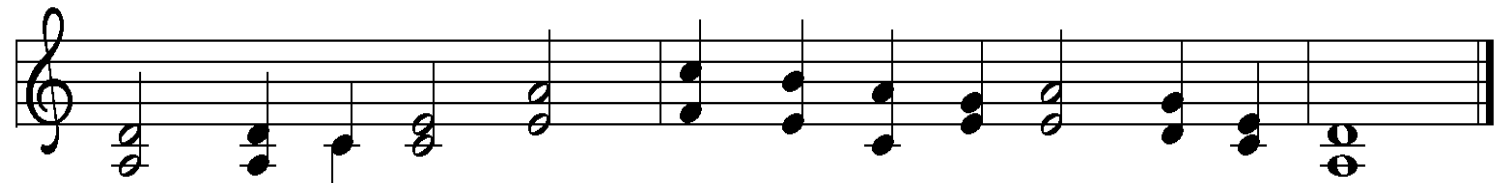
What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?

*P* The disciples struggled to make sense of the way Jesus challenged the status quo.

That night in the upper room was no different.

Jesus got up and radically changed the hierarchical structure of that gathering by showing how the first can be last and the last can be first.

The hierarchy of our day can be disrupted if we but follow Jesus in this final act of table hospitality that invites us to get up out of our own position in order to serve and lift up others.

## Prayer of Confession

*P* Let us pray together:

**All** Loving God, source of all good

we live, as Jesus did,

in times that teeter on the brink of catastrophe.

At times we are stuck in our seats,

hanging on for dear life to things that we mistake for security

and keep us tied to the way things are,

even if they aren't for the good.

In this moment of quiet, we lift up to you

those things we'd like to give up for good...

for the sake of The Good.

*P* Hear assurance in what the Psalmist proclaims:...

...In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

**All** In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

*P* Jesus Christ become Peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the Peace of our risen Lord by "speaking" that Peace through sign language.*

HOMILY

Pr. Gordon Young

## Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

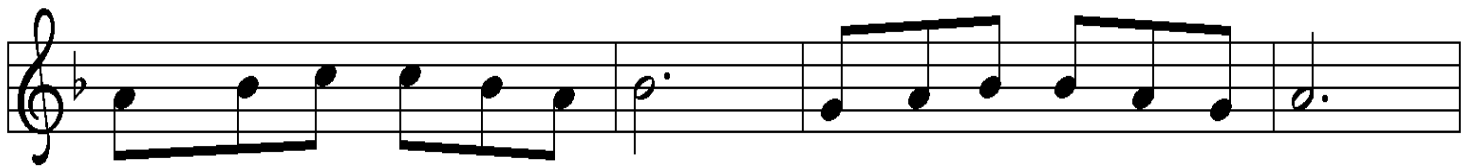
### Invitation to the Upper Room

### An Invitation to Foot Washing

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Refrain*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,      si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
 2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor,      var - ied in col - or and race,  
 3 These are the ones we will serve,      these are the ones we will love;  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,      si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave      to them.  
 neigh - bors are near - by and far      a - way.  
 all these are neigh - bors to us      and you.  
 this is the way we will live      with you.

Holy Communion

*P* You are invited this evening to a Ritual of Love...  
 ...Yet we come knowing “the rest of the story,” that the lonely, the broken, and forgotten, are cherished in the Kingdom of God.



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the



lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

*P* Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray...

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

**All** 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.

Prayers of the People

*We Lift Up*

*By Nick Ehrhardt*

**All** Ooooh, Ooooooh, We Lift Up Our Prayers.

*(Repeat throughout)*

*Leader* For the planet, for its people.  
For the church and it's many shapes of steeples.  
For the hungry, for the cold.  
For the young and for the old.  
For our joy and for our pain.  
For the sunshine for the rain.  
For the dying, for the sick.  
For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.  
For our leaders for their minds.  
For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.  
For the world and its frantic pace.  
For the places where we find deeper space.  
For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.  
For the chance for a prayer for everyone.  
For our words and for our silence. (Pause)

**All** Ooooh, Ooooooh, Ahhhmen.

### Post Communion Blessing

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

**All** Amen.

# The Garden Vigil

Stripping of the Altar

Offering of Song

Kamberlynn Washburn

## Psalm 88

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives...

When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Luke 22: 39-53

Stay with Me

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
pray. Watch and pray.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and'. The second staff continues with 'pray. Watch and pray.' The melody is simple and uses a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases held over from the previous staff.

*You are invited to stay as long as you wish,  
keeping vigil as those disciples did in the Garden that night.  
And when you go, do so remembering that  
God is inviting you to UpEnd the status quo  
of your life,  
of societal oppression,  
of hatred and fear.  
Turn it all upside down for love.*

**Depart in Silence**

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