

Love looks for Us:
A Feast of Love



Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2023



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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 50 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 worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know
a nursery is provided for children under 4 years of age.

Please silence your cell phones at this time.

Introduction to this Day

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.' At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. 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 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.

Welcome

P This is the night that it begins,
the festival of grief and somehow triumph.
The end is near.

Jesus, we are beginning to understand that
your grace makes no sense –
grace sits next to betrayers,
grace washes the feet of backstabbers,
grace breaks bread with the disloyal,
grace shares a cup with double-dealers.

Jesus, you are undoing every guarantee
that in loving you, I will not lose.

You are losing everything.

Bless me now, as I see your sacrifice.

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.



(All)

Hearts o - pen, minds a -



wake, change us now for heav - en's



sake; leave us not a - lone in ha - tred's wake. -



- Show us how - to love, show us how -

- to love, show us how, show us how -

- to love.

P During this season of Lent, we have focused on the many ways we search for meaning and purpose in our lives. Through the stories of Jesus our hearts are opened to understanding how to truly love and to receive the deep love of Jesus.

In our worship this evening commemorating the last night Jesus spent in community with his disciples, we remember and experience a supper unlike any other. One in which Jesus showed his beloved friends, and shows us, what it is to love deeply.

The culminating irony of our Love Story with the Holy is that we are not the ones who need to look for Love because Love comes looking for us.

Especially in our brokenness and sorrow,
Love is here – already and always!

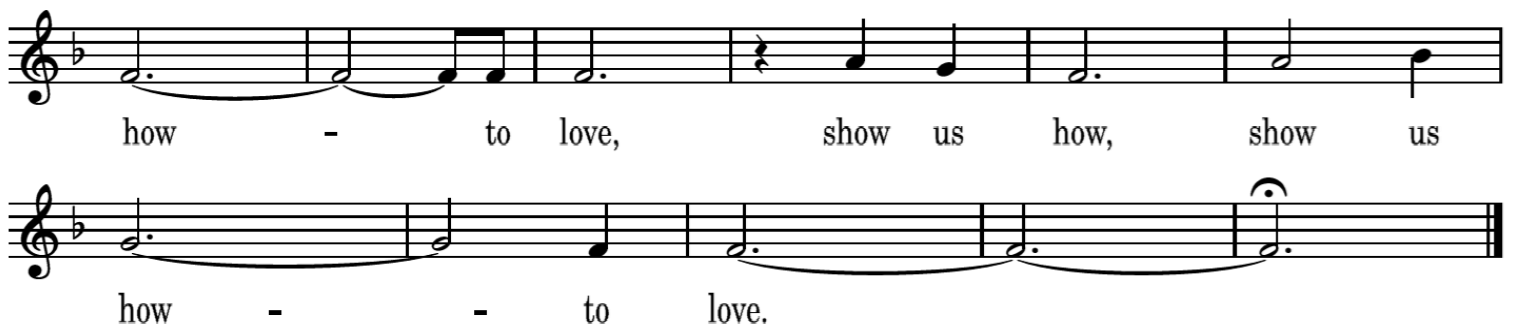
This is the source of our ability to love one another.

(All) Eyes o - pen, shocked a -

wake, much to learn from our mis -

takes; draw us clo - ser in our heart - ache.

Show us how - to love, show us



how - to love, show us how, show us
 how - - to love.

Calling on God

L Let us pray:

Holy One, You who lay a table of blessing before us,
 you have heard us and have come to us.

**All We lift up the cup of salvation in praise,
 we break open and share our love.**

**Open us this night to your presence
 in our lives of delight and sorrow—**

in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

P As we prepare to come to the table of Jesus just as he called his disciples to his table in the days after that triumphant procession, let us join together in a prayer of confession.

♪ ♪ **Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison** ♪ ♪

Kyrie Eleison, I pray.

P Let us pray:

Holy and Merciful One,

in this season of discernment we have come bringing our deepest longings, and our failed attempts at satisfying them.

We have confessed that we often looked for love, for acceptance and security, in the spectacular and mighty of this world,

while denigrating the common and simple ways we could love more fully.

All **We yearn for lives that matter,
we desire relationships that thrive,
we want less regret.**

P At times we fail to see that you have already given us what really matters:
your love and acceptance.

You provide opportunities all around us
to make a difference in the lives of others.

You give us a fresh start each day,
inviting us to do better.

In this silence, we bring to you our pleas for openness
to a different way of living.

Silence for self reflection.

My friends, be assured by the Psalmist who has said,

“God is good and God’s steadfast love endures forever!”

Let us respond together:

All **We open our hearts,
our minds,
our souls,
our vision
to the ways of love created by God,
embodied in Jesus,
and already moving in us by the Spirit.
We are forgiven, loved, and freed! Amen**

Sharing the Peace

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.

P Christ become Love and Peace with you.

All **And also with you.**

Blest Are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

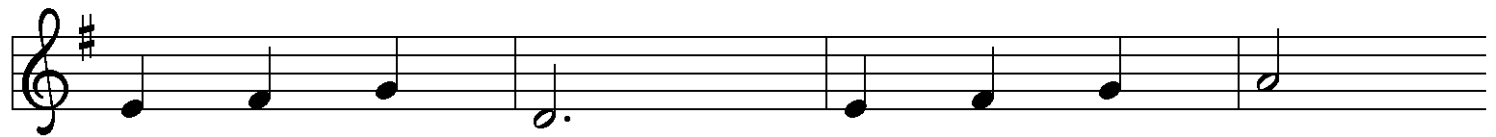


full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled. *(to verse 2)*
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill. *(to refrain)*
 pure of heart; they shall see God. *(to verse 4)*
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs. *(to refrain)*
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see. *(to refrain)*

Refrain



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

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

Now 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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had

come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little 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.'

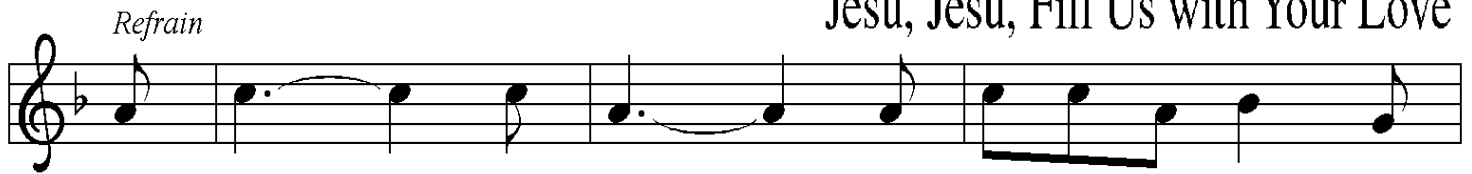
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

An Invitation to Foot Washing

P We love offering blessings to people we find easy to love...
...Tonight you are invited to experience the simple blessing of love.

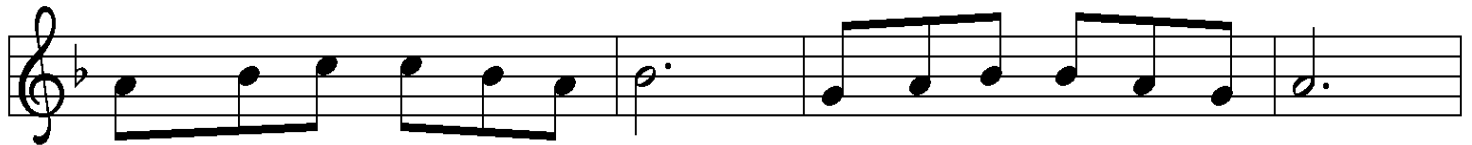
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



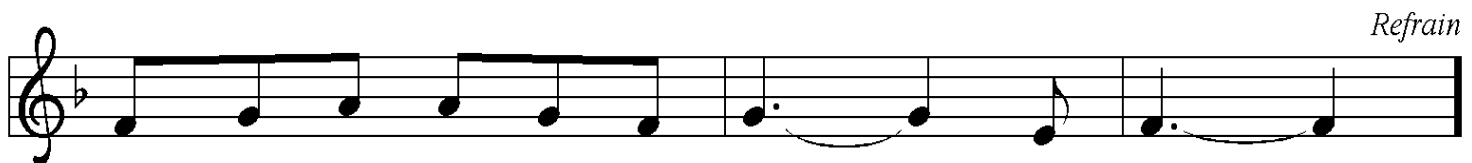
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



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:



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.

Refrain

Holy Communion

P The Holy Living God be with you.

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

All We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
anytime and everywhere to give thanks to you.
You created this world full of so much beauty and sorrow
and called it Good. And called it Enough.

Although we feel lost at times,
you are ever present.

We doubt, resist, turn away, and rage,
insistent on our own power to pull us through,
and yet sure that we are to blame,
making life seem like a confusing paradox.

But you are patient.

You are here to meet us—reside with us in strange and alienating times,
always faithful, always present
in this Body...
in this Body.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Now gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught.

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.
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.**

The Invitation

P Here is food and drink for the journey.
 Take and be filled.

Communion Songs

Lamb Of God *Words and Music by
Twila Paris*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have
2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and
(3. I was so) lost I should have died; But You have



sent _____ Him from Your _____ side, _____ to walk up -
scorned _____ Him as He _____ died. _____ The hum - ble
brought _____ me to Your _____ side _____ to be led



on _____ this guilt - y sod, _____ and to be - come the Lamb of
King _____ they named a fraud, _____ and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of
by _____ Your staff and rod, _____ and to be called a lamb of

1
God. 2 Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of
God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the ho - ly Lamb of
God. Oh, wash me in His pre - cious blood, my Je - sus
Christ, the Lamb of God. 3 I was so
blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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2nd time to Coda

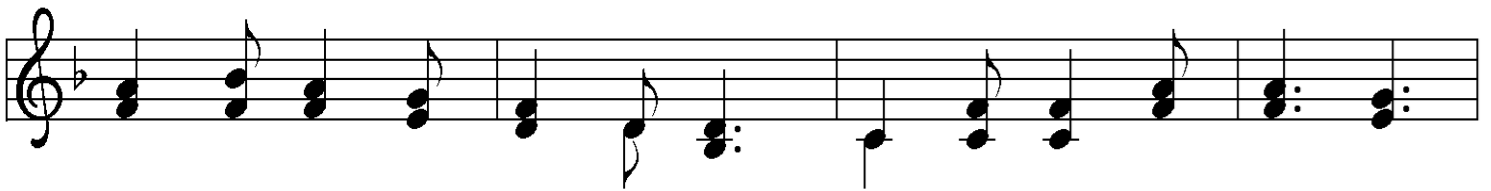
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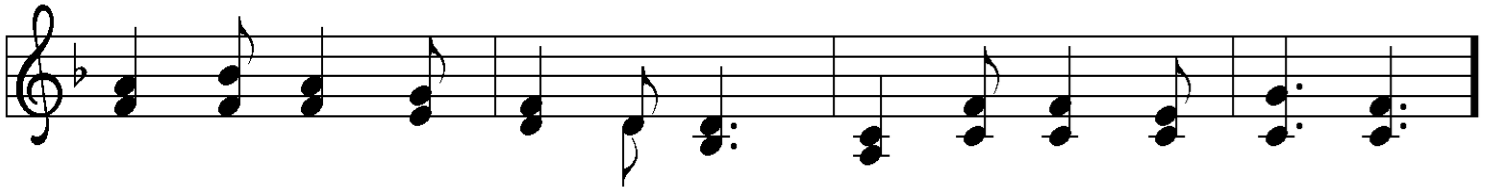
Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

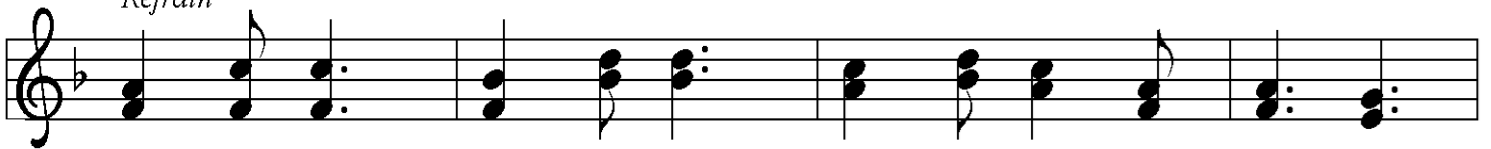


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

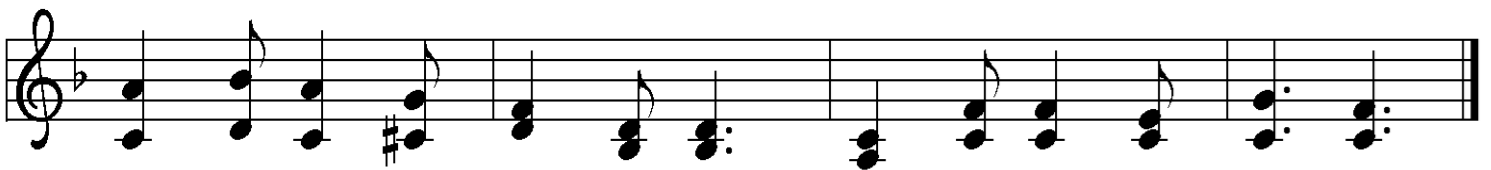


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

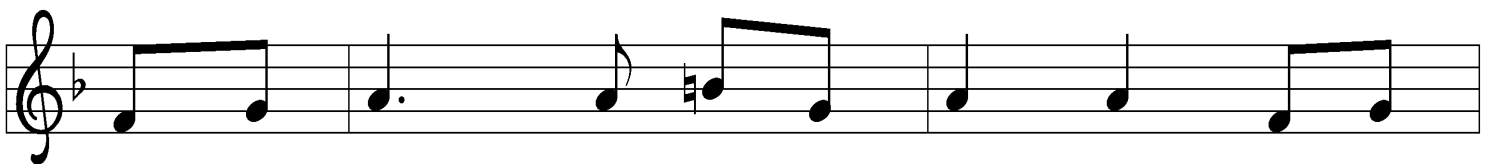


In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

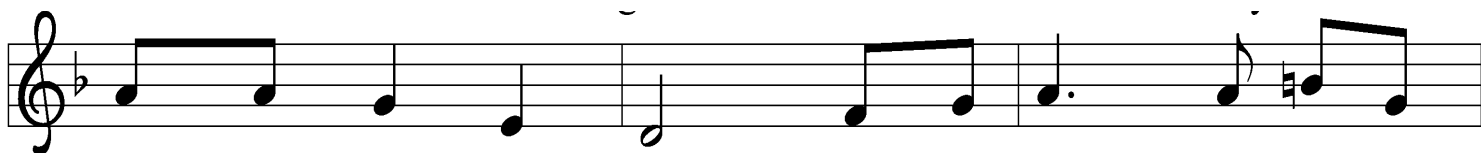


till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling
4 From the dawn - ing of cre - a - tion you have



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and
 loved us as your own; stay with us through all temp -



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the
 ta - tion, make us turn to you a - lone, make us



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.
 turn to you a - lone.

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; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? 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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. 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 contains the melody for the second line: "pray. Watch and pray." The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and uses mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.

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

You are invited to stay as long as you wish and leave in silence