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March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday “Love Altered”

Thursday, March 28, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

*Confession and Forgiveness p. 258

Laying on of Hands

People may come forward for the laying on of hands and personal forgiveness.

*Hymn 616 “Jesus Remember Me”

*Hymn 572 “Now It Is Evening”

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Solo “Ave Verum” A. Grimaldi

Word

First Reading Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (see page 3)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*Gospel Acclamation “I give you a new commandment...” p. 260

*Gospel Reading John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Reflection

*Hymn 930 (see page 4) “Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now”

Footwashing

All are welcome forward, remembering Jesus’ call to love and serve one another. This symbolic action has been practiced in the church since at least the 7th century. Please sit down in the front right pews (in front of the pulpit and also under the balcony.) The ministers will wash feet. Please aid by removing your socks and shoes.

Footwashing Hymns

Hymn 659

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Hymn 642

“Ubi Caritas”

*Prayers of Intercession

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 188

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

An abbreviated Communion liturgy will take place around the small altar. Come up and form a semi-circle around the altar. Hymnals are not needed.

Communion Hymn 708

“Jesu, Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Table Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

Stripping of the Altar

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Psalm 22

The altar is stripped, the Psalm is sung, and finally the lights are dimmed. The emptying of the sanctuary is a metaphor for both Christ and the church being emptied for death. You are invited to remain seated or kneeling in quiet prayer and meditation before departing in silence.

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Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19



¹*I love* the LORD, who has heard | my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear | to me
whenev- | er I called.**

¹²How shall I repay | the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of | salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to | the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, | O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

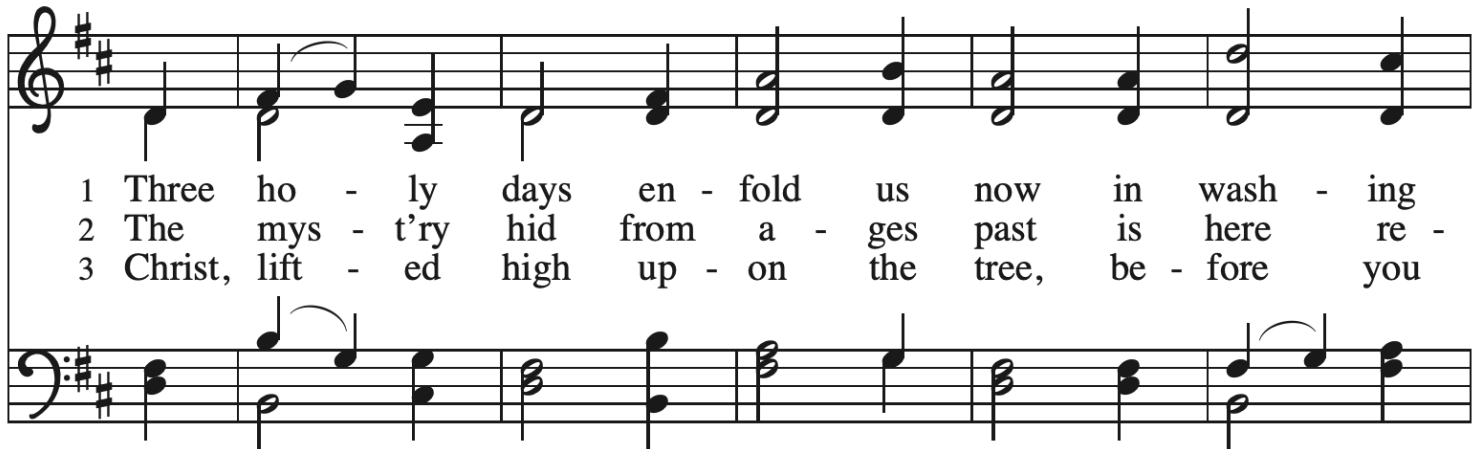
¹⁶O LORD, truly I am | your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

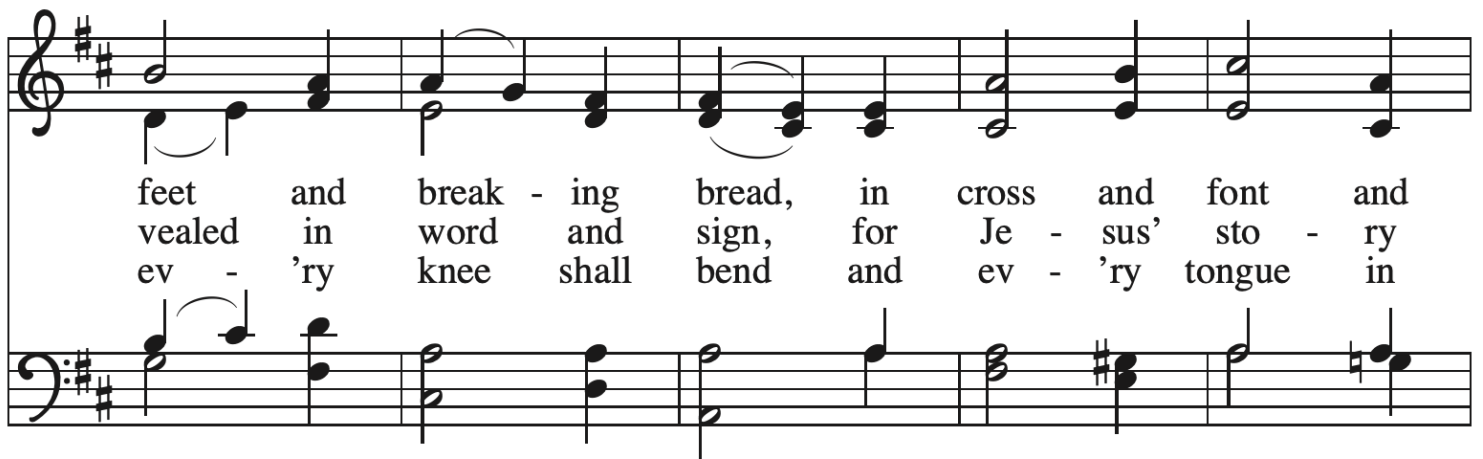
¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to | the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,

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

Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you



feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
veiled in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in



life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

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This evening 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. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Vocalist: Jennifer Enns Modolo

Communion Server: Lynda Karn

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Marie, Grace, Maureen and John.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Important Information for tonight's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **Lower Level Sanctuary Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.



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