

Maundy Thursday

Unbroken
A living faith

April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday

“God meets us in bread, wine and water”

Thursday, April 17, 2025

(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude *“Arabesque Op. 6, No. 4”* G. Karganov

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness p. 258

Laying on of Hands

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

Hymns During the Laying on of Hands

Hymn 358 *“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”*

Hymn 708 *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 9-21, 31, 35

Solo *“O Love, Be Deep”* W. MacNutt

Second Reading Romans 6:1-5

*Gospel Acclamation *“Let your Steadfast Love”* p. 125

*Gospel Luke 22:1-23

Homily

*Hymn of the Day 494 *“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”*

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. You will be directed where to sit if you would like to participate. The ministers will wash feet. Please aid by removing your socks and shoes.

Hymns during the Footwashing

Hymn 642	<i>“Ubi Caritas Et Amor”</i>
Hymn 659	<i>“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”</i>
Hymn 359	<i>“Where Charity and Love Prevail”</i>

*Prayers of Intercession

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 186	<i>“Create in Me a Clean Heart”</i>
*Great Thanksgiving	p. 129
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table II	
*Lord’s Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymn (see page 4)	<i>“Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now”</i>

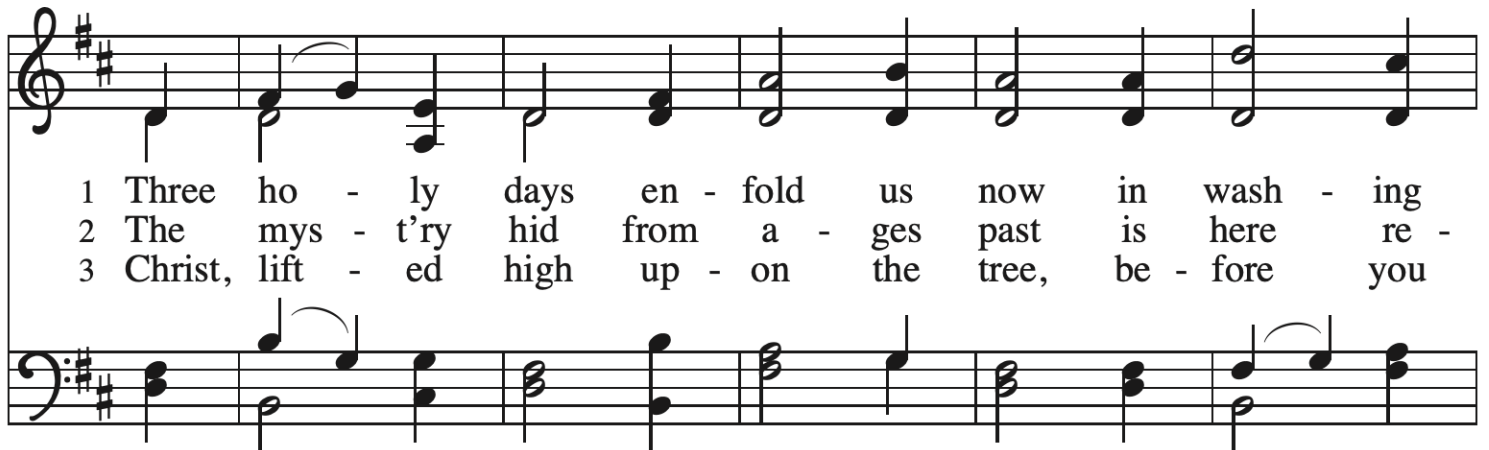
Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

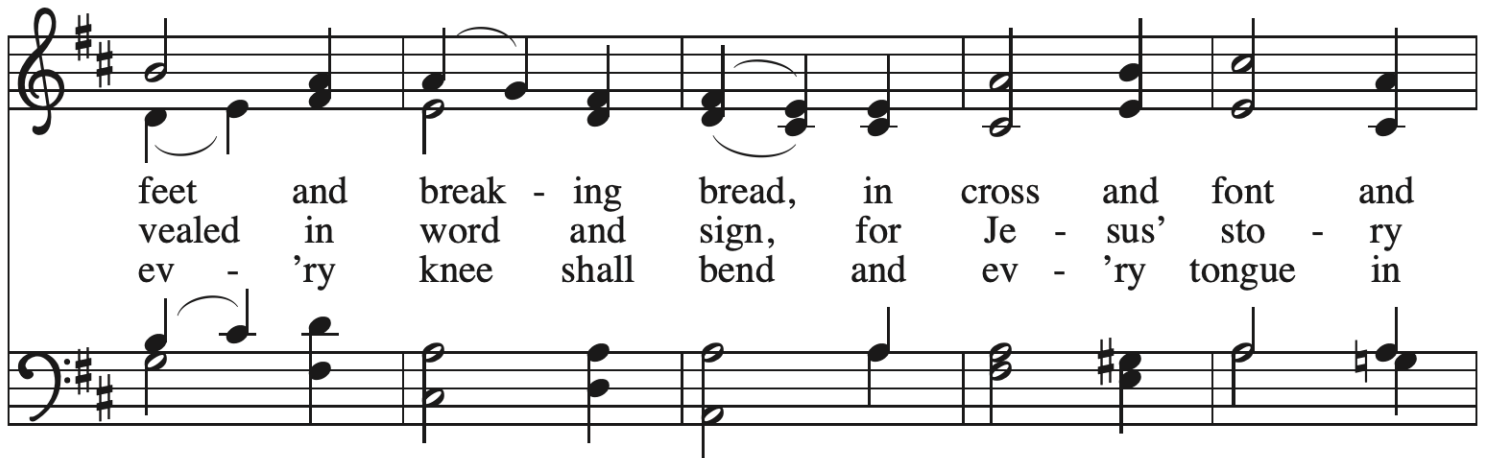
Stripping of the Altar & Reading of Psalm 88

The altar is stripped, the Psalm is read by the Lector, 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.

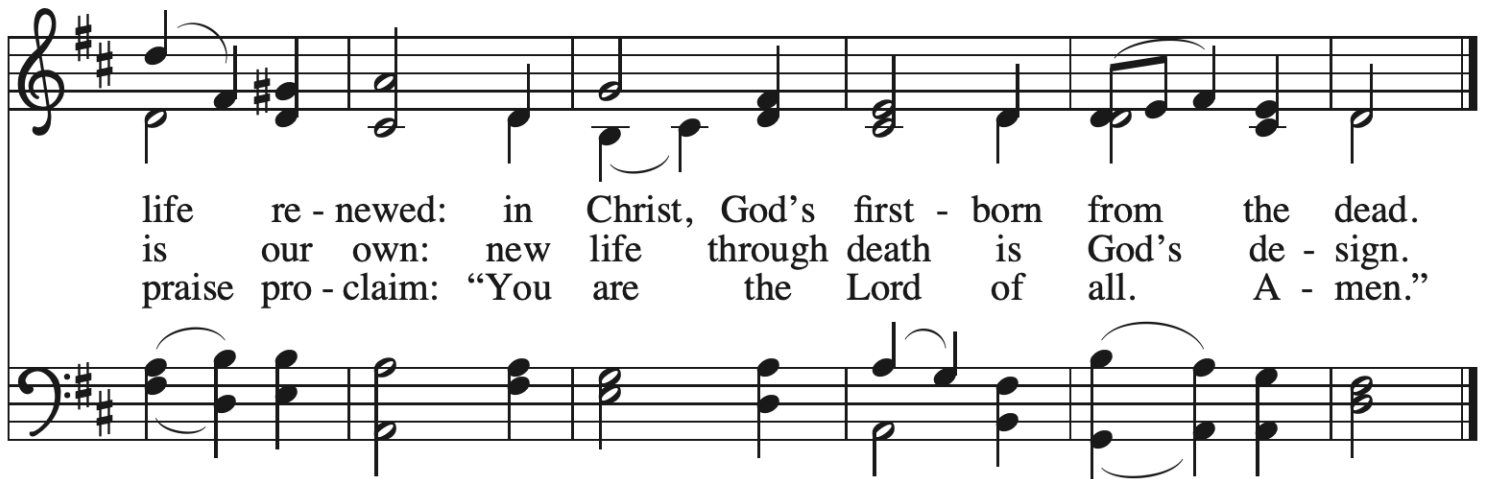
Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now



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
vealed 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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God meets us in bread, wine, and water. God promises to meet us in, with, and under simple elements of daily life. At a table that Jesus sets, God forgives us and feeds us with love eternal. In water and promise, God brings us to new life and breathes in us gifts that help the world. Through these ordinary elements, God does some truly extraordinary things. We can delight in God's goodness and all across creation, seeing God in a beautiful sunset, the laugh of a small child, or the warmth of a fire, trusting we can always return to bread, wine, and water, where God will always be waiting for us.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Scott Kuschnereit

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholar: Sarah Hu-A-Kam

Building Monitor: Don Robins (519-502-2099)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

Important Information for today'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.
- **Downstairs 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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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. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13 at 9:30 am

Celebrate with us Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with palm branches and song in an Intergenerational Service.



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Thursday, April 17

Soup Supper at 5:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm

Gather to commemorate the Last Supper and the Footwashing.



Good Friday

Friday, April 18 at 9:30 am

Join us to observe the most solemn day of the church year; the day Jesus was crucified.



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 am

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy!



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