

# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP April 14, 2022

Readers: Sydney Hinz, Lorie Hoeft, Kip Hauser

Prelude "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" David Hegarty

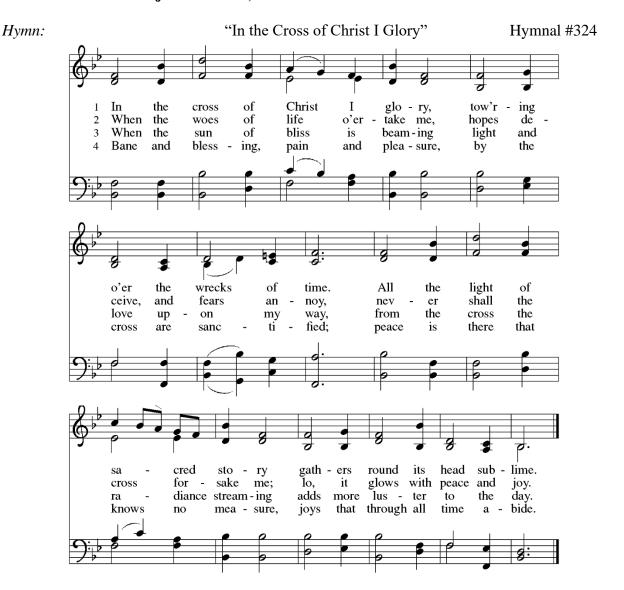
Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader 1:

Jesus spent his life teaching us the meaning of love. Through word and deed Jesus showed us how to love God and to love one another. He fed the hungry. He healed the sick. He invited the women and the children and the tax collectors and the sinners to come to his table. He broke bread with the least and the lost and shared the cup of redemption with them all. He crossed boundaries of race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, and class. He challenged religious authority, and he scoffed at pomposity and self-absorbed grandeur. He called out the hypocrites. He admonished the scribes and the Pharisees for their hardened hearts. He brought a simple message: Love God, love yourself, and love one another.

All: We gather in the name of Jesus and remember the way that he showed us. We gather to remember not just his death, but his life.

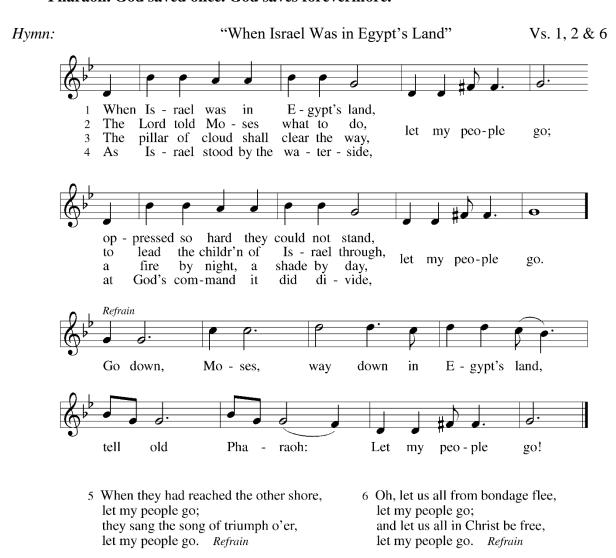


## Leader 2:

The way of Jesus goes through the cross, but we're not there yet. It is close. We can see its shadow. We can feel the cold, dark, night. We know that the enemies of God are conspiring. They have had enough of him. He threatens their power. They will come for him. First though, we will gather. We gather with Jesus and his closest friends. We gather with those that called him teacher, Rabbi, friend.

We gather for the Passover meal, to remember that God saved the people from slavery. God saved once. God saves forever more.

# All: God saved the Israelites at Passover, and revealed that it is God who reigns, not the Pharaoh. God saved once. God saves forevermore.



#### Leader 3:

Even as they were sharing this sacred meal together, the disciples were not of one heart. Jesus knew that he was asking much from these men, and he knew that they would fail him. Judas had already agreed to betray Jesus to the religious authorities. Was he angry at some slight? Was he disappointed that Jesus would not raise an army against the Romans? Was he upset with the value of the oil that the woman "wasted" when she anointed Jesus? We will never know Judas' heart, but Jesus knew that he would be betrayed. And what did Jesus do with the man that would betray him? He broke bread with him. All of the disciples were deeply saddened, and they asked:

## All: I would never betray you, Lord. It's not me, is it?

# John 13:3-5, 12-15, 34-35

<sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## Meditation

Words of Institution

# Leader 3:

And so, in remembrance of these, God's mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

# All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

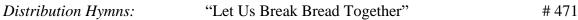
#### Pastor:

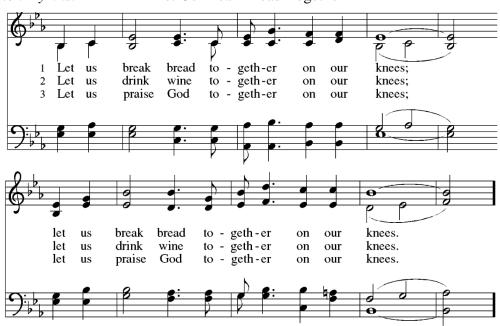
Pour out your Holy Spirit, Lord, on those gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the Body of Christ for the world. By your Holy Spirit, help us to love one another as you have loved us.

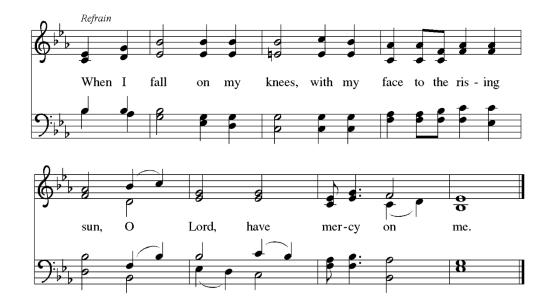
# All:

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.

# Holy Communion

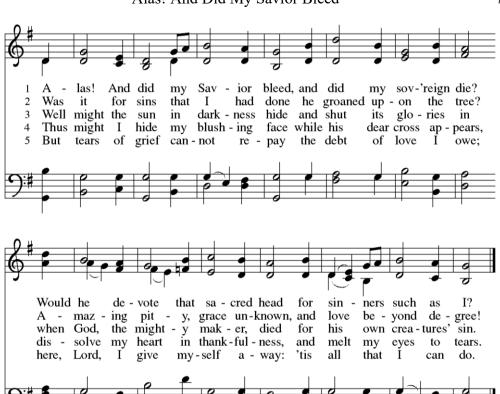


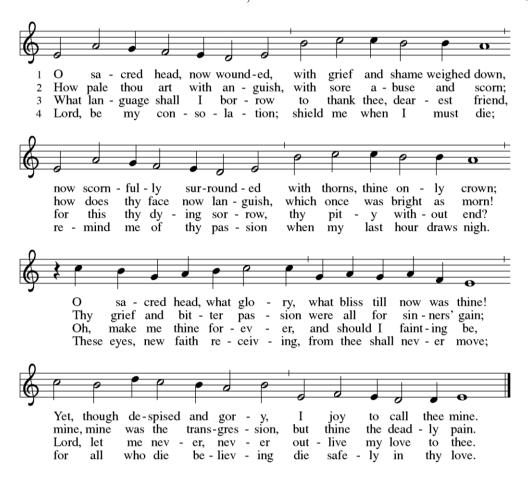






# 337





# Leader 1:

When the holy meal had been shared, the disciples began to argue over which one would be the greatest. Even here, at the end of their time together, they did not seem to understand what Jesus had been teaching them all along. He reminded them that to be great in the Kingdom of God meant to serve. After Jesus' talk of betrayal, the disciples seemed to be growing anxious. Peter proclaimed:

# All: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

#### Leader 1:

And Jesus replied, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day until you have denied three times that you know me."

Hymn

#### "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

(vs. 1-2) #325

I want Jesus to walk with me; walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me; walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me, walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; walt with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me; walt with me;

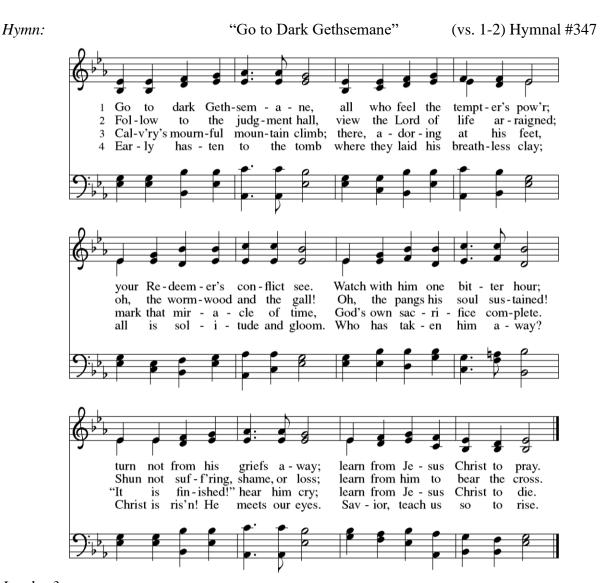
When my heart is almost breaking,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me, walk with me.

## Leader 2:

Afterwards, Jesus led his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane. He asked them to pray for him, for he wanted to be alone. There, Jesus prayed. He asked his friends to keep watch, but they kept falling asleep. He prayed for another way out. He prayed in anguish. He prayed as a man who could feel pain, who would be hurt by betrayal, who would be scarred by the scourge and would bleed when nails were driven into his arms and legs. He prayed as a man who knew that if he followed God's will, he would be charged, convicted, mocked, humiliated, abandoned, and nailed to a cross. Knowing all of this full well he prayed, "Not my will, but yours." Then he stood up for all that he had lived for. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial".

All: Judas said to Jesus, "Rabbi" and kissed him. Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.



# Leader 3:

There was a skirmish at the arrest, but his disciples quickly scattered. Peter, who had only hours before promised to go with Jesus to prison, even death, followed from a distance. During the trial, Peter remained hidden in the shadows. First a servant girl saw him and said, "This man was also with him."

# All: "Woman, I do not know him."

Leader 3:

A little later someone else, on seeing him said, "You also are one of them."

All: "Man, I am not."

Pastor:

Then, about an hour later, still another kept insisting, "Surely this man was with him, for he is a Galilean."

All: "I do not know what you are talking about. I do not know Jesus."

Leader 3

At that moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him, and he wept bitterly.

Hymn: "Lamb of God" #336

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But you have sent him from your side To walk upon the guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God, Oh, wash me in your precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble king we named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God, Oh, wash me in your precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, But you have brought me to your side To be led by your staff and rod And to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God, Oh, wash me in your precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

# Pastor:

We conclude our service tonight by stripping the altar. We do this to remember how Jesus, the Lamb of God, was stripped after his arrest. We do it in silence as we contemplate his humiliation for us. There will be no benediction or postlude tonight.

Stripping of the Altar

You're asked to leave in reflective silence and return for Good Friday and Easter Sunday services.