

Maundy Thursday 2024

The Agonie

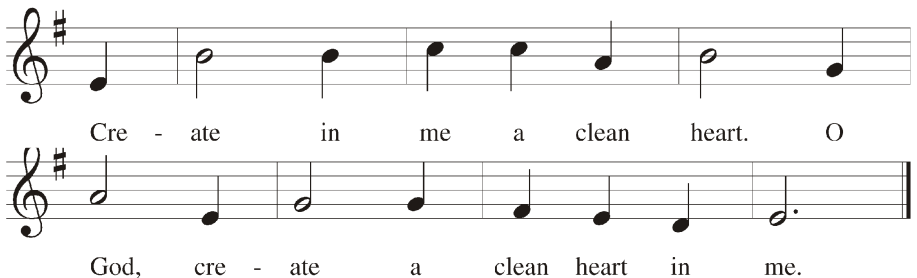
George Herbert

Philosophers have measur'd mountains,
Fathom'd the depths of seas, of states, and kings,
Walk'd with a staffe to heav'n, and traced fountains:
But there are two vast, spacious things,
The which to measure it doth more behove:
Yet few there are that sound them; Sinne and Love.
Who would know Sinne, let him repair
Unto mount Olivet; there shall he see
A man so wrung with pains, that all his hair,
His skinne, his garments bloudie be.
Sinne is that presse and vice, which forceth pain
To hunt his cruell food through ev'ry vein.
Who knows not Love, let him assay
And taste that juice, which on the crosse a pike
Did set again abroach; then let him say
If ever he did taste the like.
Love is that liquour sweet and most divine,
Which my God feels as bloud; but I, as wine.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Psalm 51



Cre - ate in me a clean heart. O
God, cre - ate a clean heart in me.

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;*

*according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin. R**

*For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.*

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,**

*so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.*

**Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner from my mother's womb. R**

*You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.*

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

*Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.*

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities. R**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.*

**Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you. R**

*Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.*

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

*For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.*

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. R**

*P: Let us pray.
Almighty God, merciful Father,*

C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and others. I am sorry for them, repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the faithfulness of your Son, Jesus the Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor unfaithful servant. Forgive my sins. Give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my failings. Keep me in your promise of life everlasting.

P: Let us make our confession, reflecting on God's Law and our Lutheran understanding of the expectations of God's commandments.

C: We are to fear, love and trust God above anything else.

P: You are to have no other Gods.

C: We are to fear, love and trust God above anything else.

P: You are not to take the Lord's name in vain.

C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not use His name superstitiously, or use it to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, but call on him in prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

P: You are to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not neglect His Word and the preaching of it but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

P: Honor your Mother and Father so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and others in right authority, but respect, obey, love, serve them and follow the way of their faith.

P: You are not to kill.

C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not harm our neighbor in any way but help them in all their physical needs.

P: You are not to commit adultery.

C: We are to fear and love God so that in matters of sex and sexuality our words and conduct are pure and honorable.

P: You are not to steal.

C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's property or money, or acquire them dishonestly or unjustly, but help them protect what they have.

P: You are not to bear false witness against your neighbor.

C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, or betray, slander, or defame them, rather we should speak well of them, and interpret their actions in the kindest way.

P: You are not to covet.

C: We are to fear and love God, and so we look to what others have and desire it, thinking that our lives would be better if only we had what they had, but we should be content with what the Lord provides, trusting in the Lord's care for our needs. Instead, we should help our neighbors keep what is theirs.

P: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,

C: Slow to anger and of great kindness.

P: He will not always accuse us,

C: nor will he keep his anger forever.

P: He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

C: nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

P: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

C: so is His mercy on those who fear him.

P: As far as the east is from the west,

C: so far has he removed our sin from us.

P: As a father cares for his children,

C: so does the Lord care for those who fear him. Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Absolution

As you did in receiving the ashes on Ash Wednesday, you may again come to the Communion rail to receive the Laying on Hands for the forgiveness of sin.

[Following the Imposition of the Ashes]

P: In obedience to the Command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, at his Last Supper your Son gave His disciples the new commandment to love one another; as He loves each of them, in this way are they to love one another. Through your Holy Spirit write this commandment anew on our hearts that we will always be obedient of our Savior's word; loving as we are loved and forgiving as we have been forgiven. In His name we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem

First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

Yahweh, our God, said to Moses and Aaron while they were still enslaved in Egypt:

This month is to become the first month of all months for you – the first month of the year. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, one lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, that household will get together with its neighbors until there are enough people to obtain a whole lamb. This lamb will be divided according to the number of people who are going to eat it. Your lamb must be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You must wait until the fourteenth day of this month, then the whole assembled congregation of Israel will slaughter their lambs together at twilight. They must take some of the blood from the lamb and put it on

either side of the front doors of the houses in which they eat the lamb. And they must eat the lamb that same night. It must be roasted over a fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You must not let any of it remain until the morning. You must burn any leftovers.

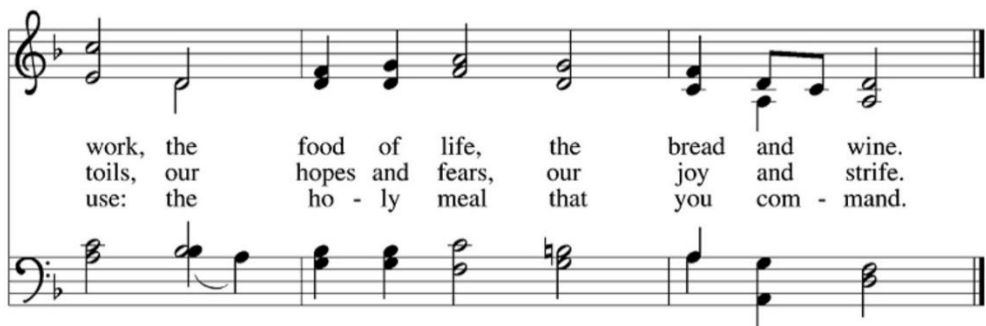
And you must eat it with your travelling clothes on and your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. And you must eat it quickly. This meal will be called “The Passover of Yahweh, our God.” For I, your God, will pass through the land of Egypt that night and I will kill every firstborn person and animal in the land of Egypt. On all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments for I am Yahweh, your God! The blood on the doorposts of the houses you live in will be the sign for me to not bring a plague on this house. I will pass over you when I destroy the land of Egypt. This day must be a day of remembrance for you – a festival of celebration to Yahweh, your God. Every generation after you must observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Hymn

We Place Upon Your Table Lord [ELW 467]

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has three vocal lines with lyrics: 1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by; 2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and; 3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them. The second system continues the melody with lyrics: grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly; depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and; hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts, to high - er.



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
 toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
 use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

Second Lesson

Matthew 26

When evening came, Jesus took his place with his twelve disciples at the Passover meal and said to them, "Rest assured, I tell you, one of you will hand me over."

And the disciples became very distressed and began to say to him one after another, "You don't mean me Lord, do you!?"

But Jesus answered them all by saying, "The one who is dipping his hand into the bowl with me is the one who will hand me over. The Son of Man departs just as it is written about him, but I feel very sorry for the man through whom the Son of Man is being handed over. He will wish that he had never been born."

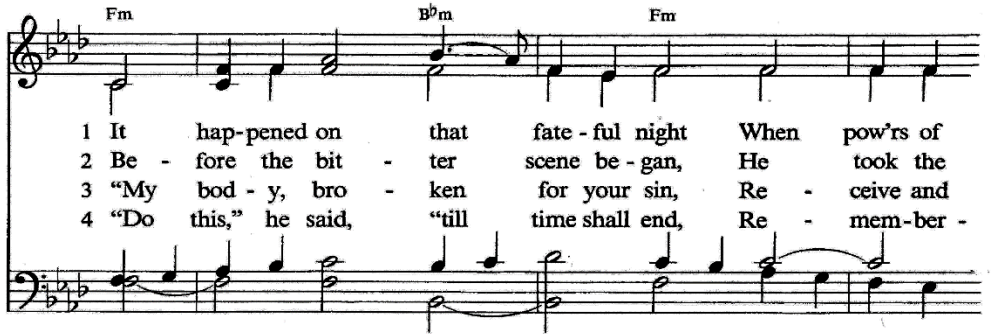
But Judas, the one who was going to hand Jesus over, answered Jesus by saying, "You don't mean me, do you Rabbi!?"

Jesus said to him, "Just as you have now said."

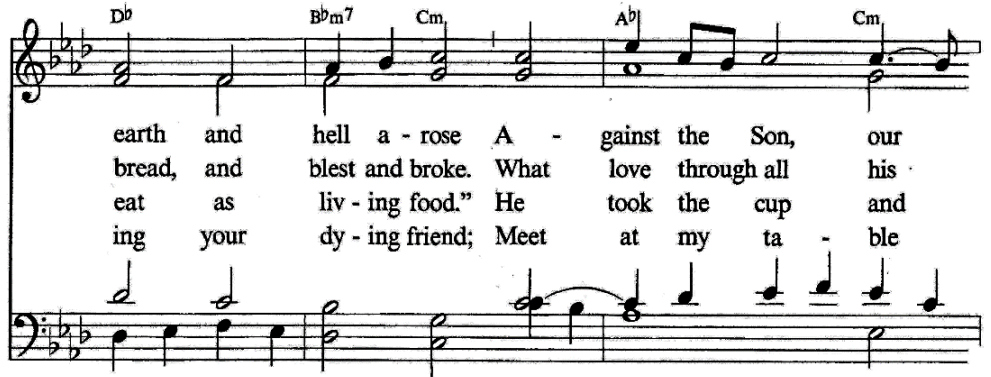
Later, while they were eating, Jesus took the bread, and blessing it he broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body." And Jesus also took a cup, and giving thanks, gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, everyone, for this is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. But rest assured, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Hymn

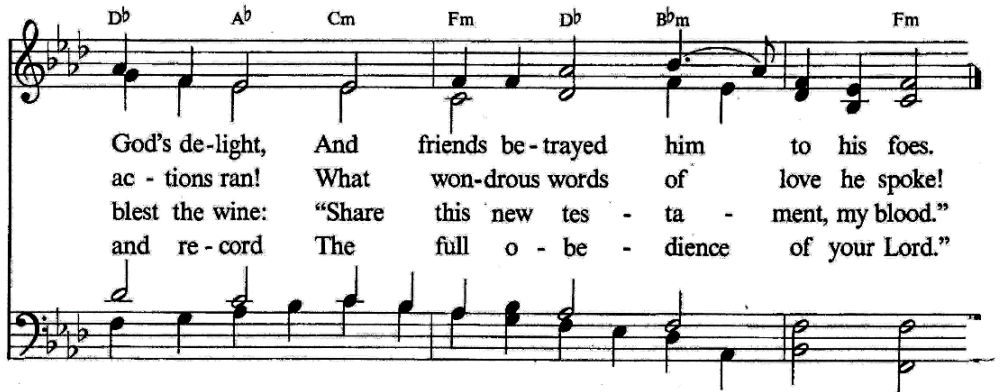
It Happened on that Fateful Night



1 It hap-pened on that fate-ful night When pow'rs of
2 Be - fore the bit - ter scene be-gan, He took the
3 "My bod - y, bro - ken for your sin, Re - ceive and
4 "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, Re - mem-ber -



earth and hell a - rose A - gainst the Son, our
bread, and blest and broke. What love through all his
eat as liv - ing food." He took the cup and
ing your dy - ing friend; Meet at my ta - ble



God's de-light, And friends be-trayed him to his foes.
ac - tions ran! What won-drous words of love he spoke!
blest the wine: "Share this new tes - ta - ment, my blood."
and re - cord The full o - be - dience of your Lord."

- 5 O Lord, your feast we celebrate;
We show your death; we sing your name
Till you return, when we shall eat
The marriage supper of the Lamb.

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, then wash not only my feet 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 hand him over; 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. Rest assured, 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. . . 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 must love one another. In loving one another everyone will know that you are my disciples.

P: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: **And also with you**

P: *Let us pray.*

All: **Gracious God, by the cross of Your Son You reconciled the world to Yourself and freed us to live in love and harmony. By His example He calls us to lives of caring and service. With thanks we recall the blessing of those who have been**

Christ's servants in our lives, and we ask that your Spirit reveal faithful ways for us to respond in love as well. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon

Hymn

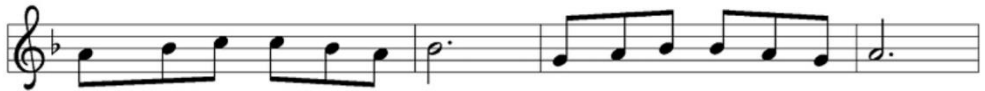
Jesu, Jesu Fill us with Your Love [ELW 708]



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

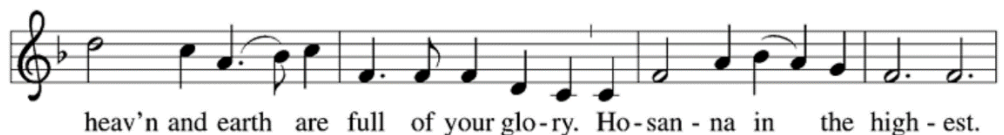
Great Thanksgiving

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P: It is right . . .

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The Lord's Prayer

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Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil For the king - dom the now'r



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Lamb of God (Angus Dei)

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - ered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.

e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Third Lesson

Matthew 26

And after supper, when Jesus and the disciples had finished singing praises to God they went outside the city walls to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be scandalized by what will happen with me this night; for it was written,

*'I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'*

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Then Peter said, "No! Even if everyone else is scandalized by what happens I will never find you to be scandalous. "

But Jesus said to him, "Rest assured, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

But Peter continued saying, "Even if it is God's plan that I die with you, I will not deny you."

And all the other disciples said the same thing.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Jesus took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him. As they walked away from the other disciples together Jesus became grieved and agitated. He said to them, "My life is grieved to death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

And going a little farther Jesus fell face down on the ground.

He prayed, "My Father, take this cup away from me if taking it away will make your power known. Yet do not do what my will wants, but what you have willed to be done."

Coming back to the disciples Jesus found them sleeping. So, Jesus said to Peter, "I see you were not strong enough to keep watch even for one hour with me. Keep watch! And pray so that you may not come into the time of trial. For, the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak."

A second time Jesus went off to pray saying, "My Father, if it is not possible to avoid drinking this cup, then your will be done!"

Coming back to the disciples Jesus found them sleeping again for their eyes were very heavy.

Leaving them a third time Jesus prayed the same Gospel Word again. Coming back to the disciples again Jesus said, "You are still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is drawing near! The Son of Man is handed over into the hands of sinners. Get up! Lead on! Look, the one handing me over is coming closer."

The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22 is sung by the Cantor

P: Be not far away O Lord.

C: For trouble is near and there is none to help.

P: Be not far away O Lord.

C: You are my strength; hasten to help me.

Please leave in silence

The liturgy does not end tonight but continues through Easter Vigil

Holy Week Continues

Good Friday

Seven Last Words Tenebrae Noon
Passion, Readings & Sealing 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m.

Service of Light & Readings & Eucharist

Easter Day 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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