

# Maundy Thursday 2026

## The Agonie

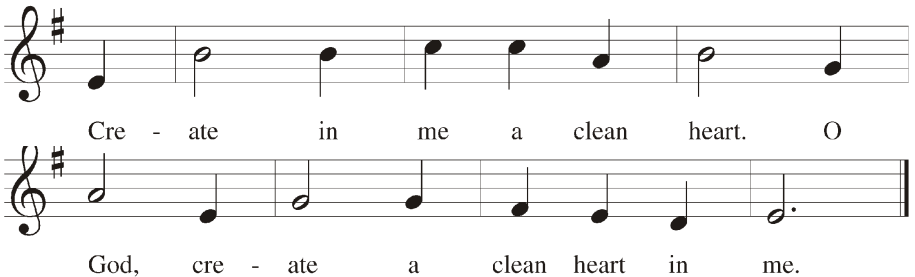
*George Herbert*

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 blood; 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.*

*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.**

*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 to our Savior's word; loving as we are loved and forgiving as we have been forgiven. In His name we pray. Amen.**

## 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]

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

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

**Luke 22**

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might hand him over to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to hand him over to them when no crowd was present.

Then the day of Unleavened Bread arrived, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"

"Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there."

So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, he and the apostles, took their places at the table. He said to them, "I have a burning desire to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, thanked, broke, and gave, saying "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for my remembrance."

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But, behold, the one who hands me over is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is handed over!"

Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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

## 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

D<sup>b</sup>      A<sup>b</sup>      C<sup>m</sup>      F<sup>m</sup>      D<sup>b</sup>      B<sup>b</sup><sub>m</sub>      F<sup>m</sup>

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.

## Gospel

## John 13

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.*

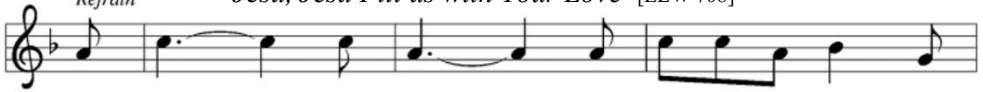
**C: And also with you**

*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

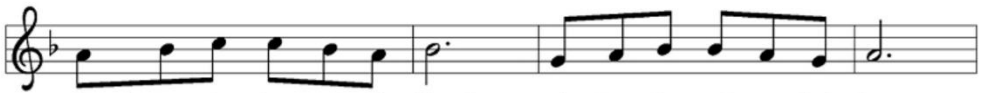
*Refrain*      *Jesu, Jesu Fill us with Your Love* [ELW 708]



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



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



<p>1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, 3 These are the ones we will serve, 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,</p>	<p>si - lent - ly wash - es their feet, var - ied in col - or and race, these are the ones we will love; si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:</p>
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<p>mas - ter who acts as a slave neigh-bors are near - by and far all these are neigh-bors to us this is the way we will live</p>	<p>to them. a - way. and you. with you.</p>
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*Refrain*

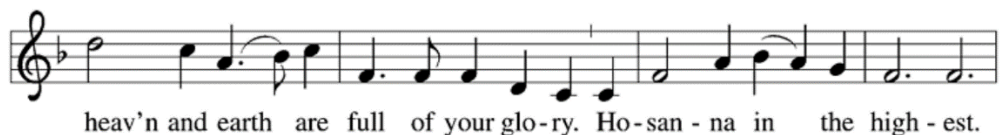
# Great Thanksgiving

S 161



*P: It is right . . .*

S207



# The Lord's Prayer

S 163



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 pow'r,



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

# Lamb of God (Angus Dei)

S 208



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

**Luke 22**

Jesus 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!"

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 speaking, behold, a crowd, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, preceded them and he came near Jesus to kiss him.

But Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you hand over 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 authority of darkness!"

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance.

When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man was also with him."

But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

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

But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

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

But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the words of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began mocking him and beating him; they were also blindfolding him and questioned him saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one striking you?"

And they said to him many other blasphemies.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they led away him to their council. They said, "Since you are the Christ, tell us."

He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

He said to them, "You say that I am."

Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding the paying of taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Christ, a king."

Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

He answered, "You say so."

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee, where he began, even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"

## 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.**

*Festival of the Resurrection*

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