

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

# We hope you feel welcome here.

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that lives, shares, and celebrates God's grace with all people!

As disciples of Christ who value the faith, gifts, and ministry of all God's people, and who seek justice, racial equity, and reconciliation, we welcome all God's children to an inclusive community. This welcome is extended without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical and mental ability, age, or economic condition.

# We hope you can participate fully in worship.

Everything needed to participate in today's worship is found in this bulletin. The hymns are found in the back third of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) or purple *All Creation Sings* (ACS) located under the seat in front of you. Worshipers are invited to stand as you are able at the places marked \* and to respond when indicated with bold type. We gently remind you to silence all electronic devices.

Our youngest worshipers and their parents may appreciate the Prayer Pond in the worship space or listening to the service from our unstaffed nursery. Activity bags are available in the narthex and children's bulletins are available from an usher.

Assisted hearing devices and complete-service, largeprint bulletins are available from an usher. The blue chairs with arms are reserved for people with mobility limitations. Ushers can remove chairs to place a wheelchair.

# We hope you know Holy Communion is for you.

At communion, everyone is welcome. This includes doubters, young children, and folks who have yearned for this feast. Come forward at the direction of an usher and receive hand-torn bread or glutenfree wafers and pink wine or red grape juice. If you have mobility limitations, please take the closest available place at the altar, or ask an usher for Communion to be brought to you at your seat.

# We hope you know our welcome extends beyond our building.

This evening's service is livestreamed. By attending this service, you are giving permission to be in the video we produce. Gifts placed in the offering plate by the worship doors contribute to this mission.

# We hope you know we pray for you.

We would love to pray for the concerns of your heart during this service. Prayer request slips are located on the table near the main doors; prayer requests made before the service begins will be included in the Prayers of the People.

#### + GATHERING +

PRELUDE
I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ

J. S. Bach

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

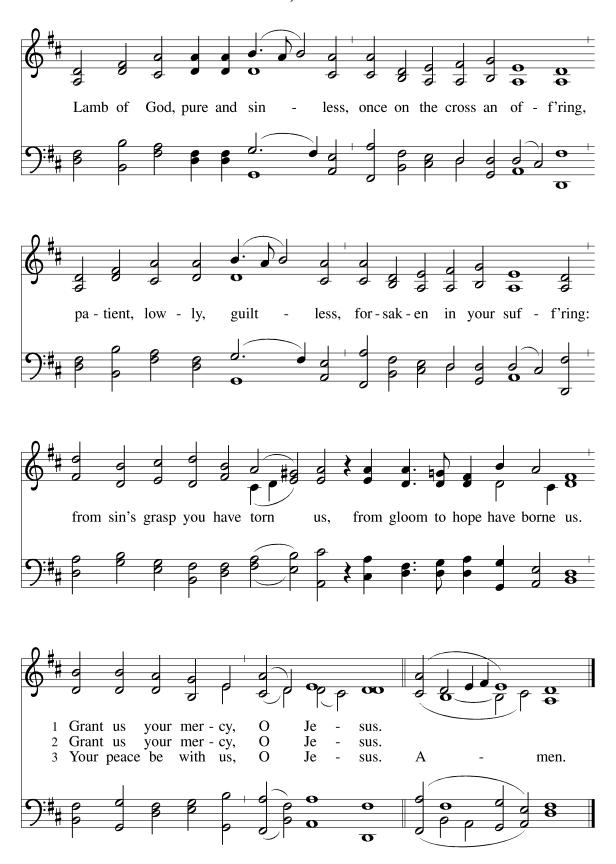
C: Amen.

#### INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

Those who wish may come forward for a word of forgiveness and the laying on of hands. During this time, the congregation sings:

HYMNS
Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless
Stay with Me

#### Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless



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# Stay with Me



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Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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#### \*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### +WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of

the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

"This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

- <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
- <sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.
- <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?
- <sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.
- <sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.
- <sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,
- <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

#### SECOND READING

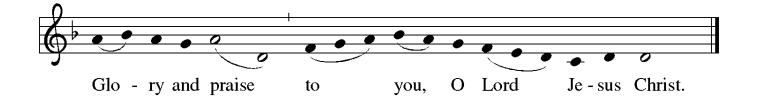
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And 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 are not in fellowship with me." Simon Peter

said to him, "Lord, not my feet only 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." Jesus knew who was to betray him; 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 the disciples, "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. Very truly, I tell you, 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.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him now. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to

the Judeans 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 should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

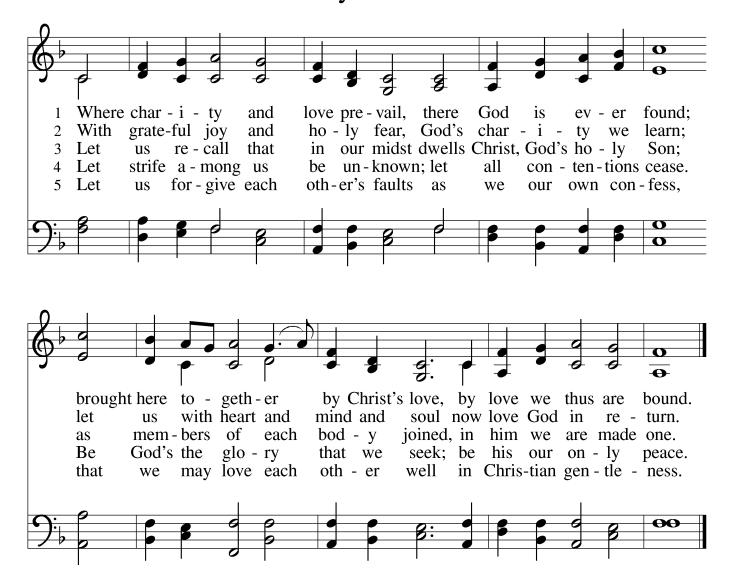
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

Pr. Adrianne Meier

\*HYMN OF THE DAY
Where Charity and Love Prevail

#### Where Charity and Love Prevail



Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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#### FOOTWASHING/HANDWASHING

P: On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as God has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, or hands, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

As a seat opens in the front row of chairs, take a seat, remove your shoes and socks, and a deacon or pastor will wash and dry your feet. Alternatively, come forward to the handwashing station, and a pastor or deacon will wash and dry your hands. Please take care when returning to your seat, as the floor may be slippery.

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Trusting in Jesus who gave his life for the world, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: Jesus, our brother, our teacher, our redeemer, you went willingly to Jerusalem to confront the powers that opposed you. Help us to name and resist injustice here and now and to demand from our political leaders, more mercy, more wisdom, and more integrity. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You gathered your beloved disciples for one last meal together. We thank you for people in all the churches we love, and for people in Chichipate, in Slovakia, and all over he world who gather tonight to remember that meal. Keep alive in us our affirmation that they, too, are your beloved disciples. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You knelt before your disciples to wash their feet. Call us and strengthen us for lives of loving

service to others. Help us to understand where we need to kneel. Show us how to serve. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.** 

A: You blessed the wine; we thank you for this good and fruitful earth. Help us to care for it and share its blessings with justice, compassion, and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You broke and blessed the bread. Direct our hearts to those who have no bread to break. Let us not grow weary in works of lovingkindness for the hungry everywhere. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You gave a new commandment of love. Lead us ever more deeply into that radiant and self-giving love. We name before you those who need your healing: Elif, Paula, Doug, Yvonne, Barbara, Steve, Brenda, Jim, Meridith, Ted, Bob, Kent, Mark and Bill. Make us humble enough and generous-hearted enough to be known as your disciples. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: At Gethsemane, you entrusted your life to God. We remember tonight all our beloved dead. As we gather tonight around this altar, strengthen in us our trust that they are held in God's love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

C: Amen.

#### \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace with a wave, a bow, or maybe an elbow, checking in with your neighbor for whatever feels safe and conveys the spirit of peace and reconciliation this ritual intends.

#### **OFFERING**

Please sign and pass the **Together In Community** pads. Make note of the names of your neighbors so you can introduce yourself after the service. These pads and pencils are sanitized at the end of each service.

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate by the baptismal font, or you can give on our website, stlconline.org. St. Thomas collects gifts to support our mission of sharing, living, and celebrating God's grace with all people. We support Lutheran Campus Ministries at IU/Rose House and many local, national, and international ministry partners.

CHOIR ANTHEM Drop, Drop, Slow Tears

**Kerry Andrew** 

\*OFFERTORY HYMN
On My Heart Imprint Your Image

## On My Heart Imprint Your Image



Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt. Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

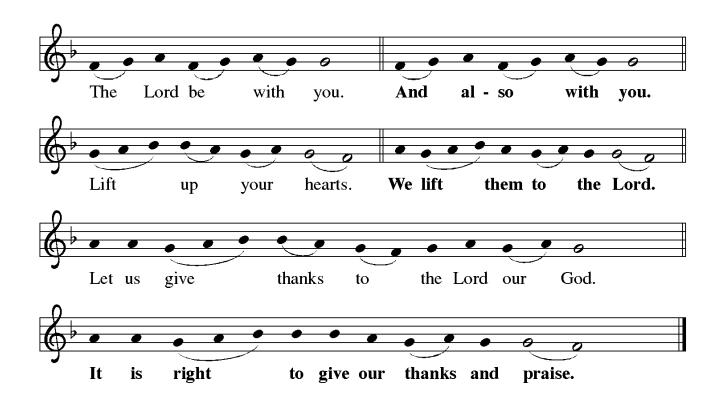
## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, you abide with your creation and in Jesus Christ you gather us at your table. As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal, so now stay with us. As we receive these gifts of bread and wine, open our hearts to share what we have received, the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior.

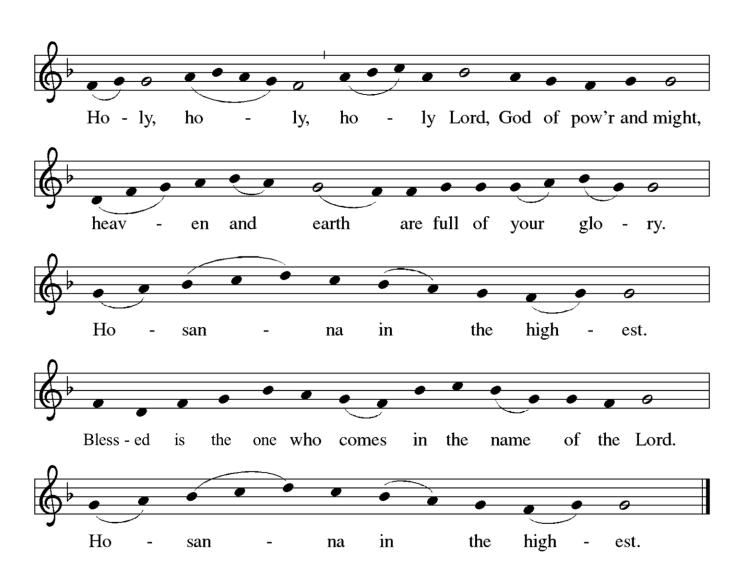
## C: Amen.

#### + MEAL +

#### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: As the shadows lengthen, we bless you, sheltering God.

P: We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky, deep with the mystery of your creative labor through all time and space. We praise you for the fertile earth and for the life its darkness holds and births: plants of every variety, animals curled in sleep, humankind you shaped by your own hand. Stay with us, for it is evening.

C: Stay with us, for it is evening.

P: Through the night you led your people into freedom. At day's end you rained down manna in the wilderness. At sundown your Son brought healing to people in need. In the midday night when Jesus died on the cross, life came forth for all. Stay with us, for it is evening.

C: Stay with us, for it is evening.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Our hearts burn within us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Like a mother hen, hold us close through the coming night. Watch with those who labor, accompany those who long for peaceful sleep, welcome those whose waking will be only in you. Into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, make here the body of Christ: in the breaking of the bread, in justice for our broken world, in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: To you, O God, painter of both night and day, guiding star and healing sun, breath of peace and wind of change, be all glory, all honor, all praise this night unto the coming dawn, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Speak this prayer in your preferred language. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete. Ukrainian is provided on the next page.

C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

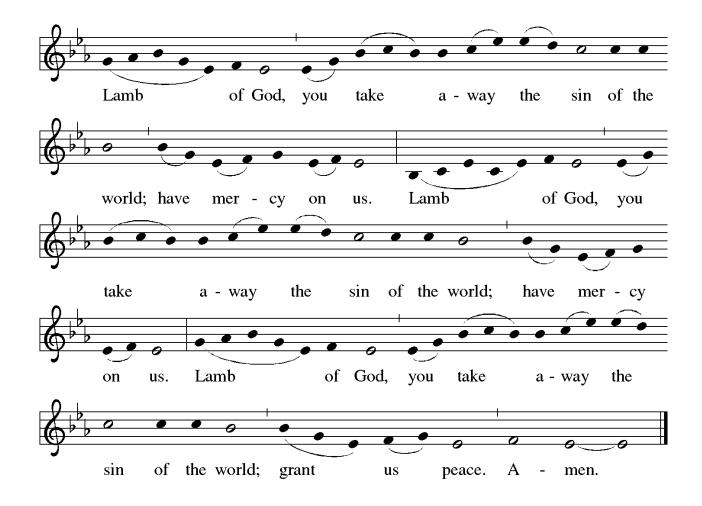
Otche nash, shcho yesi na nebesakh, nekhai sviatit'sia Im'ia Tvoie.
Khai priide Tsarstvo Tvoie, nekhai bude volia Tvoia
Yak na nebi, tak i na zemli.
Khlib nash nasushchnyi dai nam s'ohodni.
I prosty nam provyny nashi, yak i my proshchaiemo vynuvatsiam nashym. I ne vvedy nas u spokusu, ale vyzvoly nas vid lukavoho.
Bo Tvoie ye Tsarstvo, i sila, i slava naviky.
Amin'.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We believe that God is our host and that all people are welcome to this feast of grace, community, and forgiveness. Come forward at the direction of an usher, and receive bread or gluten-free wafer and wine in a common chalice or pink wine and red grape juice in individual cups. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

# LAMB OF GOD



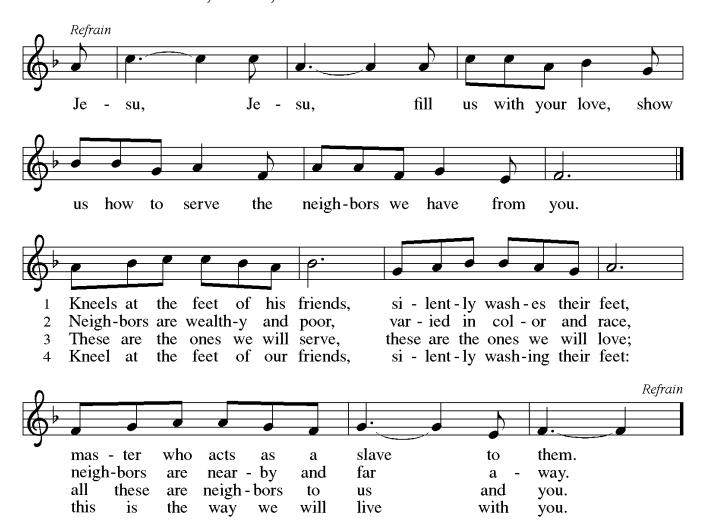
# COMMUNION HYMNS By Your Hand You Feed Your People Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

#### By Your Hand You Feed Your People



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#### Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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#### \*EUCHARISTIC BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### + SENDING +

#### STRIPPING THE ALTAR

The altar is stripped bare as Psalm 22 is sung by the soloist.

All depart in silence. Go in the peace of Christ.

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# **Today's Worship Leaders**

Altar Care: Mary Sasse, Kaye Hill

Bread/Wine: Carol Seaman Prayer Writer: Pamela Smith A/V Tech: Johnathan Frank

Assisting Minister: Amy Bartleson Balcam

Lectors: Janine Drake, Vicki Polansky

Psalm Soloist: Ashley Ahlbrand

Acolyte: Julianna Drake

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki Communion Steward: Carol Seaman

Greeter: Mary Sasse, Kaye Hill

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

# Holy Week at St. Thomas

# A Love Supreme: the Passion According to John Coltrane, Midday Good Friday, March 29

When John Coltrane recorded *A Love Supreme* in 1964, it was immediately recognized as a masterpiece. The album—its four movements—is emotional, full of both lament and hope. Weaving through the pieces will be readings from the Passion according to John, poems and passages, and reflections by Pr. Adrianne at 12 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

# Good Friday, as Darkness Falls, March 29

On this day, we look to the cross, where Jesus draws all people to himself. In the evening, readings from the Passion according to John are complimented by songs and growing darkness. The service concludes with prayers of ever-widening circles as we pray for the world for which Christ died and honor the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation. Pr. Lecia will offer a children's message, Pr. Adrianne will preach, and the choir will sing at **7 p.m. in the**Worship Space.

# Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30

Be immersed in the story of the church and add your voice to our first Easter alleluias! You are invited to join us for an **Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. on Saturday**, **March 30**. At this most fun, unique, and unexpected worship service of the year, we gather around fire, water, bread and wine to tell the story of salvation. We proclaim the stories of God's faithfulness and salvation throughout history as we proclaim Christ, the one who brings life out of death. This service will begin outside as we light the new fire and then move into Heritage Hall for a time of storytelling and Holy Communion, and is followed by s'mores around the fire and an Easter egg hunt.

# Resurrection of our Lord, Sunday, March 31

With shouts of joy we proclaim the crucified Christ, risen from the dead, which secures our own victory over death. Together we look for signs of new life which emerges even when things appear uncertain. Pr. Lecia will offer a children's message, Pr. Adrianne will preach, the choir will sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Again" by Philip Stopford, and brass will accompany our worship. Between services, enjoy an Easter breakfast. Join us at 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.

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