

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH WAGGA WAGGA**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2021**

**GOD WELCOMES US**

**We come to God**

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,

**for we all partake of the one bread.** (1 Cor 10:17 NRSV)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**We confess our sin and God forgives us**

Let us confess our sins to God our Father, and ask him to forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love.

**Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins!**

Wash away all my evil

**and make me clean from my sin!**

I recognise my faults;

**I am always conscious of my sins.**

I have sinned against you - only against you

**and done what you consider evil.**

So you are right in judging me;

**you are justified in condemning me.**

I have been evil from the day I was born;

**from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.**

Sincerity and truth are what you require;

**fill my mind with your wisdom.**

Remove my sin, and I will be clean;

**wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness;

**and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again.**

Close your eyes to my sins  
**and wipe out all my evil.**

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let us pray.

**We confess to you, almighty God, before the whole company of heaven,  
and to each other, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by  
our own fault. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all our sins,  
and bring us to eternal life. Amen.**

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our  
sins.

**Amen.**

Restore us again, O God our Saviour.

**Do not be angry with us any longer.**

**We sing a hymn – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (LH 54/TIS 342)**

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**
- 3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small:  
love so amazing, so divine**

**demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Isaac Watts*

*1674-1748*

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### **We pray the prayer for this day**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray for strengthening through Christ's body and blood. [silence]

Jesus Christ our Saviour, thank you for giving your followers your holy supper to commemorate your suffering and death.

**Through your body and blood, revive our faith in you and increase our love to others. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

### **We listen to God's word**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

**Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14** *The institution of the Passover*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb[a] for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup> If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

<sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

<sup>12</sup> "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord

## **Thanks be to God**

### **Psalms 116:1,2,12-19**

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;

**he heard my cry for mercy.**

<sup>2</sup> Because he turned his ear to me,

**I will call on him as long as I live.**

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the Lord

**for all his goodness to me?**

<sup>13</sup> I will lift up 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 his people.**

<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord

**is the death of his faithful servants.**

<sup>16</sup> Truly I am your servant, Lord;

I serve you just as my mother did;

**you have freed me from my chains.**

<sup>17</sup> I will sacrifice a thank offering to you

**and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord

**in the presence of all his people,**

<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord—

**in your midst, Jerusalem.**

**Praise the Lord.**

### **Epistle Reading**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** *The institution of the Lord's supper*

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the

Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Reading**

**John 13:1-17, 31b-35** *Jesus washes his disciple's feet*

<sup>1</sup> It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these

things, you will be blessed if you do them.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ, Lamb of God.**

Lord Jesus, thank you for loving us and giving your life in service for us.

**Help us to love and serve one another.**

**Amen.**

**We sing a hymn - There is a Green Hill Far Away (LH 84/TIS 350)**

- 1. There is a green hill far away,  
outside a city wall,  
where the dear Lord was crucified,  
who died to save us all.**
- 2. We may not know, we cannot tell,  
what pains he had to bear,  
but we believe it was for us  
he hung and suffered there.**
- 3. He died that we might be forgiven,  
he died to make us good,  
that we might go at last to heaven,  
saved by his precious blood.**
- 4. There was no other good enough  
to pay the price of sin,  
he only could unlock the gate  
of heaven, and let us in.**

**5. O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
and we must love him too,  
and trust in his redeeming blood,  
and try his works to do.**

*Cecil Frances Alexander  
1818-95  
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### **We listen to the address**

The Text: Exodus 12

### **We confess our faith**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

*\* 'catholic' here meaning 'universal'*

## **GOD RECEIVES OUR OFFERING**

### **We sing a hymn - There Is A Redeemer (ATOK 349)**

**1. There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God,**

**Messiah, Holy one.**

***Thank you, O our Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till  
your work on earth is done.***

**2. Jesus my Redeemer.**

**Name above all names  
precious Lamb of God,  
Messiah, O for sinners slain.**

***Thank you, O our Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till  
your work on earth is done.***

**3. When I stand in glory**

**I will see his face,  
there I'll serve my King, forever  
in that holy place.**

***Thank you, O our Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till  
your work on earth is done.***

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**We pray an offering prayer**

Let us offer our thanks to God.

Loving heavenly Father, lead us to follow the example of humble service given by your Son.

**Strengthen us through his body and blood to give ourselves to you and to those in need.**

**Amen.**



### **We pray the Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. *Matt 6:9-13***

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **We go out after the altar is stripped**