



March 28, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae

Prelude	<i>Passion Chorale</i>	David Bednall
Welcome		Pastor Craig Aue
Call to Worship & Lighting the Candles		Kari Gorman

Come, you with dirty feet, aching backs, and weary souls.

We come bearing a heavy load of worry, frustration, and isolation.

Come, you who are hungry, thirsty, longing to meet the one who will feed you, body and soul.

We come with emptiness in our stomachs and our hearts, desperate to be filled.

Come to meet Jesus who kneels to wash our dirt and grime, who feeds us with bread and with love that never ends.

We come to receive the balm for our anxiety, the provision for our hunger, the antidote for our loneliness.

Come to receive a new commandment: love one another as Christ has loved you.

**We come to embrace this new commandment so that everyone will know we are disciples of Jesus Christ, God Incarnate who came to live and love among us.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #221	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>	Hans Leo Hassler
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- O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

**2 What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**

**Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.**

**3 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?**

**O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you. You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love, even though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. We have received all the gifts you have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them.

Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us. What can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness towards us? As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others. As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world. As you have called us together around your Table, may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not only for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation. This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Pardon

Receive this good news:

Jesus who comes to us, washes our feet,

and invites us to sit at the table,

is the source of our salvation,

saving us from our sins

and reconciling us to God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven Glory to God. Amen.

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Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading *Exodus 12:1-14* Kari Gorman

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Hymn # 604 *Lamb of God* Robert Buckley Farlee

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sing of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 11:23-26* Kari Gorman

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Anthem *Lamb of God* German Chorale
Chancel Choir arr F. Melius Christiansen

Scripture Reading *John 13:1-17, 31-35* Kari Gorman

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Hymn # 2226 *Bind Us Together* Bob Gillman

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**

**There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one body, that is why we sing.**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**

Scripture Reading *Mark 14:32-42* Pastor Craig Aue

Reflection **Gethsemane Prayer** Pastor Craig Aue

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We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Doxology Pastor Craig Aue
arr. Shari Fiore-Bloom

**Direct, control, suggest, this day,
in all I design, do, or say,
that all my powers, with all of their might,
might serve you both day and night.**

Ritual of Handwashing

Song of Invitation 466

Come Fill Our Hearts

Jacques Berthier

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

As at the traditional Seder, we invite you to wash and dry each other's hands before receiving Holy Communion to symbolize the humbling of ourselves in service to one another, remembering the words of Jesus, who said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15)

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song of Invitation 701

Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Craig Aue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
In the beginning, you hovered over the waters and
poured out your love over the formless void,
turning chaos into life.

You formed us in your image
and provided for us from the fruit of creation.
Even when we turned away and our love failed,
Your love remained steadfast, sustaining us and giving us life.
When we were thirsty, you brought water from a rock,
When we were hungry, you fed us manna from heaven.
When we questioned your provision, you gave us grapes
as evidence of the promised land.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The celebrant may lower hands.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.
When we turned away from you and abused your gifts,
you gave us in him your crowning gift.
Divine Love poured out in human form,
Christ fed the hungry, healed the sick,
ate with the scorned and forgotten,
and taught us how to love through his actions.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from enslavement to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the evening in which he gave himself up for us,
Jesus rose from the supper table, took a pitcher of water, poured it into a basin,
knelt down, and began to wash the disciples' feet.
When he was finished, he sat down and spoke with the disciples.
He said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

That same night, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your 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.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

As Christ, Divine Love poured out for us,
came to show us how to love one another,

pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood and called to
love one another as Christ loves us.
For it is by this love that everyone will know
We are his disciples.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread & Cup

Pastor Craig Aue

Communion Prayer

Pastor Craig Aue

With consideration for public health concerns (especially the rise in COVID and RSV cases) we will be coming forward to receive communion. Please come forward to receive the bread and cup when you are ready, or raise your hand and you will be served where you are seated. Please be sure to deposit your trash in the trash can, not the recycling bin. Thank you!

We Follow God's Word into the World

Hymn of Sending #216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Elizabeth Cecilia

**1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.**

**2 Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.**

**3 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;**

content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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Stripping of the Sanctuary and Tolling of the Bell

The Bell will toll 33 times, one for each year of Christ's earthly life.

Tenebrae

*** Please depart in silence at the conclusion of the Stripping of the Sanctuary. ***

Kari Gorman is serving as today's liturgist.

FPCF is not holding a Good Friday Service. You are welcome to worship at a place of your choosing to honor and observe this sacred day.

Please join us for Easter Worship on Sunday March 31st at 10 a.m.!