

*Mount Cross Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday*



*Service of the Word
April 9, 2020*

Welcome

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.

Ostinato Refrain

Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God, have
mer - cy on me, a sin - ner, have mer - cy.

Text: *The Jesus Prayer*; verses, Psalm 51 and Agnus Dei, adapt. by Carol E. Browning, b.1956
Tune: Carol E. Browning, b.1956; acc. by Kathy McGrath
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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 God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

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.

P Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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.

¹¹This 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. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

Hymn - "Ubi Caritas" - ELW 642

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to John.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only

but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus 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.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

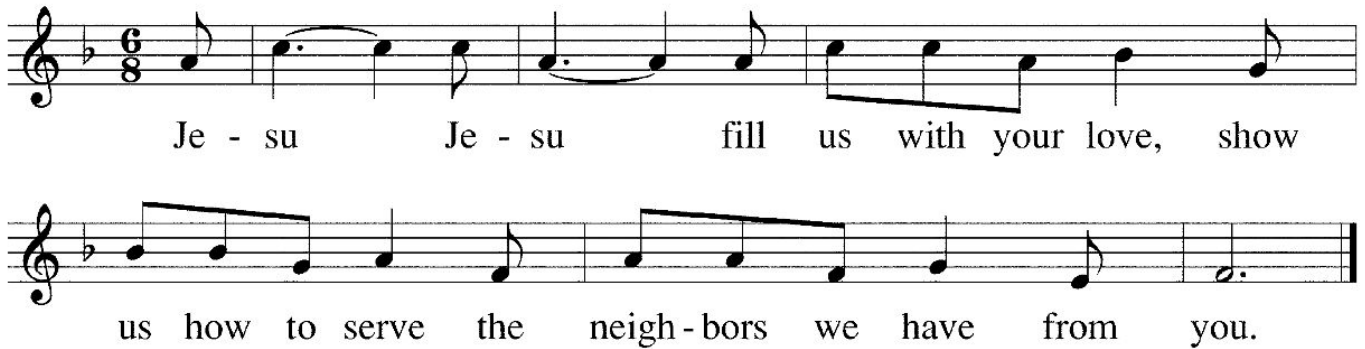
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily – Pastor Julie



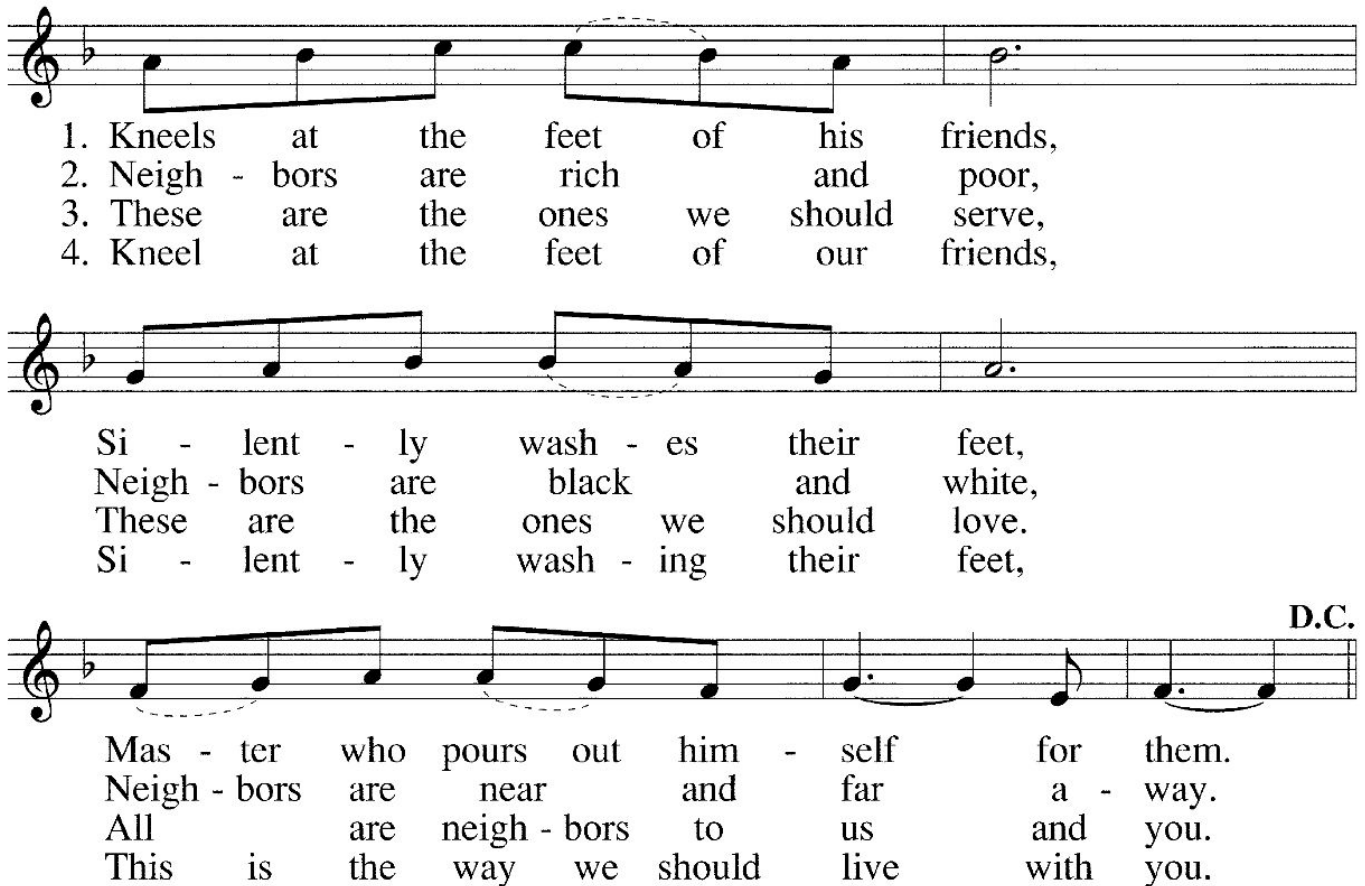
Hymn of the Day – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” – ELW 708

Refrain



Je - su Je - su fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

Verses



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor,
3. These are the ones we should serve,
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
Neigh - bors are black and white,
These are the ones we should love.
Si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet,
Mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
Neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
All are neigh - bors to us and you.
This is the way we should live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, b.1925

Tune: CHEREPONI, Irregular; Ghana folk song; adapt. Tom Colvin, b.1925; acc. by Jane M. Marshall, b.1924

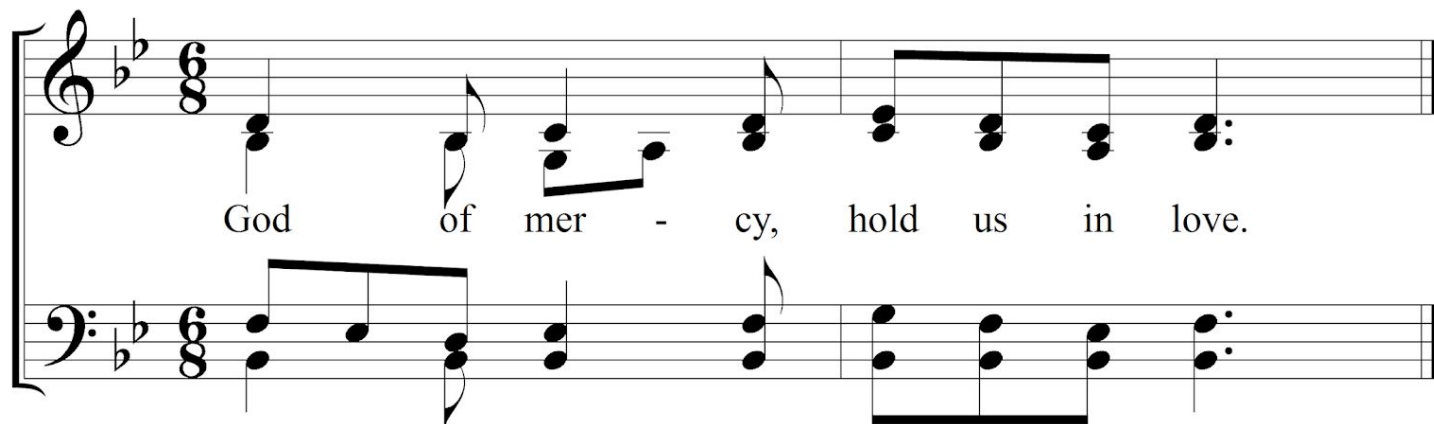
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Prayers of Intercession

A Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A God of love, unite your church in its commitment to humble service. Make us your faithful disciples. Speak words of truth and grace through us. Encourage us in self-giving acts of kindness. Let us love one another as you have loved us. We pray:



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A God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favorable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. We give thanks for all who provide food during this pandemic, from farm laborers to delivery personnel to grocery workers to delivery services. We ask you to keep them safe. We pray:

SUNG: God of mercy, hold us in love.

A God of love, you give us a new commandment, to have love for one another. We give thanks for organizations that respond to disasters and agencies that offer relief and humanitarian aid to populations in need. Tonight, we ask you to watch over the many doctors, nurses, and other health care workers who are caring for those affected by the coronavirus. Guide our government leaders who are trying to manage this crisis. We pray:

SUNG: God of mercy, hold us in love.

A God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body, mind, or spirit, especially those who are ill from the coronavirus. We pray for families who are caring for children at home, we pray for anyone who is feeling alone or frightened, we pray for the most vulnerable among us, especially the homeless, those imprisoned, the mentally ill. Give strength to everyone who has lost their job or been furloughed, to individuals and businesses that are dealing with financial worries. We pray:

SUNG: God of mercy, hold us in love.

A God of love, you invite us to your table of mercy. Heal all divisions in our world. Extend the hospitality of this space beyond these walls, that through our words and deeds, your love and welcome may be made known to all. We pray:
SUNG: God of mercy, hold us in love.

A God of love, glorify your servants who walked by faith in this life and who now feast with you. Inspire us by the sacrifice of those who were imprisoned, persecuted, or martyred for their faith. We hold up to you all who have died, especially those who succumbed to the COVID-19 virus, and their families and loved ones who are struggling to mourn and grieve in these challenging days of sheltering at home. Comfort us as we, too, grieve the loss of plans and dreams and our sense of security and normalcy. We pray:
SUNG: God of mercy, hold us in love.

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Stripping of the Altar

“Stay with Me” – ELW 348

Jacques Berthier

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and A4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1. The lyrics 'Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and' are positioned below the vocal line.

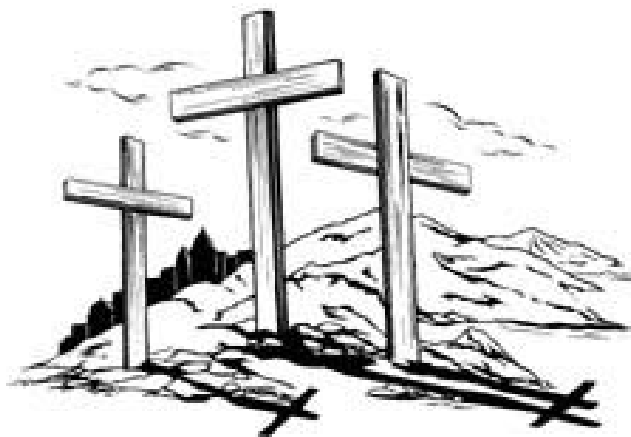
pray, watch and pray.

The second system of musical notation continues in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The vocal line (treble clef) features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and Bb4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) continues with quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1. The lyrics 'pray, watch and pray.' are positioned below the vocal line.

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We hope you will join us as we observe the rest of Holy Week with the following services:

Stations of the Cross Friday, April 10, at 12:00 noon

The Liturgy of Good Friday, April 10, with St. Columba's Episcopal Church at 7:30 PM

Easter Vigil Service of Fire and Word Saturday. April 11, at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Worship, April 12, at 9:30 AM

All services will be live streamed at facebook.com/MountCross, and will be available on our website (mountcross.com) and on our Youtube channel (Mount Cross Lutheran Church, Camarillo, CA).