



Maundy THURSDAY

Elim Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

Today our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

As you feed us, Lord, with your own body and blood, move us to feed the world —
with food, with peace, with love.

Today is Maundy Thursday: Maundy from the Latin for “command.” As you hear Jesus’
“new commandment” (John 13:34), ponder what it means in a concrete way for your
life.

Prelude – Brian Voss

Confession and Forgiveness

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 and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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. **Amen.**

Hymn: *ELW 608 - Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.

Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, [5-10] 11-14

Special Music: *From an Upper Room*– Words and music by Joseph M. Martin
(Elim Adult Choir; Janet Beckman, Director)

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

Gospel announcement response: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel proclamation response: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Reflection – Pastor Seth Perry

Hymn: *ELW 612 - Healer of Our Every Ill*

Prayers of Intercession

Petition Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace**Communion**

Dialogue/Preface

Thanksgiving at the Table

Gluten free wafers are available.

Lord's Prayer

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the tray.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God (page 112)

Communion Hymns: *ELW 474 – Bread of Life from Heaven; ELW 492 – Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

Prayer after Communion

(We sit in silence as the altar is stripped and lights are dimmed. [7:00 p.m. only])

Dismissal: Go in peace, into the darkness of the night to await the dawn. **Amen.**



Our Mission: To
boldly glorify God.

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