

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA

March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM

As often as
you eat
this bread
and drink
the cup,
you proclaim
the
Lord's death
until he comes.



1 Corinthians 11:26

Welcome to Christ Hamilton! Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. This service is also available anytime on Facebook or our website along with a bulletin at www.chrighthamilton.org. Please share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please know that all are welcome at Christ Hamilton! Life is difficult enough and shouldn't be when you come to church. Regardless of how you got here, we are glad you did. All are welcome here. If you are a visitor please feel free to take the welcome folder home with you. We invite you to fill out the card found inside and place it in the plate at the time of the offering. No financial gift is needed – just the card. We consider it your gift to us.

Tonight's service: *This evening 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. Tonight 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.*

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Minister: 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.

Minister: Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are in bondage 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**

We began Lent in solemn confession on Ash Wednesday acknowledging our own sinfulness and now as Lent closes we are powerfully reminded of God's forgiveness.

Minister: 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.

All: Amen.

PRAYER

Minister: 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.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

Reader: A reading from Exodus the 12th chapter.

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.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

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. For 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. 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19



Cantor: ¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

**All: ²For the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

Cantor: ¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**All: ¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

Cantor: ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.

**All: ¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

Cantor: ¹⁶O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have
freed me | from my bonds.

**All: ¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

Cantor: ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,

**All: ¹⁹in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Reader: A reading from First Corinthians the 11th Chapter.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

GOSPEL**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

All: 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 have no share 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." For he 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 them, "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 at once. Little 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.’ 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.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

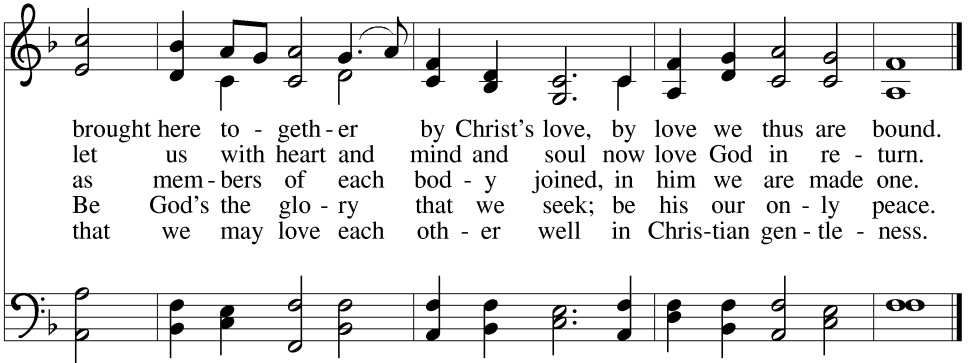
SERMON

Please stand.

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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

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

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Apostles Creed

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

All sing verse on next page – Hear Our Prayer

A brief silence is kept.

You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word.

Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

All sing verse on next page – Hear Our Prayer

You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war.

Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying.

Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again.

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The Peace is shared with one another by saying – 'peace be with you' or something similar.

Offering

Remember His Passion

Prayer

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Receive the offering of our lives

O Lord. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, lead us from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Person in front of the bread – please lift.

Minister: 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 always for the remembrance of me.

Person in front of the tray of wine – please lift.

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 always for the remembrance of me.

All are invited to hold hands around the table as the Lord's Prayer is spoken.

Minister: Let us pray together with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**


*Please pass the bread to your right and say ‘the body of Christ given for you’ – allow the person to eat the bread and then hand them the plate for them to pass to the next person **and say the words ‘body of Christ given to you’** – until all have received the bread.*

The glasses filled with wine then follow the bread in a similar manner.

*Please say ‘**the blood of Christ shed for you.**’ as the person picks up the cup. Place cups on table when finished.*

For those wishing Grape juice or Gluten-free bread please come to the front and the Pastor will commune you.

Let Us Break Bread Together




1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;




let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . Generous God,
you have fed and renewed us in your holy meal.
Send us into the world you love.
Draw us to you and to our neighbors,
that we may break bonds of injustice,
feed the hungry, and set the oppressed free.
In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

*After all have shared in communion we sing several times together
as lights are turned off – as we sing **Jesus Remember Me***

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the top staff, aligned with the notes.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first, featuring two staves (treble and bass clef) in a two-flat key signature. The melody and lyrics are the same as in the first system.

Psalm 22 is sung during the stripping of the altar.

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Please leave in silence after the psalm has finished. Those wishing to do so – may remain for meditation and reflection.

Worship Leaders

Minister: Rev. Steven C. Claycomb

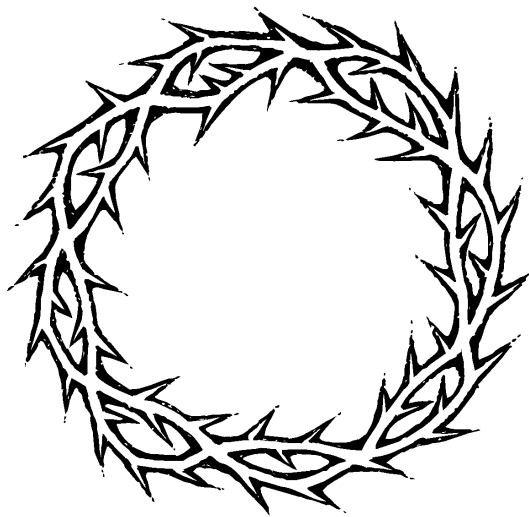
Keyboard: Gail Derrer

Assistant Minister: Lisa Weis, John Balas

Reader: Doug Young

Ushers: Laura Young & Doug Young

Good Friday service – 7:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse



Easter Services

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service – Lighthouse parking lot

9:00 a.m. traditional service in the church