

*Prelude:*

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

*Passion Chorale harmonized by Bach, arr. McChesney  
performed by the Celebration Handbell Choir  
Bell Choir Director: Jane Ross*

*Silent Prayer*

*\*Instruction*

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 into which we enter 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.

*\*Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Merciful Savior,

**C: You kneel before us, showing us the example of humble service, but we have been too weak and too proud to worship you as we ought.**

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts.**

**We have been distracted and forgetful.**

**We have not heard or understood your call to pick up our crosses and follow you.**

**We have not prayed with you as you had asked.**

**We have plotted and lied, and thought only of ourselves,**

**We have taken your forgiveness for granted even while we failed to offer mercy to others.**

**We have allowed you, even begged you to help us, but we have failed to help others.**

**We hear again that you love us and give us a new commandment to love others,**

**But we have not done it the way that you have asked.  
Wash us clean, Lord.  
Allow us to start again,  
Help us, this time, to show your love to the world and to be  
the example of light and love that you asked us to be.  
Wash us clean, help us to carry your cross and  
to honor you in good times and in bad.  
Allow us to never deny, never fail to believe, never betray  
and give us the courage to pray with you for the salvation  
of the whole world. Amen.**

P: Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world"*

and again scripture reminds us that:

*"having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end"*

Hear again, the assurances of our Savior: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven, restored and made whole by the one who offered his own life as an example for us and our salvation.

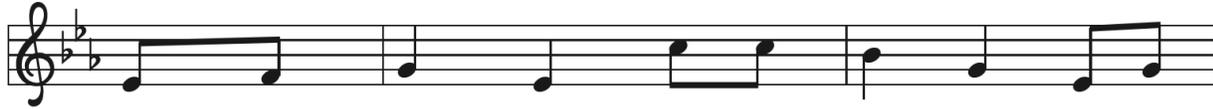
**C: Thanks be to God!**

*\*Prayer of the Day*

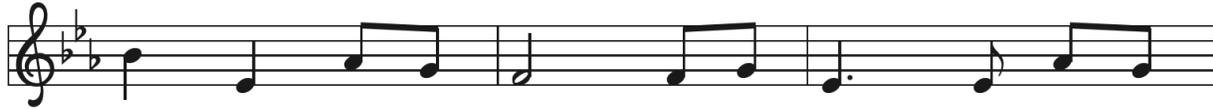
P: Let us pray. Holy God,

**C: 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. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior.  
Amen.**

**C: Gathering Hymn: “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”**



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

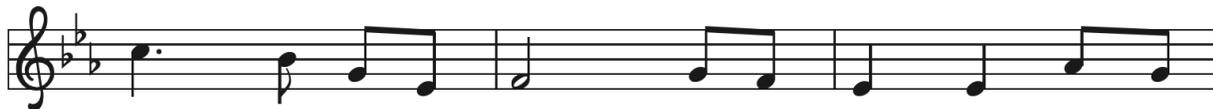


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: “I am with you; do not fear!”  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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 Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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***First Reading:*** Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Responsive Reading:*** Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

R: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

R: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

**C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

R: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

**C: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones,**

R: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant. You have loosed my bonds.

**C: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.**

R: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

**C: in the courts of the house of the LORD, in the midst, O Jerusalem.**

***Second Reading:*** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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.”

<sup>25</sup>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.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation:***

**C: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel:*** John 13:1-17, 33-35

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.

<sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

<sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By 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.**

**Sermon:** Pastor Kristy Buyok

**Hymn of the Day:**

“A New Commandment”

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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.



By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

### ***\*The Prayers***

P: On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Lord God, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer, especially Tim, Rachel, Sunday, Gary, Linda, Jaime, Ann, Dempsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Christy, Zach, Colin, Ken, the family of chester and the family of Diana. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Choir Anthem:* "O the Love"

Words and Music by Dana Mengel (ASCAP)  
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*\*Offertory:* # 336, verse 1 "Lamb of God"

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod  
and to become the Lamb of God.**

*Refrain:* **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

*\*Offertory Prayer*

P: Let us pray.

**C: Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*\*Eucharistic Prayer:*

P: God is here.

**C: Our Savior is with us.**

P: May our hearts be open.

**C: Let us lift them up to God.**

P: ...We thank you for patiently teaching us to praise you with the Angels and Saints:

**C: Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: ...whenever you do this, remember me.

**C: We remember that he died. We proclaim that he rose from the dead and we live in joyful confidence that he will come in glory.**

P: ...the world you have made.

**C: Amen.**

*\*The Lord's Prayer*

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
holy is your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us away from temptation,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom,  
the power,  
and the glory are yours.**

**Now and forever. Amen.**

*At the Breaking of Bread:*

P: Come to the table of mercy. A place of welcome, forgiveness and love for all people.

*Gather up front in a circle to share in our Savior's Holy Meal. Gluten free wafers are available. Wine (red) or grape juice (yellow) is available. Please indicate to the pastor if you prefer a blessing rather than communion.*

*Remain in the circle until all have communed, the prayer is said, and the blessing is given.*

*Communion Hymn: "Remembrance"*

Oh, how could it be  
That my God would welcome me  
Into this mystery?  
Say, "take this bread, take this wine"  
Now the simple made divine  
For any to receive

By Your mercy we come to Your table  
By Your grace You are making us faithful

Lord, we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion  
We respond to Your invitation  
We remember You

See His body, His blood  
Know that He has overcome  
Every trial we will face  
None too lost to be saved  
None too broken or ashamed  
All are welcome in this place

By Your mercy we come to Your table  
By Your grace You are making us faithful  
Lord, we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion

**We respond to Your invitation  
We remember You  
Dying, You destroyed our death  
Rising, You restored our life  
Lord Jesus, come in glory  
Lord Jesus, come in glory**

**Dying, You destroyed our death  
Rising, You restored our life  
Lord Jesus, come in glory  
Lord Jesus, come in glory  
Lord Jesus, come in glory  
Jesus come**

**By Your mercy we come to Your table  
By Your grace You are making us faithful**

**Lord, we remember You  
And remembrance leads us to worship  
And as we worship You  
Our worship leads to communion  
We respond to Your invitation  
We respond to Your invitation  
We remember You**

*Words and Music by Matt Maher and Matt Redman*

### ***Stripping of the Altar***

**P: Because each of us, as part of a sinful humanity and by our own action contribute to the violence and judgment demonstrated in the arrest, assault, humiliation and eventual crucifixion of our Lord, all are invited to take part in stripping the altar.**

This is, for us, a visual sign of the three days in which the world knew what it was to live without our Savior.  
*Psalm 88 is read as we form a line down the center aisle and each person steps forward to remove some sign of Christ from our worship space.*

*As the Psalm is spoken, the chancel is stripped.*

*When the Psalm is completed and the chancel stripped, all depart in silence. There is no benediction or postlude this evening. The service continues with the Good Friday Liturgy tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. Remain and pray as long as you wish.*

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***Your Prayers Are Requested For:***

***Tim, Rachel, Sunday, Gary, Linda, Jaime, Ann, Dempsey, Lynne, Phoebe, Cassidy, Christy, Zach, Colin, Ken, the family of chester and the family of Diana***

***Thank you to those serving this morning***

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok  
Cantor: Lesley Mast  
Bell Choir Director: Jane Ross  
Assisting Minister: Hans Kwee  
Reader: Bob Race  
Pianist: Joe Hennell  
Communion Assistant: Lyn Miller  
Altar Care: Nancy Carr  
Ushers/Greeters: Jerry & Kathy Meitzler  
Bread Baker: Lesley Mast



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**Holy Week Schedule:** Holy Week is here. Our schedule of services is as follows:

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday – 7pm

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday – 9:30am – followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages.



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<b>Serving in April In-Person</b>	<b>4/2</b>	<b>4/3</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>4/19</b>	<b>4/26</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Bob Race	Multiple Readers	Kathy Smith	Lynn Moomaw	Pam Root	Mark Miller
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Hans Kwee	Lynn Moomaw	Adrienne Karlen	Pam Root	Hans Kwee	Noah Raines
<b>Greeters/ Ushers</b>	Jerry & Kathy Meitzler	Nancy & Steve Carr	Bruce Blough Hans Kwee	Rex Raff Ernie Buyok	Duane & Robin Eggeman	David Svegel Tim Preston
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Lyn Miller	No communion	Lynn Moomaw	Duane Eggeman	Nancy Carr	Ernie Buyok
<b>Altar Care</b>	Nancy Carr	No communion	Jerry Meitzler	Beth Raff	Tim Preston	Sandy Allen
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Lesley Mast	N/A	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast	Lesley Mast