

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022  
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Davis Bay, BC

## GATHERING

### Invitation

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 neighbour, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Following the invitation above, all are invited sit or kneel and keep silence for reflection and self-examination. The Order for Confession and forgiveness begins at the direction of the Presider*

### Order for Confession and Forgiveness *(Please stand if you are able)*

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 neighbours 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 you.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### Gathering Song #358 "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" verses 1-3

1. Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
2. We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along,  
by pow'rs and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for humankind.

3. Great God, in Christ, you call our name and then receive us as your own,  
not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

### **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

### **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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading** Exodus 12:1-14

*(We listen to this story aware that this weekend is also Passover for our Jewish relatives, including Jesus, who, as a good Jew, celebrated this festival on this time)*

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>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**“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. <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>31</sup>When he (*Judas*) had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <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.' 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."      **The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Meditation      The Rev. Glenn Inglis

**Song of the Day**      "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"      verses 4-5

4. Then, take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.

Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

5. Great God, in Christ, you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.

Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

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

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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, tend to flocks, fields, and vineyards. Bring favourable weather for crops to grow. Guide the hands of those who cultivate, farm, and garden. Let the earth flourish so that all may eat and be satisfied. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 for agencies that offer relief and humanitarian aid to populations in need, especially those in Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia and Malawi. We also pray for those parts of the world dealing with the spread of Covid or its varieties, and with the fear and realities of major changes and losses along with the feeling that illness, death and grief are all around. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, give ear to all who call upon you for any need of body or spirit (*especially those known to us and loved by us whom we name now in silence or aloud. . .*). Provide for those who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, those who rely on the generosity of others and those who care for others at the risk of their own lives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of love, you invite us to your table of mercy. Heal all divisions between members of this and every assembly. Extend the hospitality of this table beyond these walls, that your love and welcome will be made known to all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 or are imprisoned, persecuted, or martyred for their faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

**Sharing of the Peace**                      *A musical reflection is played as the table is set*

## MEAL

### Offering Prayer

Extravagant God, **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving over the gifts of field and vine

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift your hearts to heaven. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right for us to give our thanks.**

As the shadows lengthen, we bless you, sheltering God.

We glorify you for the endless, starlit sky,

deep with the mystery of your creative labor through all time and space.

We praise you for the fertile earth and for the life its darkness holds and births:

plants of every variety, animals curled in sleep, humankind you shaped by your own hand.

Stay with us, for it is evening. **Stay with us, for it is evening.**

Through the night you led your people into freedom.

At day's end you rained down manna in the wilderness.

At sundown your Son brought healing to people in need.

In the midday night when Jesus died on the cross, life came forth for all.

Stay with us, for it is evening. **Stay with us, for it is evening.**

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 for the remembrance of me.

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 for the remembrance of me.

Our hearts burn within us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Like a mother hen, hold us close through the coming night.

Watch with those who labor, accompany those who long for peaceful sleep,

welcome those whose waking will be only in you.

Into our deepest night, come, Lord Jesus. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Holy Spirit, make here the body of Christ: in the breaking of the bread, in justice for our broken world, in rest for the weary, come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.** To you, O God, painter of both night and day, guiding star and healing sun, breath of peace and wind of change, be all glory, all honor, all praise this night unto the coming dawn, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**           *(spoken)*

**Fraction**

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God**

**Invitation**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

**Hymn to be sung before and during the Sacrament**       #353   **“Were You There”**

**Distribution**   *(as directed by the Presider)*

## SENDING

**Prayer after the Lord's Supper**    *Please rise if able*

Lord Jesus, **in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Stripping of the Altar**                   *Please be seated*

*There is no benediction or blessing following the service. All are invited to remain for private prayer and/or to leave in silence. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are known as the “Triduum” –three days which form one single event in the story of God’s redemption of, and reconciliation with, the world.*