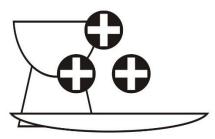
MAUNDY THURSDAY



APRIL 1, 2021

7:30PM



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE BRONX, NEW YORK

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

WELCOME TO TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are the "FAMILY OF FAITH" here in the Castle Hill section of the Bronx, New York. "Trinity exists to receive and share God's gifts."

IS TODAY YOUR FIRST TIME? Welcome once more! Thank you for being with us today. If you are interested in learning more about Trinity, joining our parish or speaking more about things going on in your life, please connect with Pastor Gonzalez. You can reach him at pastor@trinitylutheranbronx.org. We hope that this is not your last time with us & we that you'll continue to share in our joy as a Family of Faith!

THE ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE is printed in this booklet (which is also called the "bulletin."). LARGE PRINT EDITIONS of this are available at the entrance in the narthex (the back of the church). RESTROOMS are located in the side hallway of the sanctuary (the area of the church where we worship), which can be accessed through the side door, near the front of the church. A CHANGING TABLE is available in the women's restroom, along with a handicap-accessible stall.

A FEW REMINDERS FOR WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

As vou arrive:

- All attending in-person worship must clean your hands when entering. MASKS ARE REQUIRED & must be worn covering your nose and mouth. If you do not have a mask, we will have extras available. Hand sanitizer will also be available.
- If you have already visited with family and feel comfortable sitting with extended family, this is fine. We simply ask that groups maintain 8ft. of physical distance from one another.

During Worship

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

~ All attending in-person worship will be able to share the peace in a usual fashion with their "family group." To maintain physical distance, we are encouraged to share the peace making the sign of peace () with other Family of Faith members.

HOLY EUCHARIST:

- ~ During the distribution of the Sacrament, Pastor & those assisting with communion will sanitize their hands before distribution.
- ~ After the Order of the Eucharist, Pastor will intinct ("dip") the bread/Body into the wine/Blood, then place the host onto the hands of the person receiving the Body & Blood of Jesus.

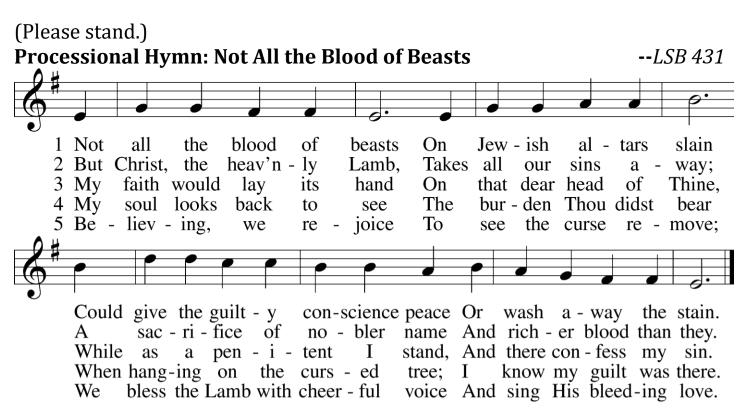
After Worship:

- At the end of worship, there will be a time for anyone who desires to leave immediately following worship to exit first after announcements. Following this time, those who are comfortable gathering are welcome to do so.

In the Name of Jesus

On this day the Church gathers to share in the Holy Supper Christ gave His Church to reveal His unfailing love for the human family. In the actions of this Liturgy, Christ demonstrates this love by speaking His faithful Word, washing our feet, and giving us His Body and Blood. From this gathering we are sent to serve those in need, to offer mercy, and to feed the hungry.

Maundy Thursday is the first of the Holy Triduum (The Three Days). "Maundy" is from the Latin word for "mandate." Jesus gave us the mandate to love one another as He has loved us. Today's Liturgy continues with Good Friday and the Resurrection of Our Lord. Together, The Holy Triduum proclaims the mystery of our faith: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."



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Sermon (Followed by **Silence** for prayer & meditation)

Instruction

P: In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of His love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of His Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of Holy Absolution we receive forgiveness as from God Himself. This Absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the Name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in His love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with His disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this Holy Meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of Himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in Him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Please kneel and be silent for reflection and self-examination.)

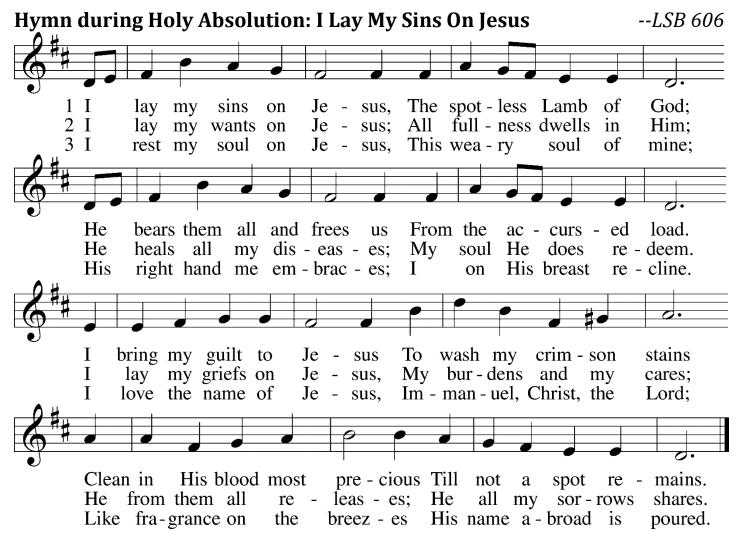
P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

(The Pastor is in the chancel. Please stand in the nave main level until the one ahead leaves. Then, come to the rail, one by one. Stand or kneel and hear the words of God Himself. If you wish, the Pastor will listen as you name one sin that may be especially troubling. After hearing the words of Holy Absolution, please return to your seat.)

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ▼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(People greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)

Prayer of the Day

(*Please kneel.*)
L: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

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.

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19



I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli- | cation,* because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up- | on him.

How shall I re- | pay the LORD

for all the good things he has | done for me?

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation and call upon the name | of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD in the presence of all his | people.

Precious in the sight | of the LORD is the death of his | servants.

O LORD, I am your | servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving and call upon the name | of the LORD.

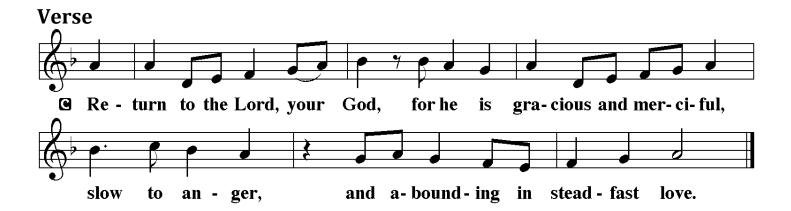
I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD in the presence of all his | people,

in the courts of the | LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Je- | rusalem.

Glory be to the Father and | to the ♣ Son and to the Holy | Spirit, as it was in the be | ginning is now and will be for | ever. Amen

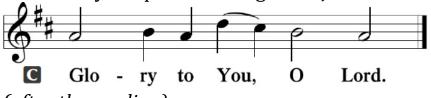
Epistle (Letter) Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.



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

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 13th chapter.



(after the reading)

L: The Gospel of the Lord.





Prayer of the Church

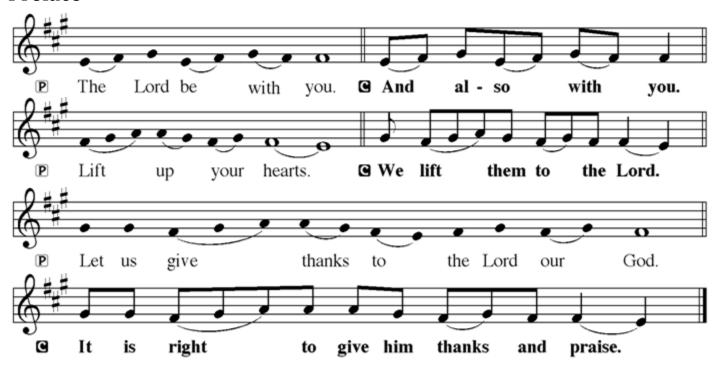


Offertory Prayer

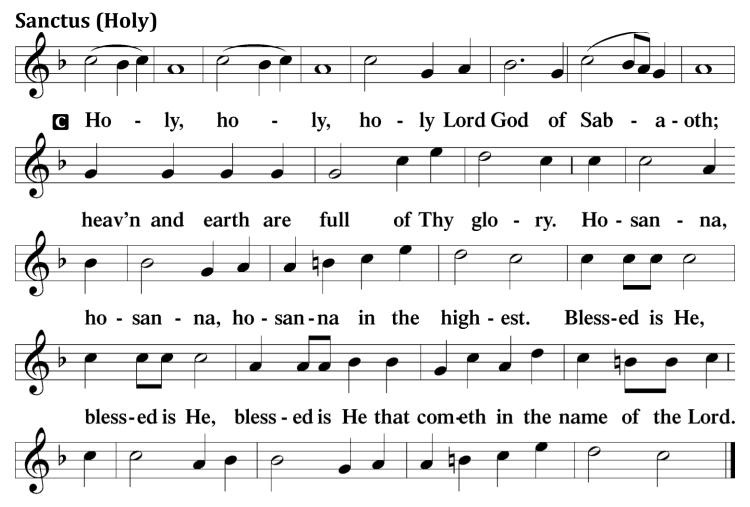
A: Let us pray... Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface



P: It is indeed right and salutary...



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

(Please **kneel** for the Eucharistic Prayer & The Words of our Lord, Jesus.)

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. (*)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS (Las Palabras De Nuestro Señor Jesús)

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night in which He was betrayed took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take and eat. This is my Body given for you. This do in remembrance of me. (***)

In the same way also He took the cup after supper and when He had given thanks He gave it for all to drink saying: Drink of it, all of you. This is the new covenant in my Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. (***)

La noche en que fue entregado, nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias; lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:

Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.

Hagan esto en memoria mía. (***)

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo:

Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía. (***)

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, His death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the Church say, "Amen."

C: Amen.

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the Church say, "Amen."

C: Amen.

P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever, as we, Your Church, say, "Amen!"

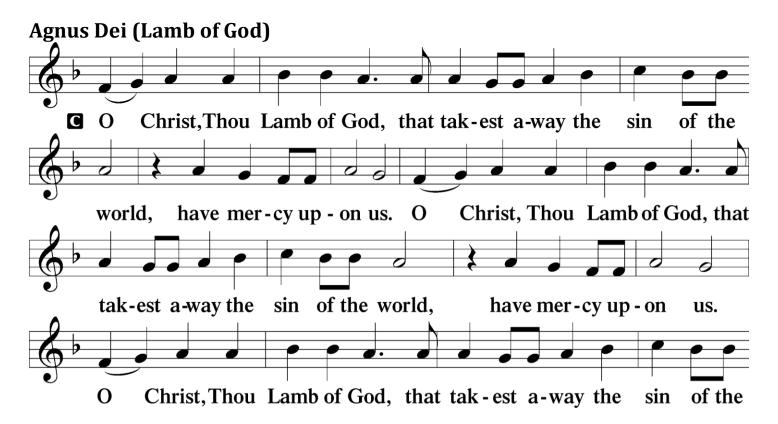
C: Amen.

(The congregation stands and holds hands.)

Pater Noster (Our Father)

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

C: 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.





P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to come to His Supper.

C: O Lord, we are not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and we shall be healed.

Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ

(PLEASE meditate in SILENCE during this time, both before and after receiving the Holy Eucharist. Use this time <u>for prayer and thanksgiving</u>. After all have received, we stand together as we lift our voices in song.)

Meditation Hymn: Remembrance

--Matt Maher

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 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 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! (4X)

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.

Dismissal

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace until life ★ everlasting.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray...

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

(This is done in remembrance of Jesus' being stripped and humiliated)

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; 'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'

Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.
On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Silence

(Remain in your seats in silence for at least two minutes.)

You may remain as long as you wish for silent prayer. <u>WE DEPART IN SILENCE</u> <u>AND DO NOT SPEAK</u> with each other until we are outside the building. We return tomorrow for Good Friday, as we remember the Son of Man is glorified on the throne of the Holy Cross.