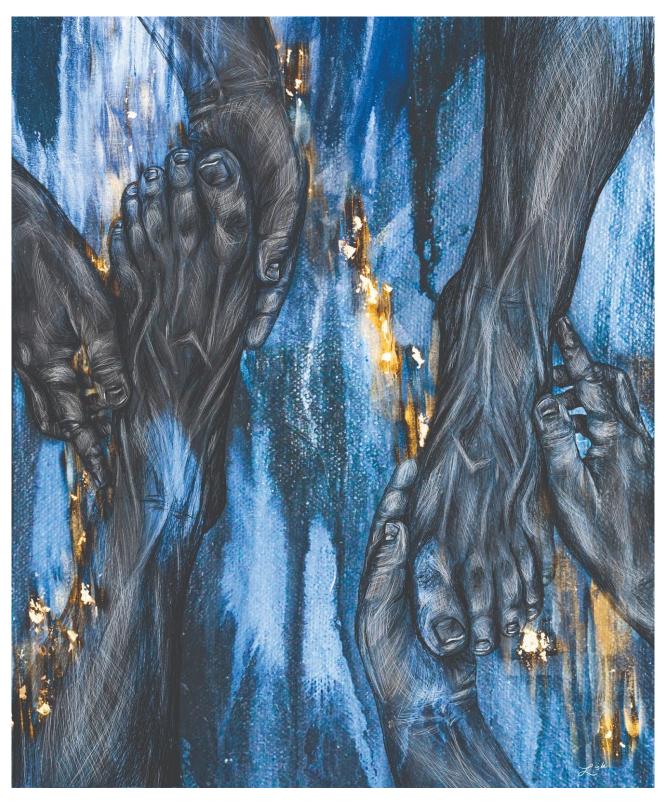
MAUNDY THURSDAY In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin March 28, 2024



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Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We are called to be an inclusive community, sharing God's grace through worship, service, and hospitality.

Ministers and Staff

The Congregation of Peace Lutheran Church
Rev. Hannah DiPasquale, Pastor
Sandy Johnson, Office Administrator (office@peacelutheranlc.com)
Jieun Newland, Music Minister
Tommy Grimes, Custodian

We of Peace Lutheran Church welcome all people to full participation in the life of the church regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or physical or mental disability.

Children are welcome in any worship service at Peace Lutheran Church.

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this week and, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to worship with us again soon. If you are in need of assistance of any kind, please speak with an usher.

P= Presider, A= Assisting Minister, C= Congregation



On this night our Lenten observance concludes as we gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

At the heart of tonight's Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' new commandment (Latin: *mandatum*) to love one another.

As a sign of our calling to follow Jesus' example of humility and service, we wash one another's feet as Jesus washed the disciples' feet.

On this night in which Jesus was handed over to death we also gather around the Lord's supper.

At the service's conclusion, the altar area is stripped of furnishings as a sign of Jesus' abandonment.

WELCOME

*OPENING PRAYER

P: Breath of God,
quiet our hearts,
hush our lips,
open our eyes,
and fill us with holy wonder
as we look to Jesus,
our host, your servant, our Lord.

C: Amen.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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 great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection
reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,

C: and still you love us—you have loved us to the end.

P: We have denied you,

C: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

P: We have betrayed you,

C: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

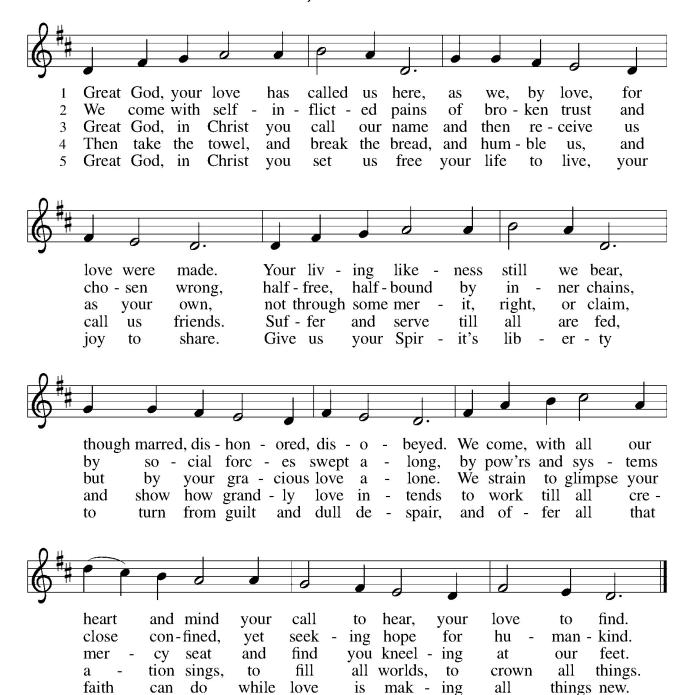
P: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

C: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray.

Amen.

P: Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!



*GREETING

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: 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.
- C: Amen.

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FIRST READING

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

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. [⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ¹They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ³They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ³Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] ¹¹This 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 (read responsively)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, ²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

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

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;

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

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

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

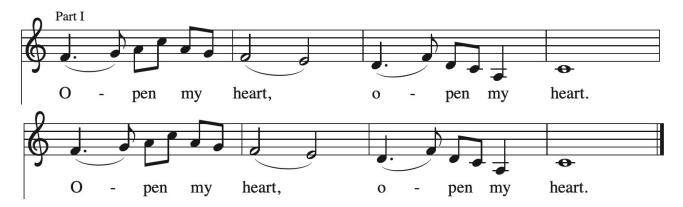
¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Open My Heart



*GOSPEL

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

P: The Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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. ⁶He 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." ⁰Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁰Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹¹ 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

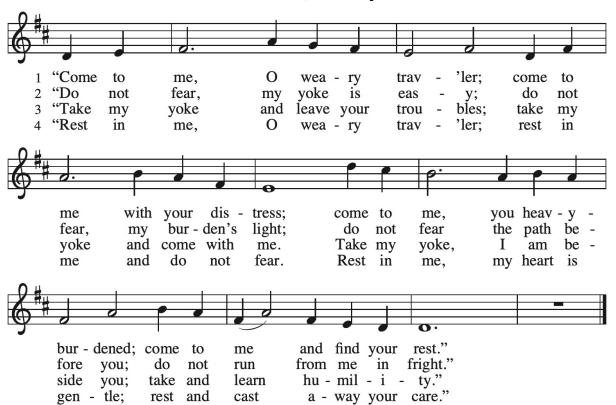
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

Silence for Reflection

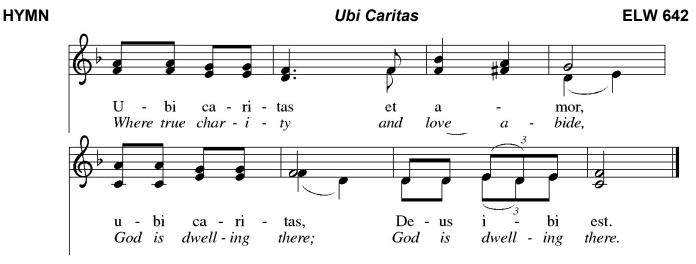


*INVITATION TO FOOTWASHING and HANDWASHING

P: On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. 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. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

We recognize that the washing of feet is not for everyone; although you are encouraged to engage your discomfort and perhaps give it a try. But it is the image of washing or cleansing that is the operative image in Jesus' command. So, we extend an invitation to wash your hands instead, or in addition to your feet. Our hands and hearts need cleansing too if they are to represent the love of God expressed by them in the world.

Those wishing to have their feet and/or hands washed may come forward to any of the washing stations. After receiving the washing and the blessing, please return to your seat in silence or song.



*LITANY OF FEET AND HANDS

- P: Oh Lord look at our feet, they are dirty with sin of the world. We have walked past many in need.
- C: Wash them, and cleanse us, Oh Lord.
- P: May we serve you as you serve us by sharing your good news. May we stop to care for those in need.
- C: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!
- P: Oh Lord look at our hands, they are dirty with the sin of the world, they have destroyed instead of created.
- C: Wash them, and cleanse us, oh Lord.
- P: May we serve you and others with our hands. May they create, feed and care instead of destroy, take or hurt.
- C: Lord, you remind us: Generous hands are blessed hands because they give bread to the poor.
- P: As Christ served his disciples in those last moments before he gave himself to die, let us serve the world he loved.
- C: Christ has no body now on earth but ours.

No hands, no feet on earth but ours,

ours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world, ours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Ours are the hands, ours are the feet, ours are the eyes, we are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but ours.

Amen.

*PRAYERS INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

- A: Merciful God.
- C: receive our prayer.
- **P:** Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer
- C: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

In-Building: Please share signs of peace in whatever way you are comfortable and is respectful of your neighbor's comfort level.

Online: You may share signs of peace in the chat or on video in sign language or waving.

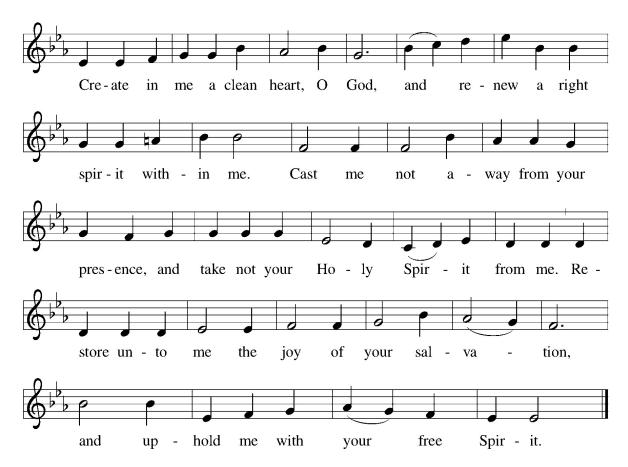
OFFERING

P: Gifts for the work and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church can be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the Church Office or sent through on-line giving on our website.

OFFERING ANTHEM

Call to Lent

--arr. Jerome Williams



*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray

C: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

Amen.



*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you!
- C: And also with you!
- P: Lift up your hearts!
- C: We lift them to the Lord!
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- C: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

*PREFACE

P: ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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*THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in Heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive
those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

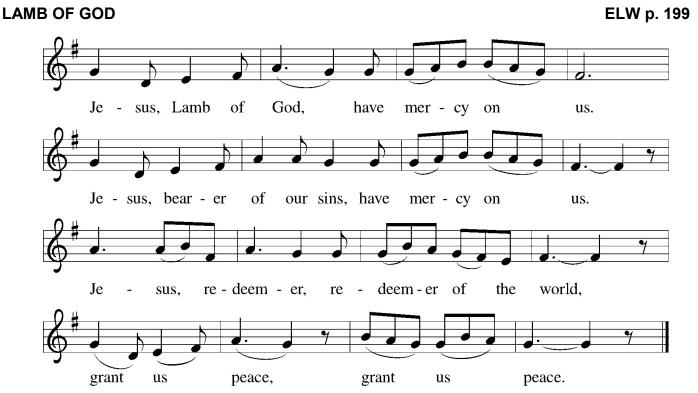
Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo, santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosotros tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la Tierra como en el Cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación, y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder, y tuya la Gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

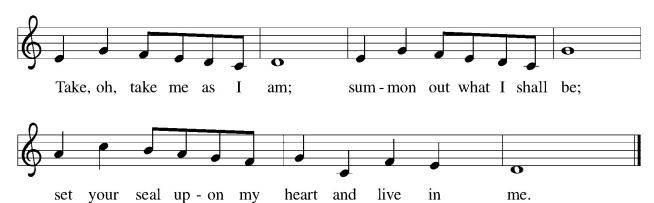
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table for communion, regardless of age or church membership. Come forward up the center aisle, taking an empty cup from the tray at the front. Follow the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. The Bread Minister will hand you a piece of bread (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask the bread minister). There are two Wine Ministers. The first pouring chalice offers wine and the second chalice is grape juice.

If you choose not to receive; communion, you may come forward for a blessing from the Bread Minister. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you would prefer a blessing.

If you have difficulty coming to the front, please notify an usher and communion will gladly be brought to you.





*BLESSING FROM THE TABLE

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

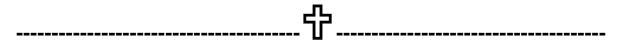
A: Lord Jesus,

C: 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

The sacramental elements and vessels, linens, paraments, banners, books, candles, and other items are removed from the worship space. Psalm 22 is sung by the cantors and lights are dimmed.

All depart in silence.



Please join us for the rest of Three Days and Easter Sunday....

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

12:00-6:00pm Self-Guided Prayer Service

Come-and-go at any time. Prayer stations will be set up in the sanctuary, and you are welcome to come and engage in the stations individually and introspectively.

A guide booklet will be provided with instructions.

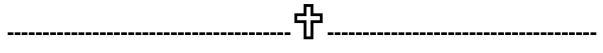
Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil

5:00pm at St. James Episcopal Church

Join us for this ecumenical Easter Vigil Service with our Episcopalian neighbors.

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

9am Worship followed by a Brunch Potluck



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