

# April 6, 2023 - Holy Week – Maundy Thursday

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where The Rev. Dr. James M. Capers is serving as our interim pastor.



You are invited to come up to the rail, as the usher directs you, to commune at the Lord's Table. The Pastor will present you with the bread and the assistant will offer your choice of wine (dark color) or grape juice (amber color). Please respect the social distance of others.

If you prefer to commune in the pew, you may pick up your communion wafer/cup as you enter the sanctuary.

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site, facebook page or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)

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**P Presiding Minister      C Cantor      A Worship Assistant      All Congregation**

## Gathering

### **Prelude**

*The Blood that Jesus Shed for Me*      **This Far By Faith 201**

**Pastor James M. Capers**

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### **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 one another. 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.

Most merciful God,

**All 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 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.**

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

**All Amen.**

### **Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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.**

# Word

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 12:1-14

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

## Gospel Acclamation

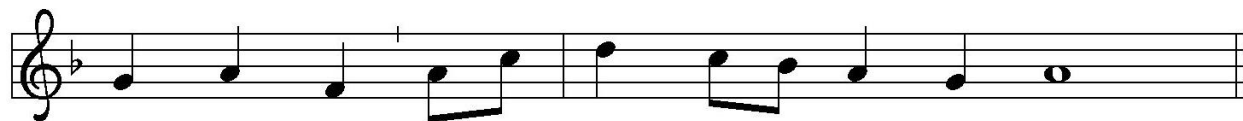
### ELW Setting Three



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON    Pastor James M. Capers**

### **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**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**

**P**    As Jesus calls us to love one another, let us pray for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need.

*Responses after each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**All    hear our prayer.**

**P**    Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we  
pray, in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

**All    Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace

**P** The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**All** And also with you.

(Please share the peace with those around you)

## Meal



## **Offertory Prayer**

**A** Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

**P** 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 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.

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

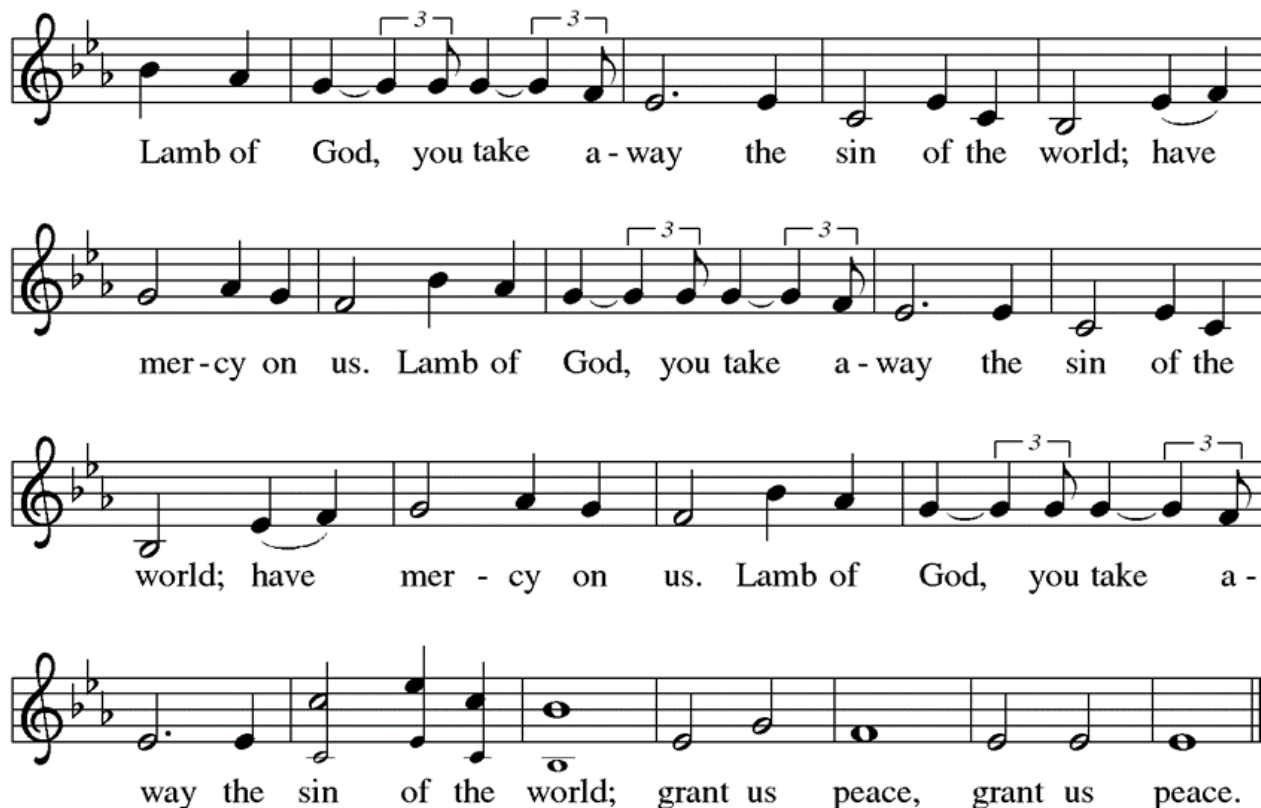
**And forgive us our trespasses.**

**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**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## **The Communion**

### **Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**A** Let us pray.  
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.

**All** Amen.

## **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

### **ANTIPHONAL READING OF PSALM 22**

**SOLO: "CALVARY" ELW 354**

**Song a capella by cantor LeeAra Watson**

PUBLIC DOMAIN  
African American spiritual

**LEAVE IN SILENCE.**

**The service continues on Good Friday. Enter in silence. We will begin at 7:30 p.m.**

## **April 6, 2023**

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