

# Maundy Thursday – Good Friday

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## New Hope Lutheran Church

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Prelude:

Invocation: L: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

Confession & Forgiveness

*(We begin with the pleas that will follow each petition)*

C: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

C: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

C: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

C: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

L: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. Amen.**

L: 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. **Amen.**

Hymn: Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

ELW #358

1. Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear, through 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.
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 life, 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.

L: 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.**

L: Let us pray... 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. Give us the will to gladly serve others, following the example of the one who 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. Amen.**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Hymn: As We Gather At Your Table

ELW #522

1. As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.
2. Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Offering:

Offertory Prayer: God our provider, **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Institution



As we gather around the table of the Lord, hear the words of the apostle Paul concerning this meal: *“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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is broken 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.”* (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

### Lord’s Prayer

### Invitation to the Table

L: Where charity and love abide, there is God. Rejoice in this holy communion.

### Lamb of God

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The Blessing: L: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us, comfort us, and keep us in his grace, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### Stripping of the Altar

*“Behold the Man”* Gaynell Tempel, soloist

Reading of the Good Friday Gospel: Mark 14:32-15:47 *(The text will be read in sections, with prayer and movement of 1 candle after each section)*

### Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW #338

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no pain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

*Please take whatever time you desire for additional prayer or meditation.*

*The good news of Good Friday is that by the power of Christ's death on the cross, nothing can ever separate us from the love of God. As you leave, please do so in silence.*



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