

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The First Day of the Ancient Triduum



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WELCOME TO ALL THIS HOLY NIGHT

As God's people, we begin together the three most important days – and the oldest holy days – in the Christian Church. Yes, this is one service covering three days! Each day's service leads us into the next, until there comes the Easter announcement, Christ is risen!

Today is "Maundy" Thursday. The name comes from "Mandatum," the Latin word for "commandment." This was the night when our Lord, sharing the Passover Meal with his disciples said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Three themes and traditions come from this evening. First, there is the Last Supper and the Holy Communion. Central, too, is the teaching our Lord did on this evening, including the new commandment. And finally, there is the image of servanthood preserved so meaningfully in the washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus himself. All throughout we can hear our Lord looking us in the eye with outstretched arm saying, "here, take a towel, and follow me."

An important part also, comes at the close of the service. While we sing Psalm 22, the altar and chancel are readied for Good Friday. The paraments, the candles, all the décor, leaves. The Ancient Three Days have begun! When the service is ended, behold the dim light surrounding the shrouded cross. Our Lord has begun his journey, for each of us. We are held, we are treasured, we are loved.

A blessed three days
through the cross
to the hope-filled sight of the empty tomb.

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV622
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 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.

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.

All turn, following the way of the cross.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 358 – Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

GREETING

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

KYRIE

Saint Luke Mass
Adam Scott Graham (b.1986)



Lord, have mer-cy on_ us. Christ, have mer-cy on_ us. Lord, have mer-cy on_ us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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, 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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

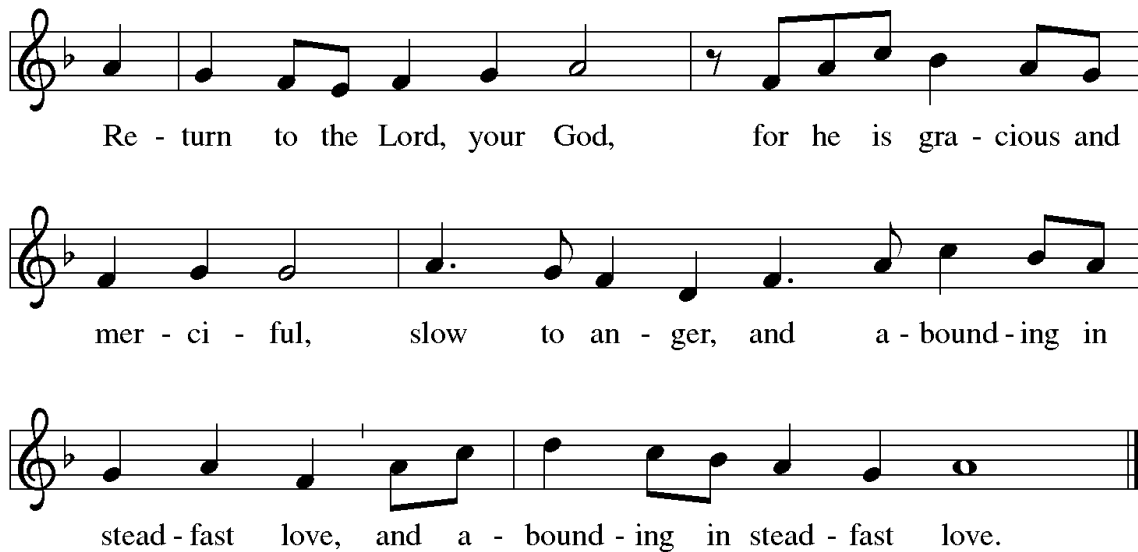
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

The holy gospel according to St. John.

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. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He 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." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will

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glorify him at once. 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. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 342 – There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"

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Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing.”

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

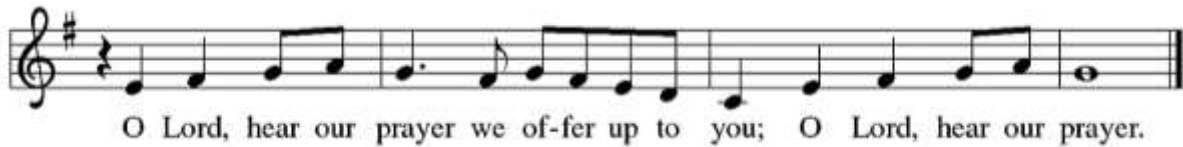
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of 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

Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church,
your good creation, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:



The prayers conclude:

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love,
in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

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Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus
William Byrd (1540-1623)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the whole church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, - God al - migh - ty, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Bless - ed is He who comes in the
Name of the Lord. - Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Please pray in your own preferred language.

**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.**

**Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.
Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)*

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

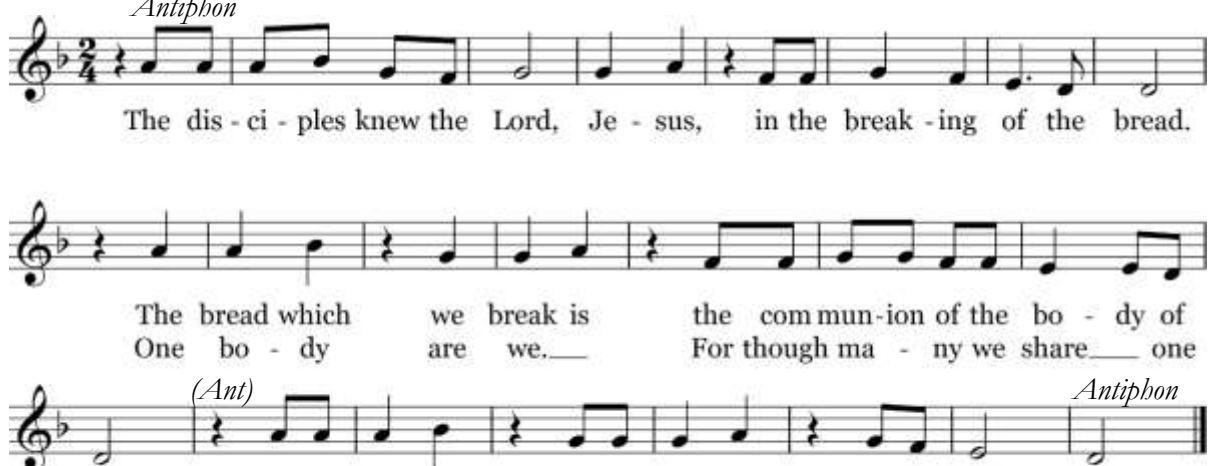
The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

FRACTION CANTICLE

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Antiphon



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord, Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

The bread which we break is the commun-ion of the bo - dy of
One bo - dy are we. For though ma - ny we share one

(Ant) Christ. bread. *Antiphon*
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia is omitted during Lent.

COMMUNION HYMN

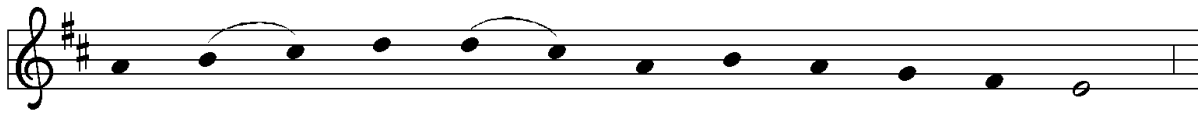
ELW 476 – Thee We Adore, O Savior



1 Thee we a - dore, O Sav - ior, God most true,
2 O true re - mem - brance of Christ cru - ci - fied,
3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,
4 Je - sus, by faith we see thee here be - low;



thy glo - ry clothed in bread and wine a - new;
the bread of life to us for whom he died;
cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most cleans - ing blood:
send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:



our hearts to thee in true de - vo - tion bow,
lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,
in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
some - day to gaze up - on thy face in light,



in hum - ble awe, we hail thy pres - ence now.
be thou the sweet - ness we were meant to find.
the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
blest ev - er - more with thy full glo - ry's sight. A - men.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 542—O Living Bread from Heaven

O liv- ing Bread from heav- en, how well you feed your
guest! The gifts that you have giv- en have filled my heart with
rest. O won- -drous- food of bless- ing! O cup that heals our
woes! My heart, this gift pos- sess- ing, in thank- -ful- song o'er- flows!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Tune: AURELIA

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Please be seated.



- All* 1 My God, my God, ' why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me,
so far from the words of my groaning?
- 2 My God, ' I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.
- Choir* 5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, ' I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; ' they shake their heads.
- 8 "Trust in the LORD; ' let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."
- All* 9 Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, ' for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- Choir* 13 They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; ' all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

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- All* 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; ’
 my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
 and you have laid me in the dust of death.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, ’ a band of evildoers circles round me;
 they pierce my hands and my feet.
- 17 I can count all my bones
 while they stare at me and gloat.
- 18 They divide my garments among them;
 for my clothing, they cast lots.
- Choir* 19 But you, O LORD, ’ be not far away;
 O my help, ’ hasten to my aid.
- *20 Deliver me from the sword,
 my life from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth!
 From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- All* 22 I will declare your name to my people;
 in the midst of the assembly ’ I will praise you.
- 23 You who fear the LORD, give praise! ’
 All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
 Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- 24 For the LORD does not despise ’ nor abhor the poor in their poverty; ’
 neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
 but when they cry out, ’ the LORD hears them.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- Choir* 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, ’
 Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
 May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
 all the families of nations shall bow before God.

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- Choir* ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ Indeed, ' all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, '
shall kneel before the LORD.
- All* ³⁰ Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- ³¹ They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, ' "The LORD has acted!"

SILENT PROCESSION

*All are invited to a time of silent reflection and prayer.
Please depart in silence.*

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Karen Evans, Nancy Gurganus,
Marcia Laundry, Joyce Schultz

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Adam Scott Graham
Director of Music

Schola Cantorum

TONIGHT'S MUSIC

ELW 358

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: Norman Cocker, 1889–1953
Tune: RYBURN

ELW 342

There in God's Garden

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr.
Erik Routley, 1917–1982
Music: K. Lee Scott, b. 1950
Tune: SHADES MOUNTAIN

ELW 476

Thee We Adore, O Savior

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; tr. Gerard Manley
Hopkins, 1844–1889, and James R. Woodford, 1820–
1885, alt.
Music: Plainsong mode V; *Processionale*, Paris, 1697
Tune: ADORO TE DEVOTE

ELW 542 – O Living Bread from Heaven

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth,
1827–1878, alt.
Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876
Tune: AURELIA

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 – 3:00 p.m. **SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS**
(Seven different meditations)

Sharing the word:

Bishop Richard Graham, is Bishop Emeritus of the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod of the ELCA. Prior to his election he served Hope Lutheran Church, College Park, MD. Until recently, Bishop served as Pastor-In-Residence at Saint Luke.

The Rev. Dr. George Lobien, is a retired Lutheran pastor, author, biblical scholar, and noted preacher. He has served congregations in Maryland, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Dr. Lobien is also past president of The Writing Academy, an association of Christian writers who live in various parts of the United States. Dr. Lobien now resides in Williamsburg, VA.

The Rev. Dr. Dean McDonald, is a retired Presbyterian pastor, having served several congregations. She is a Marriage and Family Therapist, and former program director and worship leader at the Washington National Cathedral. She also has taught pastoral care at Wesley and San Francisco Theological Seminaries.

The Rev. Dr. James McDonald, is a retired Presbyterian pastor, former executive with Bread for the World and past PCUSA seminary president, San Francisco Theological Seminary. Both he and his spouse, Pastor Dean McDonald, are associate members of Saint Luke.

The Rev. Gary Nuss served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Galion, OH, until his retirement in 2013. He is now Support Pastor at Saint Luke. Pastor Nuss also had a career in the Secret Service before he began his seminary education.

The Rev. Elizabeth Platz continues to serve as Teaching Pastor at Saint Luke. Prior to that she served as Lutheran Chaplain at the University of Maryland, College Park. Pastor is the first woman to be ordained in the Lutheran Church in North America.

The Rev. Connie A. Miller serves as Senior Pastor at Saint Luke. A native of the Washington, DC area, she has served the Church in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois, serving roles of congregation pastor, campus minister, and Assistant to the Bishop.

7:00 p.m. CHORAL SERVICE
The Seven Last Words of Christ
Théodore Dubois
Choir, Orchestra, Word, Prayers

HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. FESTIVAL WORSHIP (English)
10:00 a.m. EASTER RECEPTION
11:15 a.m. FESTIVAL WORSHIP (English)
12:15 p.m. EASTER RECEPTION
1:00 p.m. FESTIVAL WORSHIP (SPANISH)
2:00 p.m. EASTER RECEPTION

**I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.**

**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.**





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