

Maundy Thursday (TRIDUUM DAY 1)

April 2, 2026

7:00 pm




Ministers: All God's people at Messiah
Rev. Karl Hester, Pastor
Jon Abrams, Music Director

Prelude

O Sacred Head Now Wounded ELW 351


Words of Welcome

Leader or Assistant



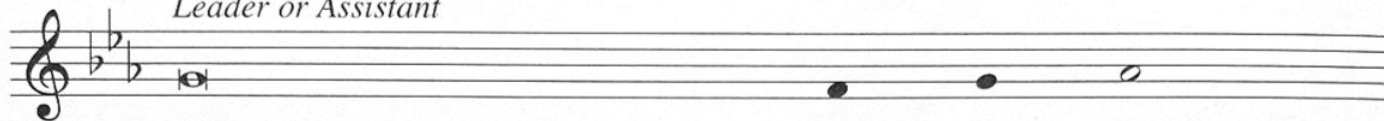
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All



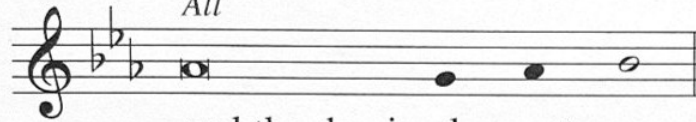
the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant




Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All



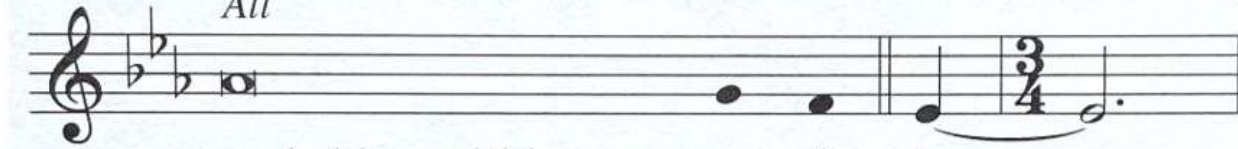
and the day is al - most over.

Leader or Assistant



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All




and shine within your peo - ple here.


All




1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing




glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to



you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and



light our hearts a - new.

All



2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the



blaz - ing sun of dawn, of the light of peace and



wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that



fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry



soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us

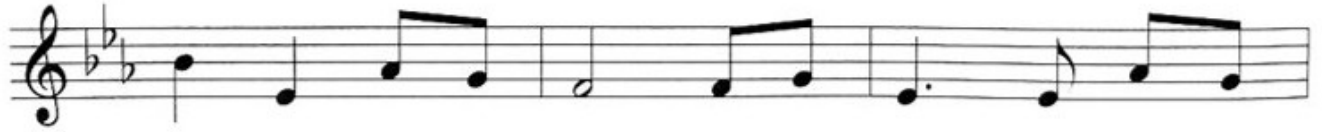


free and make us whole.

All



3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



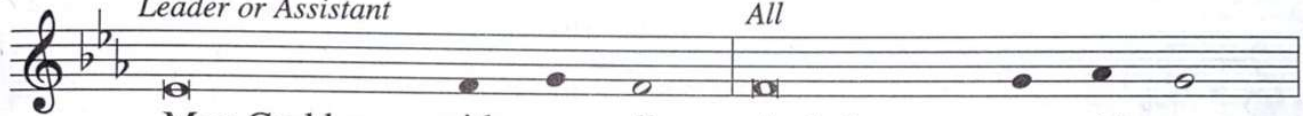
way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



on to end - less day.

Leader or Assistant

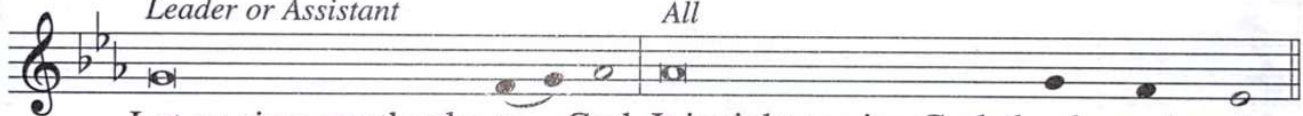
All



May God be with you all. And al - so with you.

Leader or Assistant

All



Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



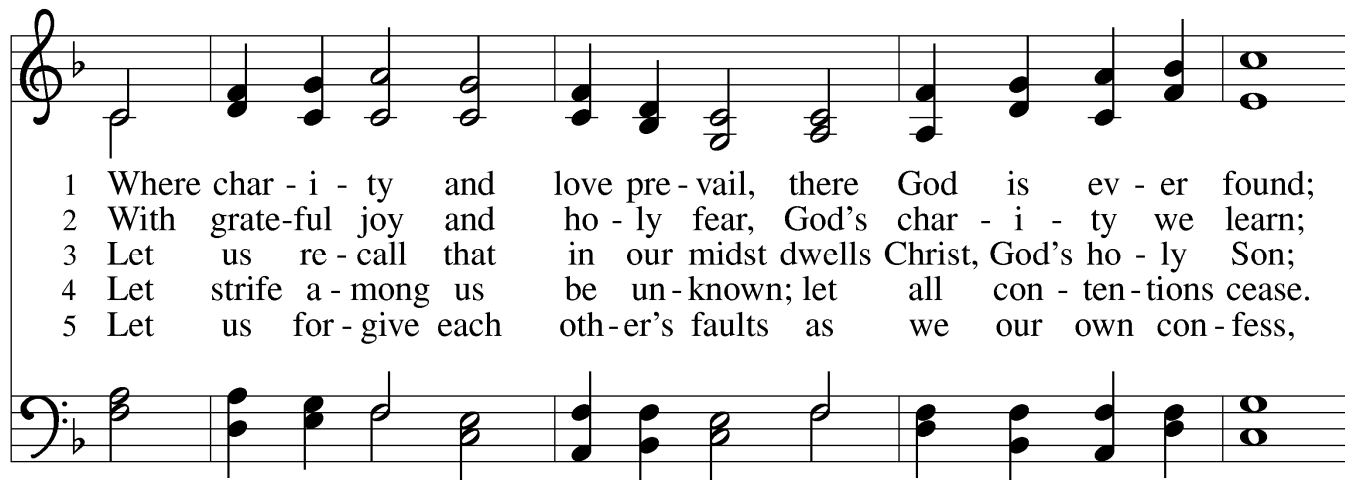
One: In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of God's Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of God's 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 absolution we receive forgiveness as from God's own self. 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.

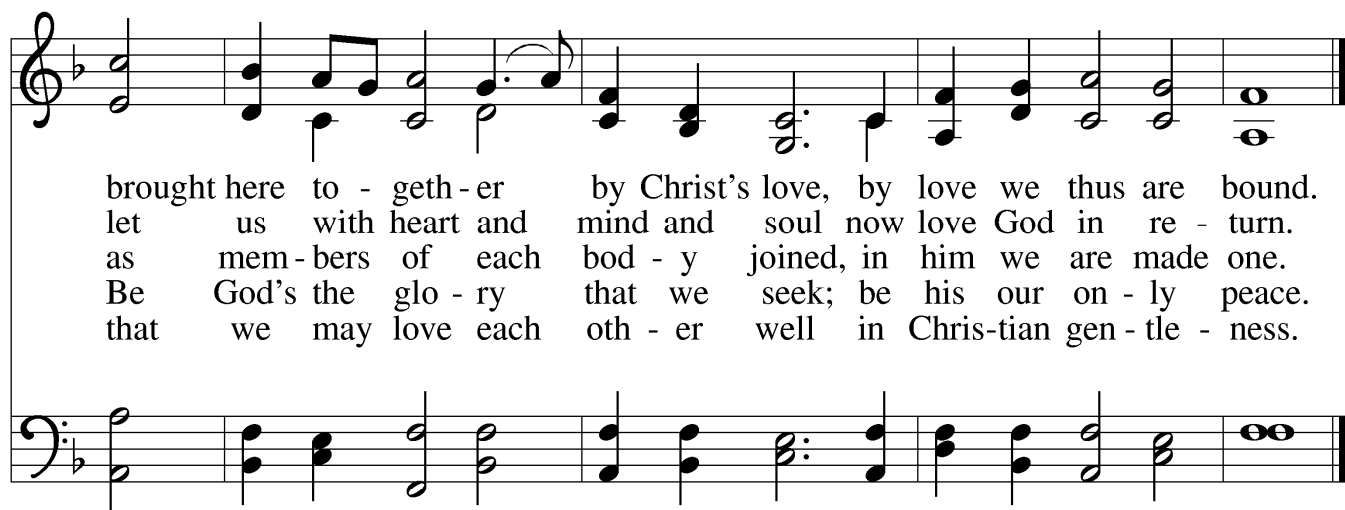
We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night before his death.

It is, however, in 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 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.

Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail" ELW 359



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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One: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen**

One: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are 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.

All: Amen

Confession and Absolution

One: 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.

silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God,

All: 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

One: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven.

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

One: Together let us pray the prayer of the day:

All: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit these signs of our lives in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Exodus 12:1-14, NRSVUE

1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: **2** This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. **3** 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. **4** 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. **5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. **6** You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. **7** 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. **8** They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. **9** Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. **10** You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. **11** 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. **12** 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. **13** 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. **14** 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 141 (Holden Evening Prayers pp. 4-6)

One: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

All: Amen.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26, NRSV

23 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, **24** 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." **25** 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." **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 NRSVUE (please stand)

1 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. **2** The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper **3** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4** got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5** 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. **6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **10** 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." **12** After 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? **13** You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. **14** So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. **16** Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. **17** 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. **32** If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. **33** 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.’ **34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Hymn "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" ELW 708

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,



2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,



3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;



4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.



neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.



all these are neigh - bors to us and you.



this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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*If you wish to have your feet washed,
please remove your shoes and socks at this time.*

Washing of Feet (all welcome to have their feet washed or to wash the feet of another)

Hymn during Foot Washing:

“Ubi Caritas et Amor” ELW 642

Ubi caritas et amor
Where True Charity and Love Abide

The musical score is written for a single voice part, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system of music has the lyrics: "U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, / Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,". The second system of music has the lyrics: "u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. / God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there." The melody is simple and homophonic, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second system.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*

Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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After all who wish have had their feet washed.

“Stay With Me” (Taizé) ELW 348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and".

pray. Watch and pray.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody continues from the first system. The lyrics are: "pray. Watch and pray.". The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Prayers

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, “Rejoice O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High.” And Mary said, “I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will.”



1. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my



spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,

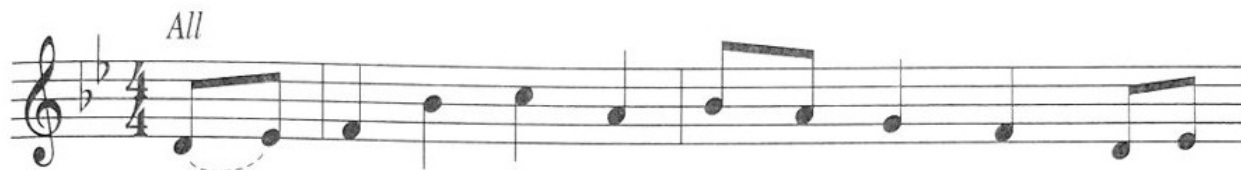


strong is your kind-ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the



weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!

All



3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my



spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.

All

[A] *repeat continuously* [B]



[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]



1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant [B]

2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant [B]

3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant [B]

4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant [B]

5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
 Leader or Assistant [B]

6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
 Leader or Assistant [B]

7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish-es all of cre-a-tion:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A] *Leader or Assistant* [B]

9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant [B]

10. For all the be-lov-ed who rest in your mer-cy:

All
 [A] *repeat continuously* [B]

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

[A]
Leader or Assistant

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra-cious God.

Leader: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

One: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Setting the Table

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

All: oh 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Holden Evening Prayer

p. 11

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Hymn during Communion:

"One Bread, One Body" ELW 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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One: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you ✝
in his grace.

All: Amen.

One: Let us pray.

All: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 22 & Stripping of the Altar

Worship assistants:

Assisting Minister – B. Mitchell

Reader – K. Brundage

Bread- K. Brundage

Stripping Altar – B. Scholz and M. Ball

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