



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
HOLY WEEK @ HOME
April 10, 2020**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

GATHERING

PRAYER

Gracious God, you have gathered us in this place to experience your love through the holy scriptures. May the stories we gather around this night come alive through sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell. Grant that we may find ourselves caught up in your word of hope and grace. In Jesus name, **Amen.**

FOOTWASHING/HANDWASHING

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John the 13th Chapter, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

FOOTWASHING

Set out a out the bowl of water and towel for the handwashing or footwashing ritual. The host will provide additional instructions.

PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Christ, for the gift of your presence in this place. In you we are loved, and through you we love one another. We ask that you to bless us the gifts of humility and compassion now and always. In your name we pray, **Amen.**

BREAD BAKING

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

BREAD BAKING

The host and gather people bake bread in their kitchens following the recipe on the supply list document. Remember to set a timer! Once the dough has been placed in the oven, all participants return to their electronic devices for the stripping of the altar.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Maundy Thursday experience concludes with the stripping of the altar. At this time, dim the lights in your home, and await instructions from the host.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

If you have created an altar in your home, you may dismantle it as the host reads Psalm 22. If there is a visible cross on your home altar, it may be veiled with a dark colored fabric.

Remain seated, observing silence.

GOOD FRIDAY

PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Gracious God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GOSPEL

John 18:1—19:42

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Following the hearing of the passion, you may be seated. All the candles may be extinguished.

HYMN

"Were You There" Audio Recording

HYMN #353

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The gathered community observes silence .

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Vigil of Easter

GATHER

You may light the larger candle at this time as the host introduces the Vigil of Easter.

ACT I

Fire and Light

PRAYER

During the prayer, you may light the tapered candle from the flame of the larger candle. Following the prayer, secure the taper in a candle holder.

Eternal God, **in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new light, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Exsultet arranged by Marty Haugen

Brandon Burns, Pastor Sarah & Vicar Beth

Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen! **Jesus Christ is risen!**

Celebrate with exultation; and sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in brightness of your king! Jesus Christ is risen! **Jesus Christ is risen!**

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Jesus Christ is risen! **Jesus Christ is risen!**

Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that with heart and mind and voice we should praise God, and the Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed us from bondage to freedom, for this is the night, **This is the night.**

This is the night, **this is the night.**

This is the night you led the children of Israel out of slavery to freedom. On this night all believers are renewed in grace, and restored again to holiness. Oh this is the night, **This is the night.**

This is the night, **This is the night.**

This is the night when Christ burst the chains of death, rising to life in triumph, Oh this is the night, **This is the night.**

This is the night, **This is the night.**

Night clear as day, putting wickedness to flight, washing sin away, restoring innocence to the fallen, joy to those who mourn, casting out hate, bringing peace and humbling pride.

Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in the burning of this candle.

Oh this is the night. **This is the night.**

We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and borrowed. For it is fed by the melting wax that the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle. Oh this is the night, **This is the night.**

We therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven.

May Christ the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave faithfully sheds light on the whole human race, Oh this is the night. **This is the night.**

This is the night, **This is the night.**

And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. **Amen.**

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ACT II

The Bible's Greatest Hits

SCRIPTURE

First Reading	Genesis 1:1—2:4a.
Second Reading	Genesis 7:1-5,11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13
Third Reading	Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Fourth Reading	Isaiah 55:1-11
Fifth Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Sixth Reading	Jonah 1:1-2:1
Seventh Reading	Daniel 3:1-29

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, **you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. By the grace of your Spirit, sustain and comfort us through these words. Increase the devotion of all your people, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with you and one another. In and through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Turn on all the lights in your home, and join in singing "Alleluia" with the audio recording

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Act III

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER

Gracious God, **we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 death. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

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I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

At this time, you may dip your fingers into the bowl of water and remember their baptism by making the sign of the cross either upon their forehead or across their body. If using anointing oil, you may anoint one another with the oil and remind one another that each person is a beloved child of God.

SENDING

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.** *Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

PRAYER

God of steadfastness and encouragement, thank you for gathering us this night around these sacred stories. Grant that we may live in harmony with one another, filled with hope, joy and expectation. Now, nourished by your word, send us out into the world as bringers of your peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

The host and gathered community may share time in fellowship and conversation by eating the baked bread and toasting with either champagne and/or non-alcoholic beverages. The community leave the Zoom session, as they feel led. Be sure to wash hands at the conclusion of Holy Week at Home.

HOLY WEEK @ HOME

Supply List and Set Up Instructions

Maundy Thursday

- Bibles
- Large Bowl
- Towels (5-8, depending on size)
- Bread Ingredients and Supplies (recipe found below)
- Home altar supplies
- Cross and dark colored fabric
- Computer, smart device or some other electronic means of accessing the Zoom session

Bread Recipe

2 cups whole wheat flour

1 cup white flour

1 ¼ teaspoons baking powder

1 ¼ teaspoons salt

1 Tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon oil

¾ cup hot water, plus 2 Tablespoons hot water

3 Tablespoons honey

3 Tablespoons molasses

Mix dry ingredients together. Cut in oil.

Combine water, honey and molasses; add to dry ingredients. Mix well. Dough will be a bit sticky.

Divide dough into four equal parts and roll each into a ball.

On a floured surface, roll each ball with a floured rolling pin, turning periodically and rolling into a ¼ inch thick circle.

Score/mark top of each circle with a knife into fourths (do not cut through the dough—just score the dough). If you wish, you can mark each quarter with a cross or some other design.

Bake at 350 degrees for 15-18 minutes. (You may remove the bread from the oven after 10 minutes and brush with oil for a uniform look.

Recipe makes 4 half-pound loaves.

Good Friday

- Tapered candles (one per person)
- Large bowl filled with sand for candles
- Matches or lighter

- Computer, smart device or some other electronic means of accessing the Zoom session.

Easter Vigil

- Large white candle
- Tapered candles (one per person; previously used for the Good Friday experience)
- Large bowl filled with sand for candles
- Matches or lighter
- Computer, smart device or some other electronic means of accessing the Zoom session
- Large bowl filled with water
- Anointing oil (olive oil works well) applied to a cotton ball
- Champagne or other non-alcoholic beverages
- Cups for beverages