

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

On Ash Wednesday, you began this season of repentance with confession, and you came forward to receive the ashes of repentance. Come forward now and receive individual absolution, the forgiveness which comes from Christ our Lord.

People may come forward for the laying on of hands.

Hymn During Absolution "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW #359

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

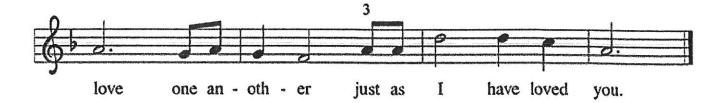
Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-14

A reading from Exodus.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴If 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They 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. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You 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. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike



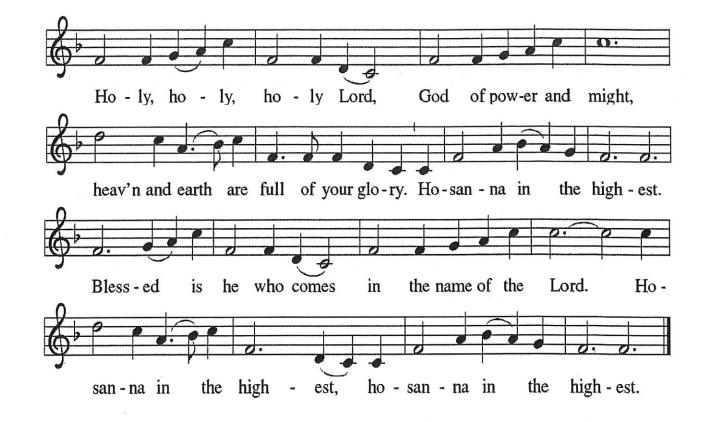
GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to 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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, 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. ⁶He came to Simon Peter. who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8Peter said to him. "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9Simon 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." ^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By 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.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.

Communion will be distributed at the rail. Please come forward by the center aisle and go to the right side of the rail. Receive the wafer and the wine (lighter color in the outer rings) or grape juice (darker color in the inner rings) and pause a moment before returning to your seat by the side aisle. Communion will be continuous, so as a space opens up, please fill that space. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small gold dish on the paten.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22 will be chanted as the altar is stripped. You are asked to depart in silence at the conclusion.

~ THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP ~



Ushers:	Dave & Linda Golinghorst
Reader:	Jason Dingbaum
Communion Assistant:	Madelyn La Plante
Counters:	Chelsey Dingbaum & Mary Moore
Bread Bakers:	Our First Communion Students
Organists:	Teri Wittkowski & Susan Becker
Choir Director:	Susan Becker

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Worship for the Three Days and Easter

Good Friday Service Friday, April 7—7:00 p.m.

We will hear the story of Jesus' Passion according to John's Gospel during the service of light and darkness.

EASTER Vigil SERVICE Saturday, April 8—5:00 p.m.

We will hear the story of God's salvation, remember our baptism, experience the empty tomb, and celebrate the first holy communion of Easter.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES Sunday, April 9

Our Easter celebration services will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

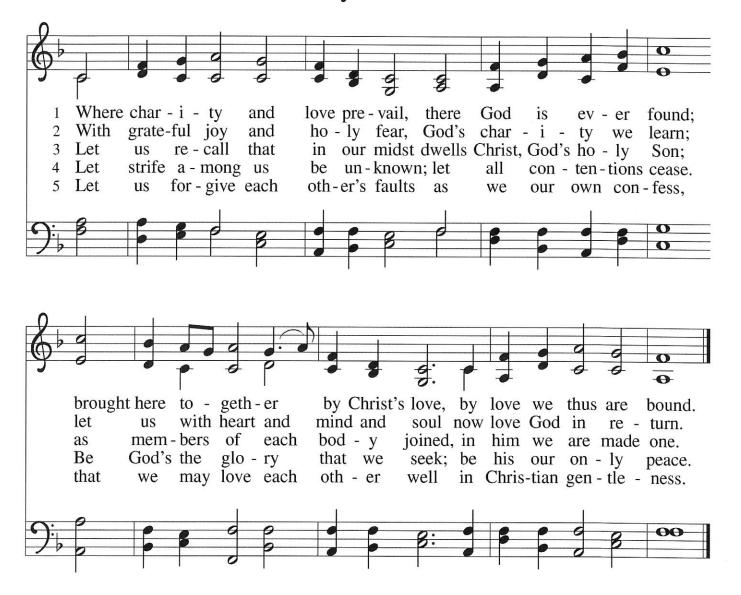
EASTER BREAKFAST Sunday, April 21—9:00 a.m.

The high school youth who will be going on the mission trip to the Albuquerque, New Mexico this summer will provide an Easter breakfast of breakfast casseroles, cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. A free will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of the mission trip.

EASTER EGG HUNT Sunday, April 21—9:30 a.m.

At the end of the breakfast, the 6th grade youth will host an Easter Egg Hunt. Weather permitting, the hunt will be on the front lawn. If the weather does not permit, we will hunt for eggs in the education wing.

Where Charity and Love Prevail



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Ubi caritas et amor Where True Charity and Love Abide



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