

Candlelight Service
Nelsonville Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025



GATHERING MUSIC FOR QUIET CONTEMPLATION

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor & People

Pastor: Jesus, Shepherd, gather us

**All: you meet us here, leading us
both in and out.**

Pastor: Quick our restless spirits

All: with us you will abide.

Pastor: Fill us

All: you are our Bread and Cup.

Invocation

Church Bell 3X Handbell Handbell

P: Lord God you are near, You meet us here.

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We come to this place how sweet - ly bound one to a -

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noth - er yet free. All: You build us to - geth - er Your

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spi - rit will dwell with - in us for e - ter - ni - ty.

rit.

Kyrie

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5

8

12

16

All: Lord have mer - cy Christ have
mer - cy Lord have mer - cy on us (A - maz - ing grace) All: You have
mer - cy You gift mer - cy You are mer - cy for us all Pastor: A
ma - zing Grace for all

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/4. It consists of six lines of music. The first line is an instrumental introduction. The second line begins with a measure rest labeled '5' and contains a triplet of eighth notes. The third line begins with a measure rest labeled '8' and contains the lyrics 'All: Lord have mer - cy Christ have'. The fourth line begins with a measure rest labeled '12' and contains the lyrics 'mer - cy Lord have mer - cy on us (A - maz - ing grace) All: You have'. The fifth line begins with a measure rest labeled '16' and contains the lyrics 'mer - cy You gift mer - cy You are mer - cy for us all Pastor: A'. The sixth line contains the lyrics 'ma - zing Grace for all' and ends with a double bar line. There are various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests throughout the score.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who comes to whisper peace and
who leads us into the light of grace.

All: Amen.

P. Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: God of all time,

All: We confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We find ourselves bound by fear and sin. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

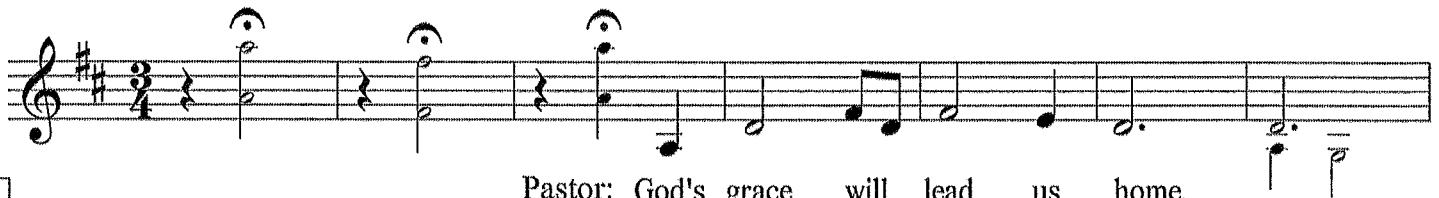
Absolution

Rev. 8/3/24

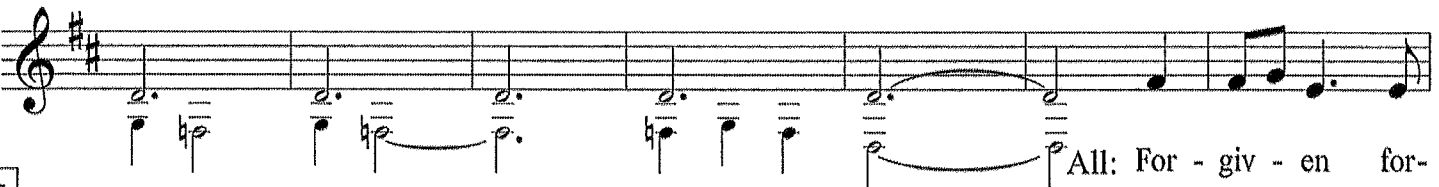
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P: For Jesus' sake, and on/with his authority alone, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins..

...past... present... and future...



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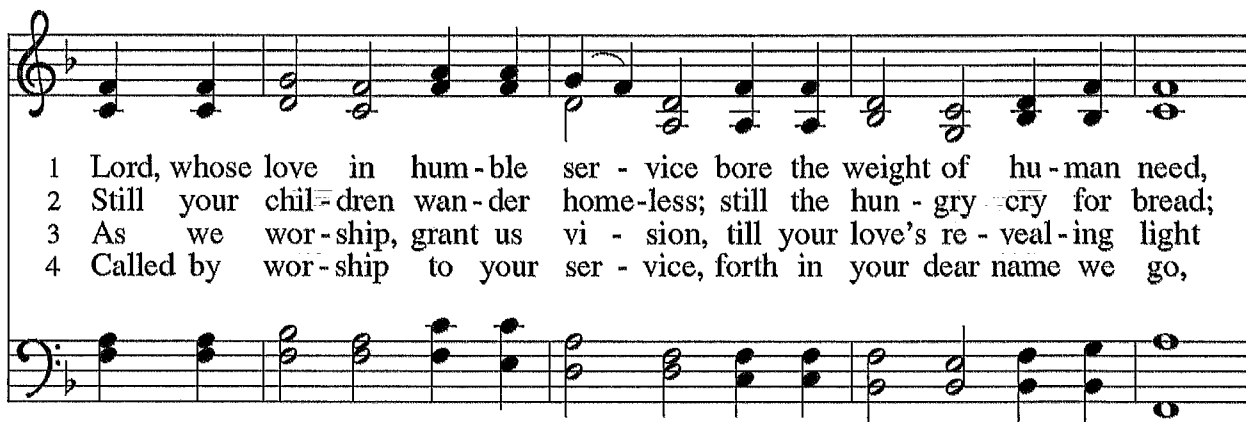
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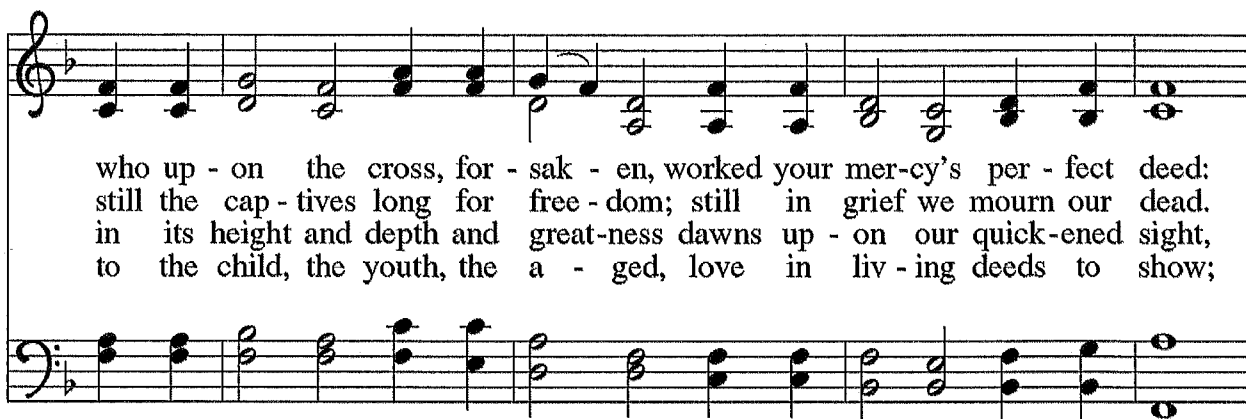
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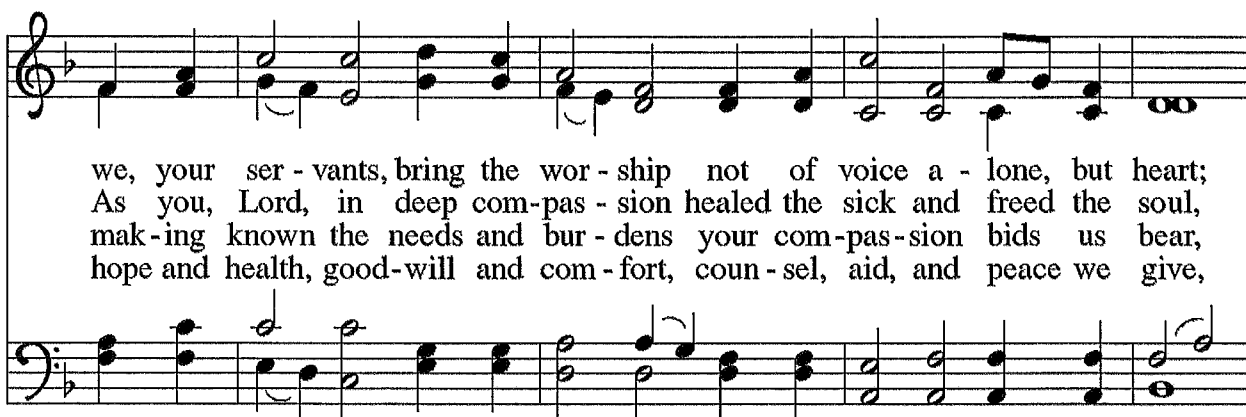
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



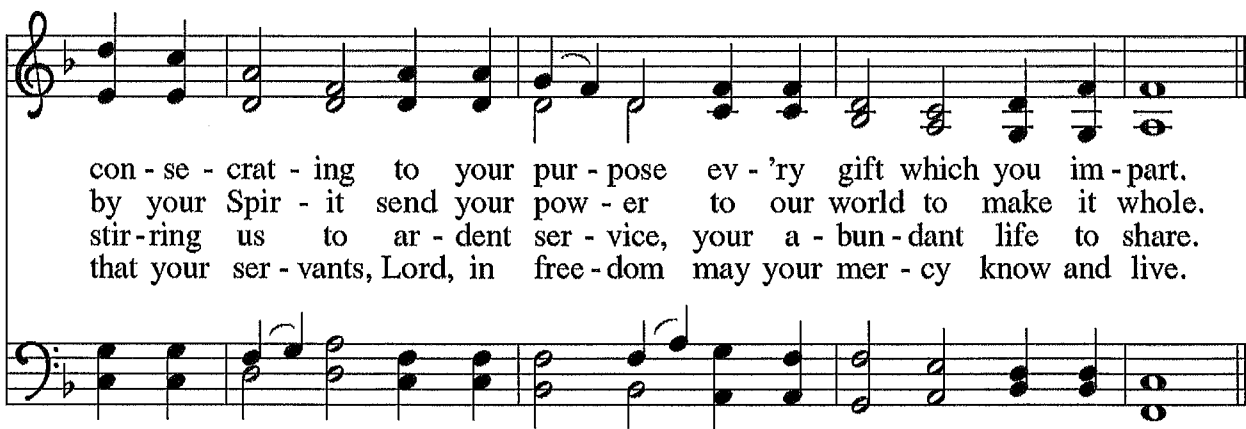
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed;
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: 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.

Children of the Heavenly Father (vs. 1)

*Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.*

BAPTISM OF JULIA HOFFMAN

CHILD OF Jill Parker and Jeremiah Hoffman

Baptismal service ELW pages 227-231

Children of the Heavenly Father (vs. 2)

*God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND REFLECTION

Reverend Gretchen Anderson

(Two minutes of silence)

A bell will mark the beginning, the middle and the end of this time.
May God guide your thoughts and bless your meditations.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. A collection plate is available in the narthex of the church. To support our ministries and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: PETITION... LORD HAVE MERCY

C: YOUR GRACE OUR HOPE SECURES

Prayers of the Church

Amazing Grace Version

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P: Lord in your mercy.



HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(A note about Holy Communion: Communion will be distributed to you where you sit. There is one cup divided with a small wafer on one end and the wine on the other. Instructions will be provided for each step.)

P: 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.

All: One body.

P: 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.

All: One cup.

P: Holy God, reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world, equipped to embody justice, peace and love.

All: One Body.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Lamb of God

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5

8

12

All: Lamb of God You take a - way the
sin_____ of the world_____ Lamb of God You take a -
way the___ sin___ of the world._____ Lamb of
world.

BENEDICTION

Amen

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All: A - men A -
men A - men A - men A -
men A - men A - men!