

Midweek Lenten Eucharist

February 28, 2024 + Noon Mount Olive Lutheran Church Minneapolis, Minnesota

Love One Another

We know the heart of Jesus' commandment to us in our life of faith: "love one another as I have loved you," and will hear it once again in our Holy Week to come. Followers of Jesus took that to heart and thought of many ways to live into that commandment, and many of those encouragements are in the New Testament for us to hear. Some we know well: "forgive one another" (Matthew 18, Luke 17, Colossians 3, Ephesians 4); "welcome one another" (Romans 15, Matthew 18 and 25). These are part of our calling here in this community of faith that we cherish and claim as our aspiration in our life together.

There are others that are less known, and perhaps more challenging, that deserve our attention. When we live into these "one anothers" they draw us deeper into that greater commandment that was Jesus' fervent hope for us. This Lent on our midweek Wednesdays we'll focus our worship, prayer, and song on these calls to love.

This week: Confess your sins to one another

If reconciliation is the heart of our community, as Jesus said last week, finding a way to be honest with each other about our sin will be critical. Whether it's being brave enough to confess and ask forgiveness from the one we've hurt, or being vulnerable enough to confess to each other our deep brokenness and failings and so share the burden, confession opens the possibility of restored relationships and is core to our love for each other

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+ The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE

Please stand as the ministers enter.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(standing)

"Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"

HYMN 321

GREETING

- P 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.

TRISAGION

- P Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
- have mercy on us.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response:

Amen

+ The Liturgy of the Word

PSALMODY: Psalm 32:1-8

(seated)

The verses are sung by all using the following tone:



READING: James 5:13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Let your steadfast love ..."

HYMN 176

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-14

(standing)

Response after the announcement: • Glory to you, O Lord. Response after the conclusion: • Praise to you, O Christ.

Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.

SERMON

Radical Vulnerability

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY (standing)

"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken" НУМN 603

Stanzas 2 and 4 may be sung in harmony.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

PEACE (standing)

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

+ The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

OFFERING (seated)

OFFERTORY (standing as the gifts are brought forward)

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" HYMN 188

OFFERING PRAYER

Response:

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, AND SANCTUS

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Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- P Remembering, therefore . . . at the end of all things.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Pour out your Spirit . . . by the love of Christ.
- Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
- P All-Gracious One, . . . are yours, now and forever.
- Amen.

Lord's Prayer spoken by all

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AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. The bread is gluten-free.

If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

"O Christ, Lamb of God"

НУМN 196

"Thee We Adore, O Savior"

НУМN 476

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(standing)

Response:

Amen

+ The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.
- Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Participants

Presiding Minister: Pastor Joseph Crippen Preacher: Vicar Lauren Mildahl

Organist: Cantor David Cherwien

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