



AGAPÉ MEAL

APRIL 6, 2023

6:00 PM

OPENING HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW # 471

**1 Let us break bread together on
our knees;
let us break bread together on
our knees.**

Refrain

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**2 Let us drink wine together on our
knees;
let us drink wine together on our
knees. *Refrain***

**3 Let us praise God together on
our knees;
let us praise God together on our
knees. *Refrain***

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

Pastor Analyse

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 your Holy Spirit this food and these signs of our life 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.

The meal is served.

READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Holy Gospel According to John, beginning at the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now 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. ⁵Then 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!" ¹⁰Jesus 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.

HAND WASHING

P: On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. 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 hands, following the example our Lord gave us on this night.

One person at the table will start by washing the hands of the person to their left using the basin of water on the table, drying their hands with the towel, and then marking the sign of the cross on both palms with oil saying:

"[NAME], may the Lord bless you and keep you."

Then pass the basin to the person whose hands were washed and continue around the table.

After the hand washing is concluded the congregation moves to the sanctuary for Holy Communion and the stripping of the Altar.

HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: *(Sung)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

...Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, ...

...Do this for the remembrance of me.

C **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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**

COMMUNION

Those not communing will sing:

Come, Let Us Eat

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**1. Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Our Lord's body
let us take together,
our Lord's body
let us take together.**

2. Come, let us drink,
for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink,
for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured
let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured
let us drink together.

3. In Jesus' presence
now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence
now we meet and rest,
In the presence
of our Lord we gather,
in the presence
of our Lord we gather.

4. Rise, then, to spread
abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread
abroad God's mighty word,
Jesus risen
will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen
will bring in the kingdom.

AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

One Bread, One Body ELW #496

Refrain

**One bread, one body, one Lord of
all;**

one cup of blessing which we
bless, and we, though many
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

3 Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Musical Interlude

*When the stripping of the altar is
concluded we depart in silence.*



HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**GOOD FRIDAY + APRIL 7,
2023**

Tenebrae Service at 8pm

**EASTER SUNDAY + APRIL 9,
2023**

Service at 10am