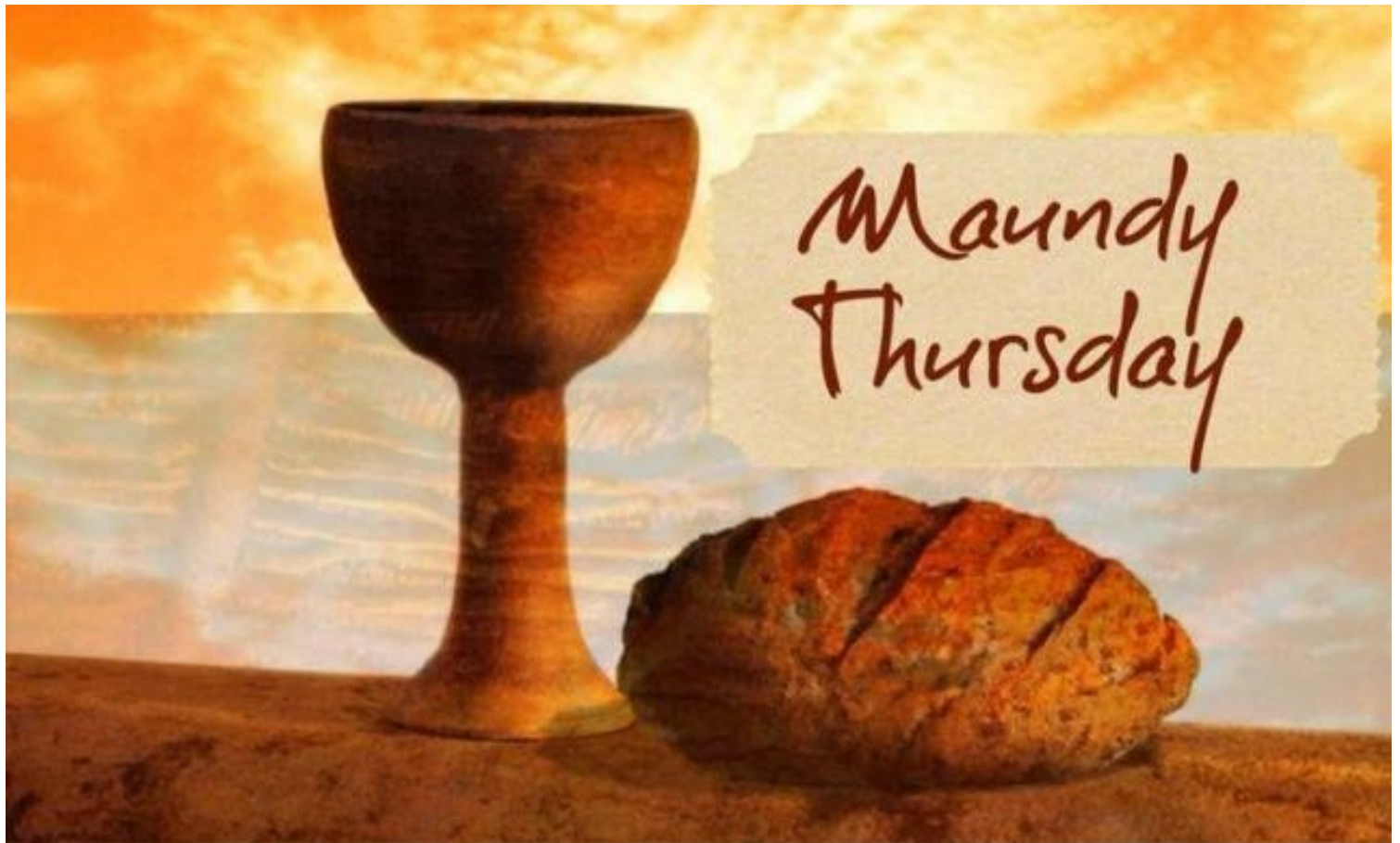


LUTHERAN CHAPEL



"This is my body ...
this is my **blood** ...
... given for YOU."

Luke 22:14-20

“Holy Communion and Foot Washing”

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
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GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

“Sing, My Tongue”

Arr. By Donald Johnson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even where we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW #338

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

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.

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

EXODUS 12:1-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God’s people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord’s supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God’s people from sin and death.

The 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You 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. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do 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. ¹¹This 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 down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

(Read Responsively)

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

²**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

¹²What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

¹³**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,**

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵**Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹**in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(In Unison)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Joel 2:13

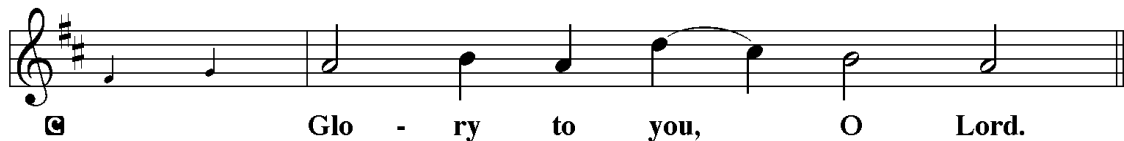
Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

***GOSPEL**

JOHN 13:1-17, 31b-35

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:

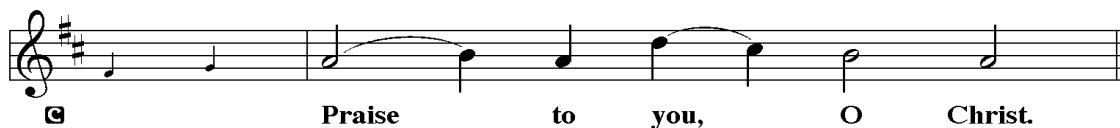


The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.

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. 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“The Instruction”

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

ELW #811

FOOTWASHING

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 feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

All are invited to come to the baptismal font and receive a footwashing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.***

Prayers are commended in Jesus’ Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Man of Sorrows, who was tempted and suffered to save us.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Thy Will Be Done”

Craig Courtney

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

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.

***PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW pg. 144

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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**

John 1:29 ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. Taste and see the LORD is good (Psalm 34:8)!

Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

***THE BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

The stripping of the altar symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life.

¹My God, my God, why have You forsaken me

and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?

²O my God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not answer;

by night as well, but I find no rest.

³Yet You are the Holy One,

enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴Our forefathers put their trust in You;

they trusted, and You delivered them.

⁵They cried out to You and were delivered;

they trusted in You and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and no man,

scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;

they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

⁸"He trusted in the LORD; let Him deliver him;

let Him rescue him, if he delights in him."

⁹Yet you are He who took me out of the womb,

and kept Me safe upon my mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to You ever since I was born;

you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,

like a ravening and a roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;

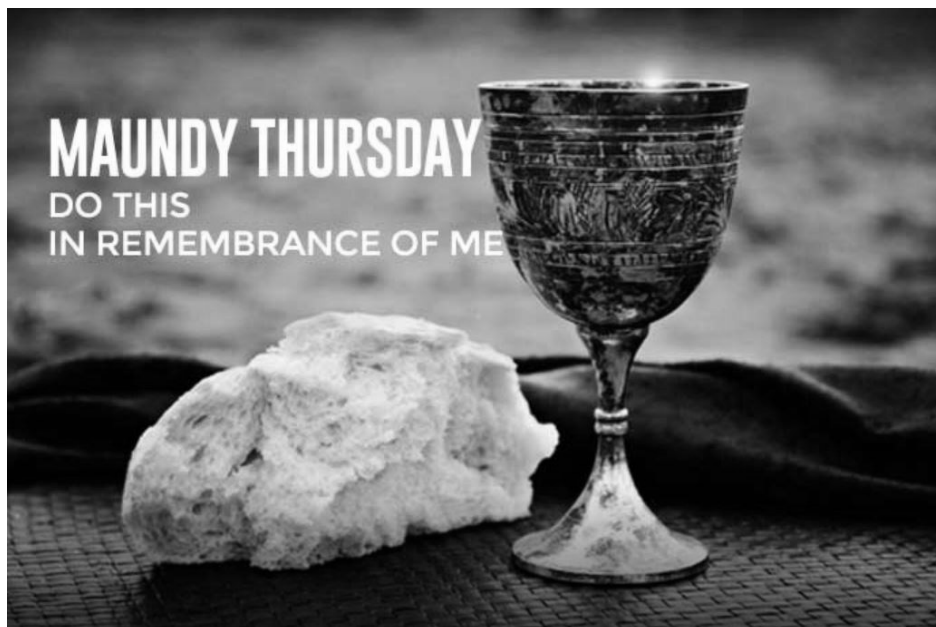
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

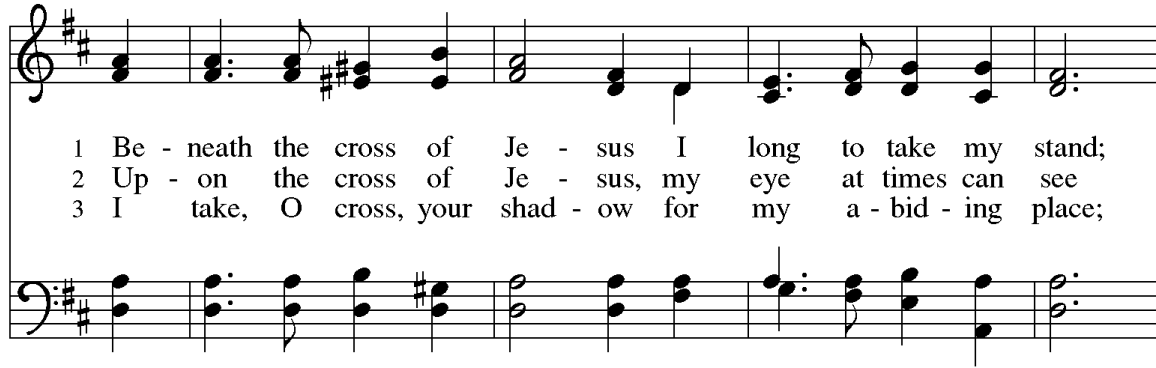
and You have laid me in the dust of the grave.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.
¹⁷They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
¹⁸Be not far away, O LORD;
You are my strength; hasten to help me.
¹⁹Save me from the sword,
My life from the power of the dog.
²⁰Save me from the lion's mouth,
My wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
²¹I will declare Your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.
²²Praise the LORD, you that fear Him;
stand in awe of Him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
²³For He does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does He hide His
face from them; but when they cry to Him He hears them.
²⁴My praise is of Him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship Him.
²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise Him:
"May your heart live forever!"
²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before Him.
²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD;
He rules over the nations.
²⁸To Him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before Him.
²⁹My soul shall live for Him; my descendants shall serve Him;
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.
³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that He has done.

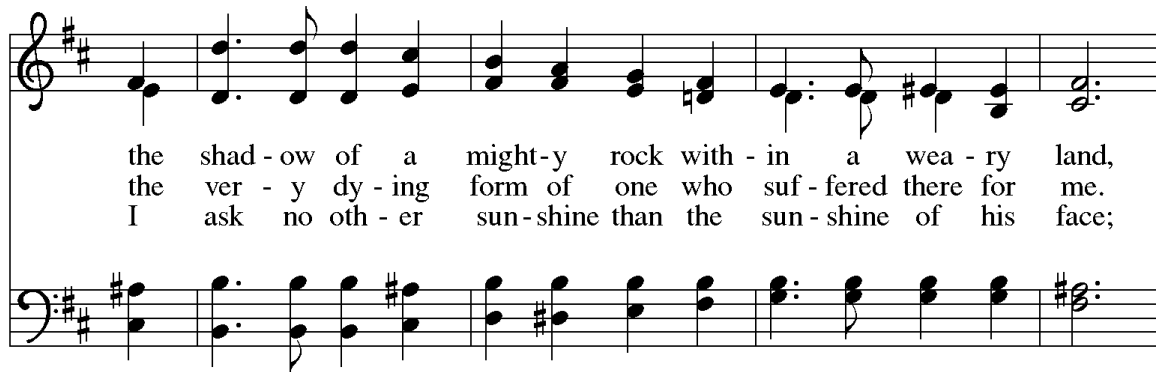
**Depart in Silence*



Beneath the Cross of Jesus



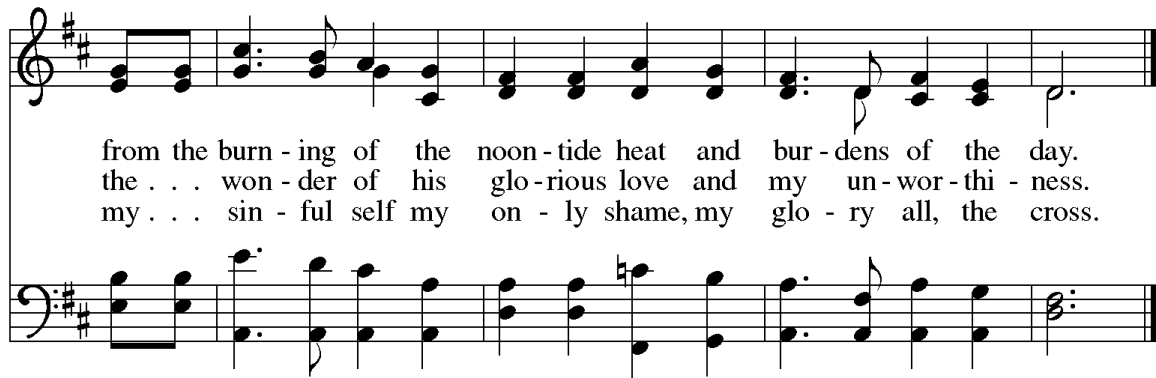
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



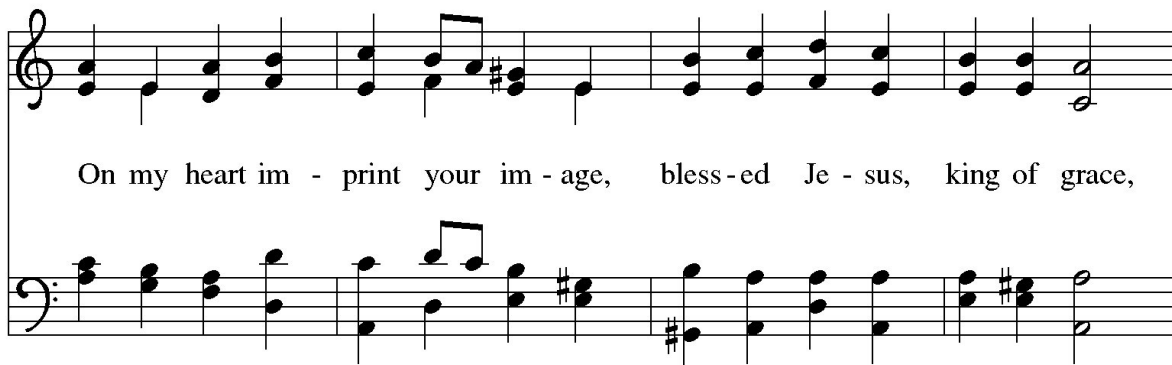
a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



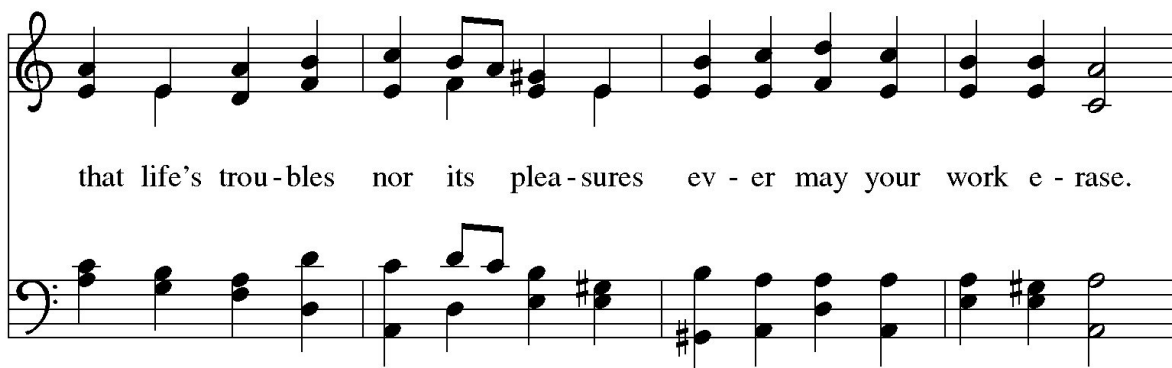
from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

On My Heart Imprint Your Image



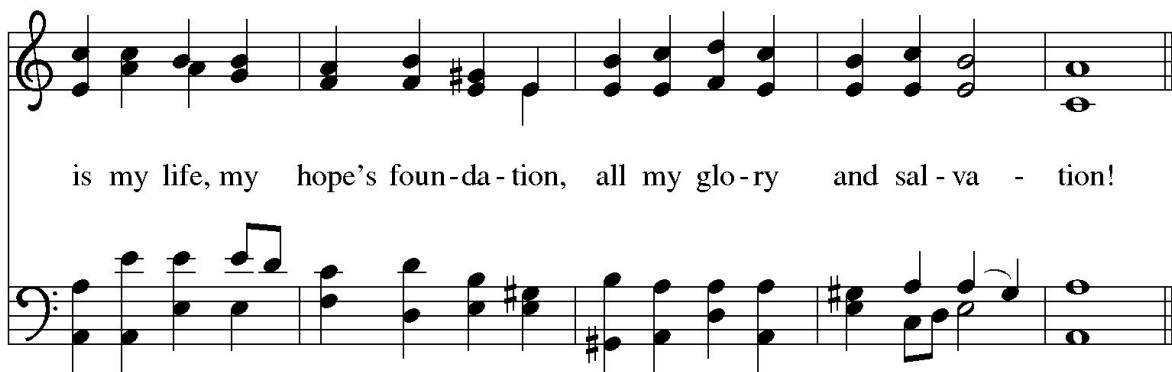
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
Music: DER AM KRÉUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758