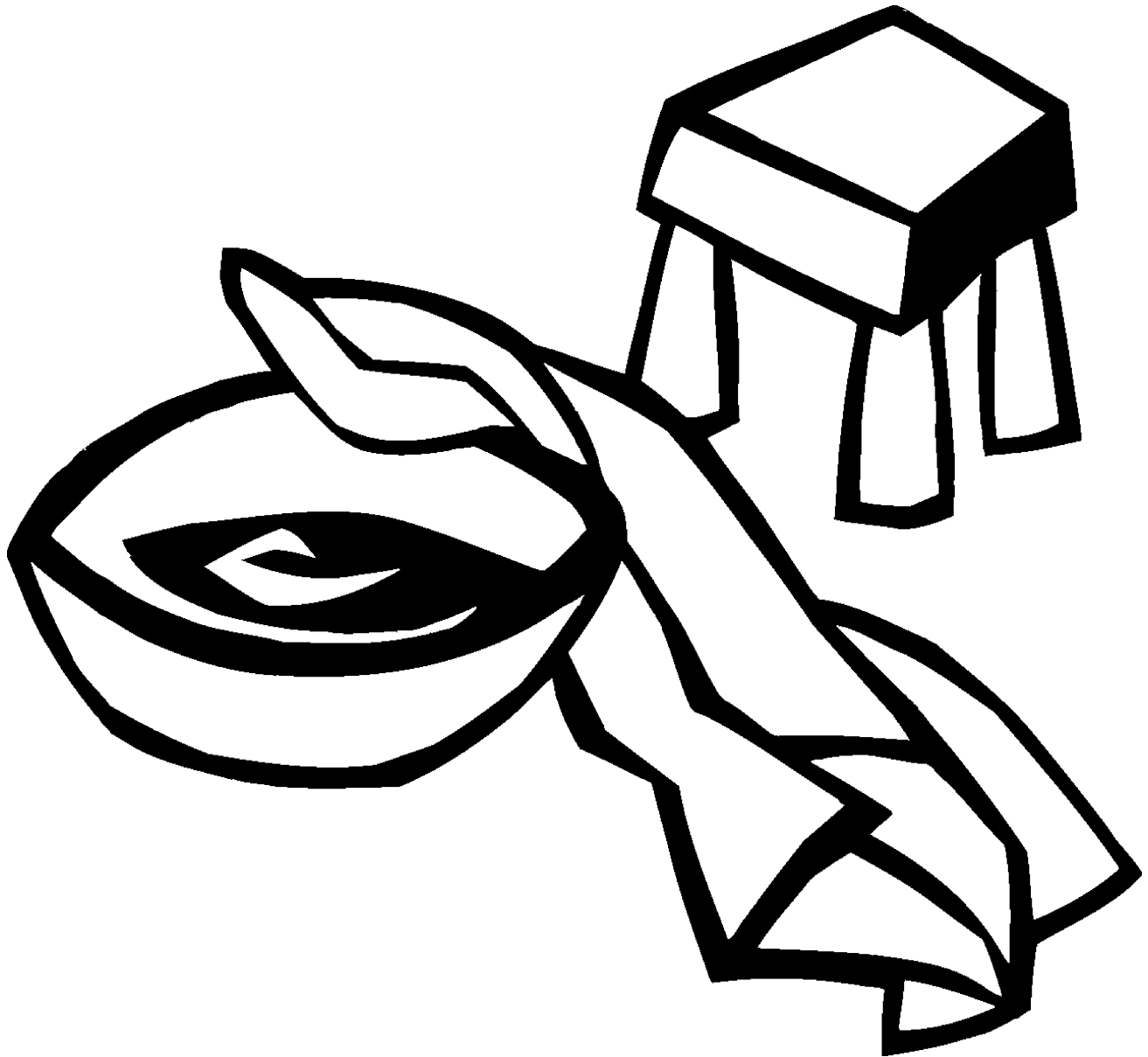


# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

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*Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray this will be a time of connecting to God and one another so that we might leave this worship service ready to love and serve our neighbors.*

**Bold print indicates response from all the people**

### Welcome

**\*Please stand as you are able\***

### Call to Worship

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

**In worship on this day, we testify to God’s love shown perfectly in Christ, and we recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith.**

### Prayer

**All: Holy God, remind us on this special day of the many ways we know you: as strong advocate, as humble servant, as the One who bids us love one another, that the world might know you. Lead us not only to the beauty of solitary reflection but also to community, as we remember together your words and your example. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

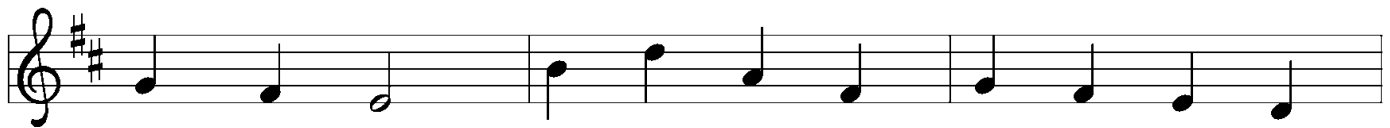
**Song:** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

*(printed on the next page)*

## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

### Part I: The Preparations

### John 13:1-17, 33-35

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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and

tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After 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?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## Homily

Vicar Sharon DeGraw

## Part II: Hand and Foot Washing

*You are invited to go to any of the washing stations. Please wash someone else's hands or feet, emulating Jesus' mandate for us.*

## Song *Ubi Caritas*

*(printed on the next page)*

Ubi caritas et amor  
*Where True Charity and Love Abide*

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Alto, in a two-part setting. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The Soprano part begins with a treble clef and the Alto part with a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes. The lyrics are: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide, u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.'

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God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

### Part III: Communion

*(all are invited to come and circle around the altar, if you brought wine or juice for the year's communion usage please bring it now)*

**One:** We remember that on the night before Jesus was betrayed, Jesus gathered around a table, much like this one, with a motley crew of friends.

**All:** Jesus welcomed all the disciples to the table, regardless of where they had been or how much dirt was matted on their sandals.

**One:** Jesus took their sore, calloused feet in his hands, washing off the caked dirt and muddy layers until their skin shone clean.

**All:** After the foot washing, Jesus and his disciples supped together.

One: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, lifted it up, giving thanks to you O God, and he broke it, saying: This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

**All: In all times, we may be sure that the Bread of Life will sustain us.**

One: On that same night, Jesus took the cup, blessing it, giving thanks to you O God, and gave it to his friends, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All: This is the cup of reconciliation. We are nourished in our bodies, our spirits, our minds and our hearts as we share this cup.**

One: And so, let us now join together as the priesthood of all believers in blessing the elements before us,

**All: Come Holy Spirit, come and pour out your Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Transform us into the Body of Christ that we might truly become the hands and feet of Jesus. Strengthen and energize us to love and to serve. We ask this through Jesus, with Jesus, in Jesus. Amen.**

## **Communion Distribution**

**Song:** *Jesus Remember Me*

*“Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.”*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. By the power of your Holy Spirit, unite us with all whom Christ welcomes, that we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **Part IV: Jesus’ Final Lessons to his Disciples**

*(a summation of chapters 15-17 of John, his final words to his disciples)*

After they had supped, Judas left the room/table. And Jesus began to speak to them, a summation of his teachings and last words. [...]

We find Jesus – the humble leader. We find Jesus – a king who instead of being served is one who serves, and asks the same of us.

**All (*in unison*): Jesus, the king of self-giving sets an example of service. And in that context, he asks us to remember him and honor him with self-less acts of love and mercy.**

**Pastor Sara:** Later on that unforgettable night, after the holy supper, after Jesus went to a garden to pray, after his disciples fell asleep, after Jesus was taken into custody, after his disciples ran away, Jesus was whipped. They said he received thirty-nine lashes, one fewer than the forty lashes that constituted a death sentence. So let us conclude our time together by observing silence, extinguishing the lights, and pausing to remember thirty-nine of Jesus' sayings, words that bring life and light.

*Note: A bell will be rung after each saying. If there is a pause in between readers, that is ok. Let the silence speak to you.*

1. If I have washed your feet, you, too, must wash each other's feet.
2. I give you a new commandment: Love each other.
3. This is how everyone will know you are my disciples, when you love each other.
4. Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me.
5. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.
6. Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
7. Take courage, I have conquered the world!
8. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
9. If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give the money to the poor.
10. Do you love me, feed my sheep.
11. Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.
12. Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.
13. Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you.
14. In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.
15. Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction.
16. Whoever does the will of God is my mother, brother and sister.
17. It is not what goes into a mouth that defiles, but what comes out of it.

18. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.
19. As the Father has loved me, I, too, have loved you. Remain in my love.
20. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you.
21. There is no greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends.
22. I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you.
23. Blessed are those who believe without seeing.
24. I have much more to say to you, but you can't handle it now. However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth.
25. If any want to be my followers let them deny themselves and take up their cross.
26. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy will be complete.
27. Unless you change and become like children you will never enter the kin-dom.
28. I have said these things to you so that you will have peace in me. In the world you have distress. But be encouraged! I have conquered the world.
29. Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.
30. Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy.
31. Do not judge so that you may not be judged.
32. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
33. You are worried and distracted by many things, there is need of only one thing.
34. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
35. Whoever is not against us is for us.
36. Put your sword away!
37. My kin-dom doesn't originate from this world.
38. Strive first for the kin-dom of God and its righteousness.
39. First, be reconciled to your sibling, then offer your gifts at the altar.

## **Part V: Stripping of the Altar**

*There is little glory in the last day of Jesus' life. As you witness this act of reducing our beautiful worship space, ponder how the simplicity of this action further highlights Jesus teachings.*

### ***We Exit in Silence***

*Worship continues with Good Friday tomorrow at 7:30PM*