



**The Solemn Liturgy of Maundy Thursday  
Word, Table, and Stripping of the Altar  
April 2, 2026  
Eleven O'clock in the Morning**

**New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ**

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***"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."***

**We Welcome You. . .**

*If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,  
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,  
if you are struggling and you desire victory,  
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior,  
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.  
To the stranger in need of fellowship,  
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
and to whoever will come,  
this congregation opens wide its doors  
and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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**About Maundy Thursday . . .**

On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. This service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day.

The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34). In other words, this is "new commandment Thursday." Maundy Thursday worship naturally features the Lord's Supper and, in some traditions, an act of foot washing or another sign of mutual love and dedication.

We invite all those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and are baptized in the Triune God – Father, Son & Holy Spirit to this His Table.

## **THE BODY OF CHRIST GATHERS**

*The \* invites those who are able to stand.*

*This is the day that Christ, the Lamb of God,  
gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.*

*This is that day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the Upper  
Room.*

*This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed his disciples'  
feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has  
done to us.*

*This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast,  
that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim  
his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection  
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.<sup>1</sup>*

Music of Preparation

**Picardy** – Henry Coleman

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Entrance Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Lord Jesus, we worship you and offer you now the  
prayers of our hearts. Help us to enter the spirit of the  
Upper Room that we may be confronted by your presence  
and the depth of your love for us. Then prepare our hearts  
to be fed at your holy table that we may be bound to you in  
your suffering, that we may be raised with you into a new  
life. Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> Robert Webber, *The Services of the Christian Year*, vol. 5, The Complete Library of Christian Worship (Nashville, TN: Star Song Pub. Group, 1994), 318.

\*Entrance Hymn: No. 347

***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*** - Picardy

[Verses 1, 2, & 3]

## Invitation

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our 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 committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.

Within the community of his Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the words of absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We also receive God's love in Jesus Christ and are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remember our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in the new covenant which makes us one in him. The Eucharist is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

## Confession

Pastor: Let us make confession to God.

**People: Almighty God, merciful Father:**

**I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment.**

**But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

*Silence*

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his life.

Hymn of the Day: No. 444

***Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*** - Detroit

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. . .

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.**

## First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

<sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

<sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of

Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. <sup>2</sup>

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-17

Chanted by All

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my <sup>1</sup> supplication,\*

because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I <sup>1</sup> called upon him.

<sup>2</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took <sup>1</sup> hold of me;\*

I came to <sup>1</sup> grief and sorrow.

<sup>12</sup> I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup> to the LORD\*  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup> all his people.

<sup>13</sup> Precious in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the LORD\*  
is the death <sup>1</sup> of his servants.

<sup>14</sup> O LORD, I <sup>1</sup> am your servant;\*

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me <sup>1</sup> from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving\*  
and call upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup> I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup> to the LORD\*  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup> all his people,

<sup>17</sup> in the courts of <sup>1</sup> the LORD's house,\*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

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<sup>2</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Faithlife.

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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation No. 203

***Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*** – Chereponi

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St. John 13:1-17, 31-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <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 back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <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 wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered

him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not 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, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup>

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." <sup>3</sup>

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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<sup>3</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary*. (2009). Faithlife.

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hades.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Maundy Thursday Homily

Dr. Williams

Maundy Thursday Prayers

On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation: No. 514

***Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*** – Schmucke Dich

\*Invitation to the Lord's Table

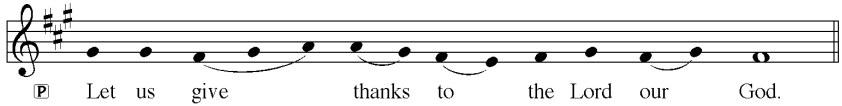
# \*The Great Thanksgiving



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.



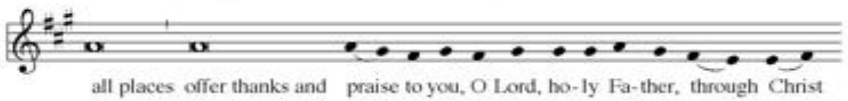
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.



Ⓟ It is indeed right and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all times and in



all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, through Christ



our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave sal - va - tion to all, that, where



death be - gan, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree



once o - ver - came, might by a tree be o - ver - come. And so, with



the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise your name



and join their un - end - ing hymn:



from our slavery to sin. His passion and death gave payment for our sins that we may share in the glory of life everlasting. He sustains us in this life by humility, which he modeled in his life, by his gift to us of this feast, and by sending to us the Holy Spirit to comfort and strengthen us. By these gifts, we are able to long for the life to come when we will again feast with him at his table. For all these gifts, praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup>

The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.<sup>5</sup>

**We shall do as our Lord commands. As we share in this feast, we proclaim that Jesus Christ was sent by the Father into the world, that he was condemned to die that we might live, that he rose again in power, and that he will come again in glory.**<sup>6</sup>

Eternal God, pour out your Spirit upon us, we pray. May these gifts of bread and wine be for us a communion with the body and blood of Jesus Christ. May they unite us with each other as fellow servants of Jesus Christ and allow us to know more fully the joy of knowing him. **Amen.**<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Robert Webber, *The Services of the Christian Year*, vol. 5, The Complete Library of Christian Worship (Nashville, TN: Star Song Pub. Group, 1994), 321.

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Agnus Dei

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

**Grant us thy peace. Amen.**

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Thanksgiving

The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 22

\*Dismissal

As Christ has loved you, love one another.

May God's peace attend you. Amen.

\*Going Forth in Silence

\*Retiral Offering

*The Offering may be left in the offering plates at the exits of the sanctuary.*

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**Worship Today**

Rev'd Serena Sellers                      St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Celebrant  
Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams  
New Goshenhoppen Church, Preacher and Organist

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Greeters:                      Tom Bancroft  
   Steve Lentz  
   Stacie Miller  
   Bruce Adam

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# HOLY WEEK

## Maundy Thursday – April 2

6:00 p.m. – Dinner at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg  
(*For those who already made reservations.*)

7:00 p.m. – St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg

## Good Friday – April 3

12 Noon – Good Friday Solemn Liturgy

2:00 p.m. – Crosswalk from New Goshenhoppen to St. Mark's

7:00 p.m. – Service of Shadows and Darkness at St. Mark's

## Holy Saturday – April 4

11:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn)

The First Service of Easter – The Easter Vigil Service

7:00 p.m. – New Goshenhoppen Church

Service begins in the upper parking lot with the Service of Light

Holy Communion – Rev'd Serena Sellers, Preaching

A dessert buffet will follow in Fellowship Hall.

## Easter Sunday – April 5

*Christ has Risen. He has Risen Indeed!*

7:00 a.m. – Easter Service (Prayer Meditation Wall)  
followed by continental breakfast.

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – New Goshenhoppen Church  
Holy Communion – Dr. David Williams, preaching



## Our Father

Unison/Strings

$\text{♩} = 76$   
With Expression

*mf* Our Fa\_\_ ther, who art in heav'n,

5 Hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on

9 earth as it is in Heav'n. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And for

13 give us our debts as we for-give our debt - ors, \_\_

17 \_\_ And *mp cresc.* lead us not\_ in-to temp - ta\_\_ tion, but de - liv - er us from

21 e - vil; For Thine is the king\_ dom, and the

24 pow - er and the glo\_ ry For - ev - er, and *f* ev\_\_ ver, A -

28 *rit.*  
*dim.* men, A - *mp* men.

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## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 347

Capo 3: (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F (Bm) Dm (C) E $\flat$



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with

(G) B $\flat$  (F $\sharp$ ) A (G) B $\flat$  (D) F (Em) Gm



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of light de -  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the

(Bm) Dm (C) E $\flat$  (G) B $\flat$  (D) F



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

(B) D (Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (A) C



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may van - ish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

(Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the shad - ows clear a - way.  
 al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"

The flowering of English hymnody in the 19th century included the rediscovery, translation, and versification of ancient Christian hymns, such as this text from one of the earliest existing Christian liturgies. It is set here to an adaptation of a 17th-century French melody.

# Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)  
 Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em)(Am)  
 B<sup>b</sup> Am F Gm Am Dm

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!  
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Few petitions of the Lord's Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate sparseness.

TEXT: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy, 1985  
 Text © 1969, 1983 Rosamond E. Herklots  
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# 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)  
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)  
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

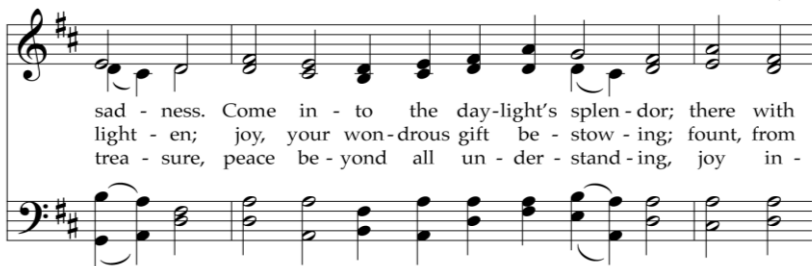
feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

## 514 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



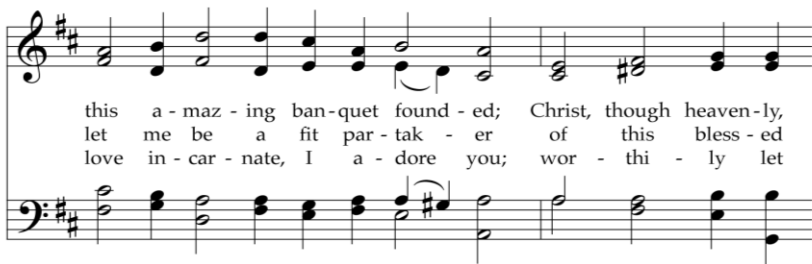
1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad - ness; leave the gloom-y haunts of  
 2 Sun, who all my life does bright-en; light, who does my soul en-  
 3 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea - sure, tru - est friend and dear-est



sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's splen - dor; there with  
 light - en; joy, your won - drous gift be - stow - ing; fount, from  
 trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in -



joy your prais-es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed  
 which all good is flow - ing; at your feet I cry, my Mak - er,  
 to all life ex - pand-ing; hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you,



this a - maz - ing ban-quet found - ed; Christ, though heaven-ly,  
 let me be a fit par - tak - er of this bless - ed  
 love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let

Although the celebration of the Lord's Supper is a solemn occasion, it is not a sad or somber one, but one evoking a deep joy. That tone also characterizes this chorale setting created for the original German text and notable for its support of the numerous two-syllable rhymes.

TEXT: Johann Franck, c. 1649; stanzas 1-2, trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; rev. 1863, alt.;  
 stanza 3, trans. John Caspar Mattes, 1913, alt.

MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1649

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LORD'S SUPPER

high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
food from heav - en, for our good, your glo - ry giv - en.  
me re - ceive you and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.