

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have given us the promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation through the suffering and death of our Savior on the cross. We thank You, too, that You continue to demonstrate these promises for us in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Forgive us where we have sinned; strengthen our faith; and cause us to live lives that show forth Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

This day is known as Maundy Thursday which means, "The Thursday of the Commandment," referring to the new commandments of love given by Christ in the Upper Room the night before He died. He commanded His disciples to love one another as He had loved them. He then demonstrated His love in His gift of Himself in Holy Communion, and commanded His disciples to eat and drink.

The liturgical color for today is white. White is used on the "joy days" of the church year, symbolizing the purity, glory, and holiness that the Lord our God brings His people.

Holy Communion is part of the way God comes and cares for us, His disciples of today. It is a way in which we experience the presence of Christ – in, with, and under the bread and wine. It is also a way in which we proclaim to one another our faith in Christ Jesus our Savior until He comes again.

PRELUDE

11:00 a.m. "Were You There?/There is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Brant Adams
6:30 p.m. "O Dearest Jesus" arr. for handbells by John A. Behnke

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

623 - Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray (sung by soloist)

- 1 *Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
 That we may feast on You today;
 Beneath these forms of bread and wine
 Enrich us with Your grace divine.*

- 2 *Give us, who share this wondrous food,
 Your body broken and Your blood,
 The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
 The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.*

- 4 *One bread, one cup, one body, we,
 Rejoicing in our unity,
 Proclaim Your love until You come
 To bring Your scattered loved ones home.*

- 5 *Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
 O keep us steadfast till that day
 When each will be Your welcomed guest
 In heaven's high and holy feast.*

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Please stand

INVOCATION / CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

People: O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sin, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, having been restored to God's family by the blood of Jesus Christ, we are called to live as children of God. Yet we confess before God and one another that we have not loved one another as we have been loved. We have sinned in our thoughts, in our words, in our actions, and in our lack of actions. Some of our sins we know; some remain unknown even to us. Let us silently reflect on our sins and confess them to God, our merciful Father.

People: Amen.

Silence for personal reflection on God's Word and confession of sins.

Pastor: With repentant hearts, we cry out:

People: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Pastor: God is merciful. Even before we were aware of our sin, He sent His Son to die for us, and for His sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

HYMN

570 - Just As I Am, without One Plea (sung by soloist)

1 *Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

5 *Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

6 *Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Lord, You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son Jesus Christ into death for us. Nourish Your Church through the sacrament of His body and blood. Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim Him who gives life to the world, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 24:3-11

(The Lord's covenant with the people)

³ When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." ⁴ Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said.

He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."

⁸ Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of sapphire, clear as the sky itself. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

(Participation in the body and blood of Christ)

¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-26

(The Passover with the disciples)

¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me--one who is eating with me."

¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?"

²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

²³ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

²⁵ "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:
For courage to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, that we may be obedient to the command of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For strength to love others after the pattern of Jesus Christ, that our love may not be self-serving, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that it may be faithful to the proclamation of the Gospel for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our remembrance of Jesus Christ as we celebrate the foretaste of the feast to come, that as we receive His very body and blood our faith may be strengthened by the forgiveness of sins and we may be empowered to love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our observance of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection, that we may more fully appreciate the great sacrifice of love on our behalf, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who are in need of special gifts from God; the lonely, the ill, the troubled, that they may know the love of God, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

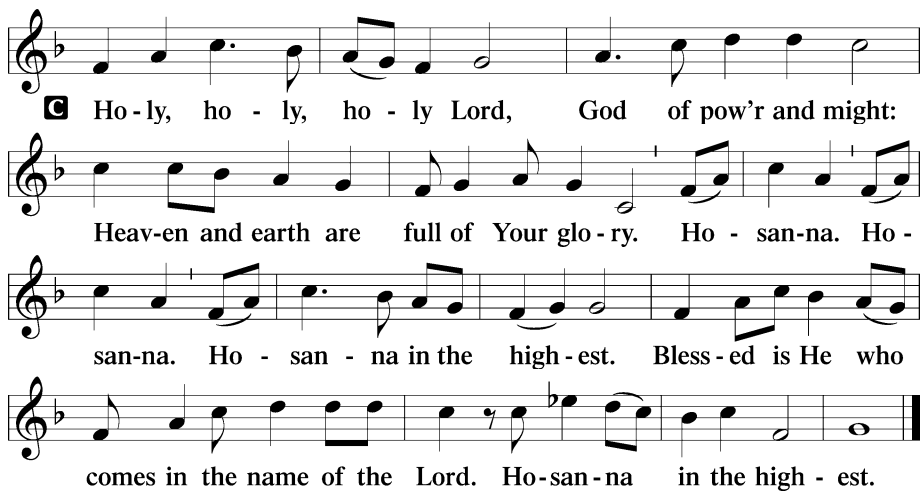
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and proper that we should give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because You have called us as Your people and have invited us to be guests at Your table. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the Disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

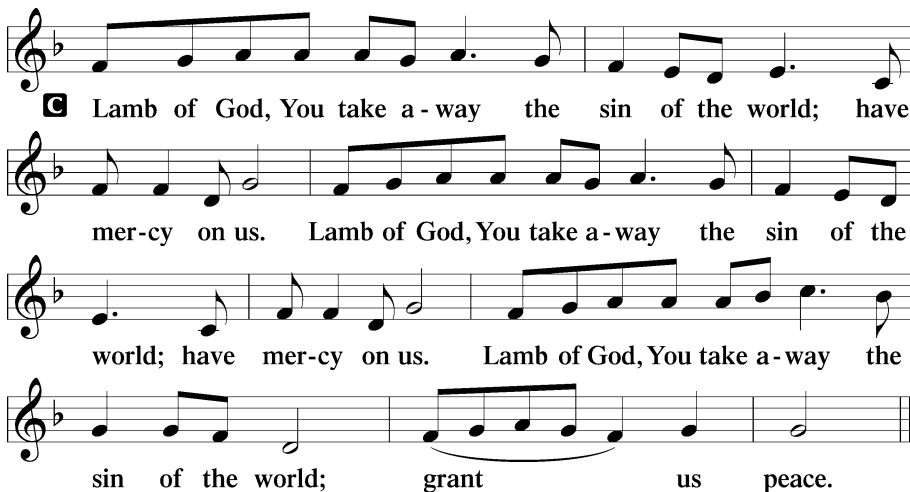
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.

Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.

The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM 11:00 a.m.

“An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine”

*An upper room with evening lamps ashine
The twelve disciples and the table spread
Now in our turn Christ bids us pour the wine
And in remembrance bless and break the bread*

*We see by faith upon the cross displayed
His body broken and His blood outpoured
In that dread robe of majesty arrayed
We gaze in worship on the dying Lord*

*Dead for our sins yet reigning now above
Still to our hearts we find His presence given
Take for ourselves the pledges of His love
Foretaste and token of that feast in heaven*

*So send us out to love and serve and praise
Filled with His Spirit as the Master said
Love joy and peace the wine of all our days
Christ and His life our true and living bread*

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ANTHEM 6:30 p.m.

“King of Love”

Steven Curtis Chapman

*With the hands that formed the world
You washed our feet
Kneeling down You laid aside Your majesty
And You said for us to go and do the same
So we serve for the glory of our King*

*You left Heaven’s throne to rescue what was lost
Stretching out Your mighty arms to bear the cross
Then You rolled away the stone the vict’ry won
And You said go and tell the world
What love has done*

Chorus *King of love let Your kingdom come
Reign in us Your daughters and Your sons
Fill us up ‘til we overflow
With Your love until the whole world knows
You are the King of love*

*Give us hearts that long to see Your justice done
And let the river of Your mercy flow through us
And let compassion be the loudest song we sing
Til the day when ev’ry tongue declares You King (Chorus)*

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SILENT PRAYER

You may pray the following prayer as we give thanks to God for His good gifts:

Lord Jesus, we have gathered together in Your house to be guests at Your table. We thank and praise You that You have nourished us with Your body and blood and have covered our sinful hearts with the pure garment of Your perfect righteousness. As You have drawn close to us and shown us Your love and forgiveness, in the same way, help us to draw close and love one another. Keep us in the true Christian faith so that we glorify You with our lives until that time that You call us to be guests at Your heavenly table. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, gracious God, for this gift of forgiveness and life, a foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift, that we may love as we have been loved, and serve You with cheerful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

11:00 a.m. only

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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7 **Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.**

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POSTLUDE

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

arr. Kevin Hildebrand

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – 6:30 p.m. only

Stripping of the altar (removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments) is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It points to the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

PSALM

The Psalm is spoken during the stripping of the altar.

Psalm 22:1-18

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.
- ³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.
- ⁵ They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:
- ⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."
- ⁹ Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.
- ¹⁰ From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.
- ¹² Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- ¹³ Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.
- ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶ Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me.
- ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

(Upon completion of the Psalm, all may leave the church silently)

Serving at Chapel

Preacher & Liturgist:	Theodore Laesch
Singers:	11:00 a.m. Ryan Meyer 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
Directors:	Jen Schmidt, handbells Carolyn Rusnak, Joyful Noise
Accompanist & Organist:	Carolyn Rusnak
Handbells:	Children's Handbells
Instrumentalists:	Bud Schultz, clarinet Meagan Purcell, violin Zach Oliver, guitar Ellory Glenn, bass Glenn Lackey, percussion

Good Friday Services
12:00 noon & 6:30 p.m.

Easter Services
Saturday – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday – 6:30, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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