

Maundy Thursday



**WELCOME TO
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**Maundy Thursday
April 18, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Explanation:

Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment. The overarching theme of the day is Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you," a love sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal that followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated both in His example of servanthood (washing the disciples' feet) and in His gift of Himself in Holy Communion.

Prelude: "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee"

arr. by James Woodman

We Light the Candles: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
(Psalm 27:1)

A woman lights the candles.

P: Barukh atah Adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam asher kidshanu bidevaro uvishmo anakhnu madlikim haneyrot shel yom toy.

C: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has set us apart by His Word, and in Whose Name we light the festival lights.

P: As light for the festival of redemption is kindled by the hand of a woman, we remember that our Redeemer, the Light of the World, came into the world as the promised seed of a woman. (Genesis 3:15)

Call to Worship:

P: Jesus gathered with His disciples in the upper room to celebrate Passover and to say farewell. This would be the last meal He would have with them before His death. On this night, we come together as His followers to honor Him with our worship.

C: Come and be present, Lord Jesus, as we remember your great love for us, Your disciples.

P: Christ invites us to gather around His table and to hear His Word proclaimed.

C: Come and be present, Lord Jesus, as we celebrate in this blessed communion. Amen.

P: As God proclaimed His deliverance for the nation of Israel through signs and wonders,

C: we come to God in faith.

P: As the sacrificial lamb was slain and shared in community,

C: we come to God as a community in Christ.

P: As Christ, our sacrificial lamb, offered His body and blood for our sins,
C: we come to God in repentance.

Opening Prayer

P: Lamb of God, You alone are worthy of our praise, for You took away the sins of this world. Be present in this celebration as we receive Your love poured out anew. In Your Name we pray.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn #437 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-14

¹Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ²“This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

⁷“And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. ⁸Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire; with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire – its head with its legs and its entrails. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. ¹³Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 22:7-20

⁷Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb must be killed. ⁸And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" ¹⁰And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters. ¹¹Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹²Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." ¹³So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then He took a cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

Sermon Hymn: #618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

Sermon: "No Ordinary Meal"

Offering

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Offertory Anthem "Lamb of God"

Samuel Webbe

Examination of Congregation

P: Do you believe that you are a sinner?

C: Yes, I believe it; I am a sinner.

P: How do you know this?

C: From the Ten Commandments; these I have not kept.

P: Are you sorry for your sins?

C: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

P: What have you deserved of God by your sins?

C: His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.

(Romans 6:21, 23)

P: Do you also hope to be saved?

C: Yes, such is my hope.

P: In whom, then, do you trust?

C: In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Who is Christ?

C: The Son of God, true God and man.

P: How many Gods are there?

C: Only one, but there are three Persons; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

P: What then has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

C: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

P: Barukh atah Adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam borey pri ha'adamah.

C: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, Ruler of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the earth.

P: Barukh atah Adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam borey pri hagafen.

C: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, Ruler of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine. Let us gratefully drink.

The Words of Jesus

The 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.

TONIGHT WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

Distribution Hymns: #436 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"
#446 "Jesus, Greatest at the Table"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Glory be to Thee, O Lord, now and forever – because on this Thursday night, not only did You begin to endure the sufferings that set us free, but because You did also institute Your blessed Supper – this sacrament of Your very body and blood, given for the forgiveness of our sins. Although we can never understand this mystery or explain Your Real Presence in and under the bread and wine, help us to believe Your words of promise – that we always receive this meal as a powerful blessing to our faith. Draw us into a closer communion with You and with each other. Hear us, oh suffering Savior, and keep us in faith in You. Amen.

Stripping of the Altar:

Immediately following the closing prayer, the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday, our Lord's day of intense suffering and death. Stripping the altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers' hands.

There is no Benediction. The omission of the Benediction at the end of the liturgy for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicates their continuity with each other and their anticipation of the Great Benediction given to all mankind – the empty tomb of Easter Morning.

Following the stripping of the altar, you may pray silently and leave whenever you are ready. You will not be escorted out by the ushers. This symbolizes the scattering of the disciples in the Garden following the Last Supper. "They were as sheep – with no Shepherd."

Tonight's Ushers: Larry Bowman, Holly Wilson, Stephanie Kiel, Bruce Sawicki

Worship Assistants: Bob Burke, Dale Mierisch

Lector: Lynne Wagenknecht

Altar Guild for April: Jackie Downey, Tina Kottlowski, Mary Rochester, Karin Lennon

Lock-ups for April: Don Henderson, Glenn Rullman

Please bring live flowers from your yard or elsewhere for the outside Easter cross on Easter Sunday morning.

Easter Breakfast will be following early service. No Sunday School.



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.