

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020
Live Stream Worship
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

Live Streaming
Thur, April 9, 6:30pm

PRELUDE

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde gross

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

INVOCATION

ONE: We are gathered today by the call of the Holy Spirit, in the Name of the Triune God + to worship and to remember.

MANY: AMEN

GATHERING LITANY

John 13:34-35

ONE: Today the body of Christ gathers to share in the Holy meal. Around this table, God's self-giving love is poured out for the whole human family and God's desire for our unity is shown.

In this supper we are renewed as the Body of Christ and sent out to serve our neighbors with the compassion, welcome, and love of Christ.

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."

This is Christ's command, the mandate which gives Maundy Thursday, its name. It is this command - to love one another - that ushers us into our observance these Three Most Holy Days.

silence for reflection.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:12-14

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" 13 So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, 14 and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 15 He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." 16 So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

17 When it was evening, he came with the twelve. 18 And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." 19 They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" 20 He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. 21 For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SONG

Ah, Holy Jesus

(ELW 349)

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Mark 14: 22-25

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." 23 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. 24 He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Let us pray together the prayer of our Savior:

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

How Good and Pleasant it Is

David Cherwien

Sung in harmony

How good and pleas-ant it is when kind-red live to-geth-er in u-ni-ty.

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Our gracious God has given us a new commandment: to grow in empathy, to embrace the diversity of the world, to love one another as Christ has loved us. Since COVID-19 began affecting communities around the globe, we have seen how interconnected we are as humans. Finding thoughtful ways to care for one another amidst the chaos, may our prayers renew us in faith and embolden our actions.

Silence

ONE: God, you so loved that world that you gave yourself for us. Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, and protect their families and friends from being infected. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: People everywhere are following in your Way, giving themselves away on behalf of this world. Strengthen those in the medical profession and all who commit themselves to the work of ending this pandemic. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: As the cross looms and your suffering comes near, sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs and closures. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Holy Spirit, you work among us in ways we do not understand. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing and comfort ...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

OFFERING

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

arr. David Cherwien

PREACHING TEXT

Mark 14: 26-42

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹ Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." ³⁰ Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹ But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

Then they went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷

He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? 38 Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40 And once more he came and found them sleeping and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ONE: 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 continue the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

silence for reflection and self-examination

ONE: Most merciful God,

MANY: 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

ONE: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when 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.

MANY: AMEN

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at his feet,
 4 Ear-ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf-f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin-ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Sing My Tongue

arr. Charles Callahan

Stripping the altar—removing all ornaments and linens—is an ancient Maundy Thursday custom of the Church. It is symbolic of the disciples' abandonment and Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers. It also reminds us to strip away our own armor - all that would protect us - from the pain, confusion, and groundlessness of the coming betrayal, denial, trial and crucifixion.

We depart in silence.

The worship service continues tomorrow evening.

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