



Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
The Last Supper

PRELUDE

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

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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

Luke 22:1-13

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. 2 The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

3 Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; 4 he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. 5 They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. 6 So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." 9 They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" 10 "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters 11 and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my

disciples?” 12 He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.” 13 So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

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O Bread of Life from Heaven

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+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke 22: 14-23

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. 15 He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” 17 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 20 And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. 21 But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. 22 For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” 23 Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

+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

Lamb of God

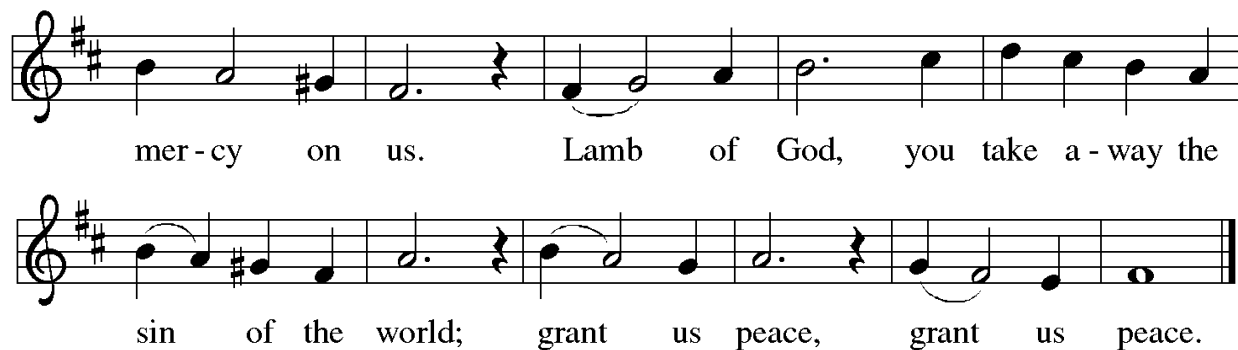
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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 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 of beloved community, people everywhere are following the way of Jesus by giving of themselves for the sake of the world. Strengthen all those working to end the global pandemic and empower all who are seeking to Rise Strong. 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 ... victims of mass shootings, government violence in Myanmar...

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.

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PREACHING TEXT

Luke 22:24-27

24 A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. 25 But Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.



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.

+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

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Liturgy of St. James

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.

Holy Week Worship Services

BOTH live-streamed at peaceofplymouth.org

AND in-person.

Visit <https://signup.com/group/1098134058065> to attend in-person.

(Limited Sanctuary capacity.)

Good Friday

7:00pm

Easter Sunday

9:00am

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