

MAUNDY THURSDAY
“It Happened at the Upper Room”
April 1, 2021 - 6:30 PM

PRELUDE “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” by Paul Manz Carla Barrows, Organ

WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

INVOCATION

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P** Let us ever walk with Jesus.
- C** To see the depths of His love.

- P** To behold the gift of His forgiveness.
- C** To gaze upon the heights of His grace.

- P** To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.
- C** We travel to the Upper Room.

- P** To watch as Christ delivers the Gospel.
- C** In His true body and blood.

- P** Faithful Lord, with me abide.
- C** I shall follow where You guide!

OPENING HYMN “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” LSB 423

ALL: Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.

ENSEMBLE: *Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner’s deep distress.*

ALL: Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P King David prays, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise."

C **My heart, O God, is often anything but broken and contrite.**

P Instead, it is covered in calluses.

C **Because I hold grudges.**

P Keep score,

C **Refuse repentance.**

P And turn away from humility and kindness.

C **Lord, soften my spirit.**

P Because a hard heart is like a wrecking ball.

C **It mangles marriages.**

P Condemns children.

C **And finishes off families and friends. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

C **I shall follow where You guide!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O Lord, in this wonderful Sacrament You left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING. Exodus 12:1-14

R The Old Testament Reading is from the 12th Chapter of Exodus.

R The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You

may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 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.

“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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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.

“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.” (ESV)

- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

- R** The Epistle Reading is from the 5th Chapter of 1 Corinthians.
- R** Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (ESV)
- R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE LSB 157

- C** **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 26:17-29

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th Chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
- P** Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.’” And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, He said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” Judas, who would betray Him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." (ESV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

C 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

MESSAGE HYMN "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" LSB 421, vs. 1-4

ALL: Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.

SOLO: *Should some lust or sharp temptation
Fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion,
And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the tempter flee confounded.*

SOLO: *If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.*

ALL: *Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.*

MESSAGE "It Happened at the Upper Room" Pastor Michael P. Dorn

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "The Upper Room" by Don Besig Ensemble

*There in a quiet upper room
they gathered together once again.
The Master stood among the twelve He called His closest friends.
Soon I must leave you, said the Lord.
My Father will call Me from this place,
Although you may not understand, My life is in His hands - I must obey.*

*They sat in silence, tears in their eyes.
He spoke once again to ease their minds:
Be not afraid. Do not despair.
When you need Me I will always be there.*

*Come sit beside Me said the Lord
For here at this table we are one,
Come share this simple meal with Me,
And show that you believe I am God's Son.*

*This bread is My body broken for you.
This cup is My blood which is shed for you.
Take now and eat, take now and drink.
Do this always in remembrance of Me.*

*Walk in My footsteps said the Lord,
Be steadfast in ev'rything you do,
And keep Me always in your heart though we may be apart
I am with you.*

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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 cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR "My God, My God" - Psalm 22 Ensemble
by Peter A. Pece

*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me,
far from My prayer, from the words of My cry?*

*O My God, I cry by day and You answer not
And by night there is no help for Me
Let Me not be put to shame*

*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me,
Far from My prayer, from the words of My cry?*

*From My mother's womb You are My God
Be not far from Me for I am in distress O Lord
All have abandoned Me*

*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me,
far from My prayer, from the words of My cry?*

*But You O Lord stay close to Me hasten to My side
Rescue Me Lord from the sword from the lion's mouth*

*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me,
Far from My prayer, from the words of My cry?*

*To the ends of all the earth O Lord all shall remember You
To Him alone we shall bow down all who sleep in the Lord*

*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me,
Far from My prayer, from the words of My cry.*

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