



MAUNDY
Thursday

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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March 24, 2016

Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bells

Announcements

Opening Hymn “It Happened on That Fateful Night” LBW 127

P In this Holy Week the Son of God prepares a great banquet for all people.

C This banquet features his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

P In this banquet the sacrifice is remembered.

C In this banquet the sacrifice is received.

P In this banquet we have life.

C In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

P Jesus said, “But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

C In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

P Jesus said, “But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

C In this banquet we have salvation. We are invited to the feast.

P Jesus said, “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.’”

C Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.

Confession and Absolution

P In our sin and sinfulness we make excuses, squandering and taking for granted the grace of God and the banquet he so freely gives.

C Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. It is natural for us to make excuses when you present your gifts to us. Because of our selfishness, we deserve to be shut out of the banquet. Though you are generous in your love, we deserve only your wrath. Forgive us, most holy God.

P On this day, the Lord Jesus institutes a new banquet for you. With his broken body and shed blood he creates a meal that fills you with forgiveness, love and life. Jesus honors you at his banquet. Because of his perfect sacrifice, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you left to us a wonderful sacrament, a memorial of your passion. Grant, we beseech you, that we may so partake of this sacrament 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, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 12:1–14

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23–32

Gospel Reading Matthew 27:17–30

Sermon *“The Kings Feast”* Pastor John Boor

Hymn *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* LBW 107

Let us confess our faith together through the Apostles’ Creed

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the Peace

Offering

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on our fallen humanity, revealing to us your holy will and sending your only Son to fulfill it in our stead. With repentant joy we receive the gracious salvation you provide through the sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross.

Strengthen us as we gather in remembrance of Jesus grant us to grow in faith and love; and gather us together with all the faithful to rejoice together around your throne in eternity. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever.

Amen

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

**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**

P Come to his holy table with penitent hearts, seeking communion with our Lord.

The Distribution

(Please follow directions of the ushers)

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

P Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Pastor: After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours before our Lord was crucified. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. Christ's offered body and his shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in this holy Mystery.

All: **As he was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this holy Sacrament.**

Communion vessels are removed.

Pastor: The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of heaven.

All: When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

The altar cross is removed.

Pastor: The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God.

All: As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard.

The missal stand and Altar Book are removed.

Pastor: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

All: The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.

All candles are extinguished and removed.

Pastor: Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God’s greatest offering to the world and to us in sending his Son, Jesus, in human form.

All: As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

The offerings are removed.

Pastor: The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King.

All: As our King’s body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

The altar cloths and paraments are removed.

After the Stripping of the Altar, the hymn is sung.

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

LBW 109

THE SILENT RECESSIONAL

In silence the ministers and congregation leave their places and wait until they have left the nave to greet one another.

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As Jesus gathered his closest friends for a Passover meal, he instituted what the Church calls Holy Communion. He informed the disciples that he would not eat with them again until all things were fulfilled in the kingdom of God. As he blessed the bread and wine, he also blessed his followers with a life-giving gift. In return for that gift, one among them would betray him, but that would be no surprise to Jesus.