



MAUNDY THURSDAY

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March 29, 2018
Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

Prelude
Ringing of the Church Bells
Announcements

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

God has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD
is gracious and merciful.

**He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his
covenant forever.**

My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on
my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

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

Stand

Confession

With humble and repentant hearts, let us confess our sins unto God our Father.

Lord, you shower me each day with all that I need to sustain this life. My material blessings are beyond number, and most of them I have simply come to expect and so hardly notice. Forgive me for being complacent about your abundant giving. Forgive me for turning your good gifts into causes for sin as I worry about keeping what I have, and getting what I don't have. Forgive me for obsessing about and reaching for more than I need. Forgive me for abusing what I do have with my selfishness, my lack of self-control and my greed. Forgive me for making a mess of your good gift of daily bread.

L God is the giver of all good gifts. He gives rich gifts of material treasures, and far more importantly, he gives the gift of forgiveness when we fail rightly to use what he gives us. Receive the wonderful word from his own mouth: Forgiven! You are forgiven for every failure.

Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Exodus 24:3-11

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken

we will do, and we will be obedient.” And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God and ate and drank.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 26:36-56

³⁶ Then Jesus *came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and *said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and distressed. ³⁸ Then He *said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.”

³⁹ And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.” ⁴⁰ And He *came to the disciples and *found them sleeping, and *said to Peter, “So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour? ⁴¹ Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁴² He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.” ⁴³ Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. ⁴⁵ Then He *came to the disciples and *said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!”

⁴⁷ While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, *who came* from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.” ⁴⁹ Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. ⁵⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Friend, *do* what you have come for.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus *said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, *which say* that it must happen this way?”

⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as *you would* against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Sermon

“The Suffering Savior”

Hymn

“Were You There”

LBW #92

Stand

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian 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.

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.

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018

Maundy Thursday (Year B)

The last time Jesus had the opportunity to dine with his closest friends was at the Passover meal in Jerusalem. At that supper, he instituted a meal for his disciples to remember him by and gave the future church the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This meal binds Christians together from all places and times and is the means of God's grace for all who believe. Jesus is truly present with us at the table.

