



MAUNDY THURSDAY

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Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

AS WE GATHER

Betrayed by Judas, one of His twelve disciples. Betrayed by Judas for thirty pieces of silver. Betrayed by Judas with a kiss - imagine that, a kiss! Betrayed by Judas in a garden east of Jerusalem called Gethsemane. Betrayed! Jesus was betrayed for us. After betraying Jesus, Judas plunges into the depths of despair. He does not return to Jesus to seek forgiveness. But this Thursday, the night Jesus is betrayed, reminds us of the forgiveness, life, and salvation that Jesus provides for us in the Lord's Supper. May we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we journey ever closer to the cross.

Prelude

Ringing of the Church Bells

Announcements

As we continue our Lenten journey, we focus on the night when Jesus was betrayed.

We find Jesus' betrayer, Judas.

Satan leads Judas to this grave sin.

Judas, the thief, betrays Jesus for money,

but Judas isn't the only guilty person at the table.

All of the disciples abandon Jesus.

Opening Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LBW#109

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

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.

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have 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, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

¹² Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. ³ Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers’ households, a lamb for each household. ⁴ Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons *in them*; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. ⁷ Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the flesh that *same* night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, *both* its head and its legs along with its entrails. ¹⁰ And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ Now you shall eat it in this manner: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the LORD’S Passover. ¹² For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am

the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; 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. ¹⁴ ‘Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it *as* a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it *as* a permanent ordinance.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:23-32

²³ Are they servants of Christ?—I speak as if insane—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine *lashes*. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. ²⁶ *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; ²⁷ *I have been* in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸ Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure on me *of* concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern? ³⁰ If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me,

Stand

Gospel Reading: John 13:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.” ²² The disciples *began* looking at one another, at a loss *to know* of which one He was speaking. ²³ There was reclining on Jesus’ bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴ So Simon Peter **gestured* to him, and **said* to him, “Tell *us* who it is of whom He is speaking.” ²⁵ He, leaning back thus on Jesus’ bosom, **said* to Him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶ Jesus then **answered*, “That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him.” So when He had dipped the morsel, He **took* and **gave* it to Judas, *the son* of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus **said* to him, “What you do, do quickly.” ²⁸ Now no one of those reclining *at the table* knew for what purpose He had said this to him. ²⁹ For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, “Buy the things we have need of for the feast”; or else, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

"It Happened on That Fateful Night"

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**It happened on that fateful night When pow'rs of earth and hell arose
Against the Son, our God's delight, And friends betrayed him to his foes.**

**Before the bitter scene began, He took the bread, and blest and broke.
What love through all his actions ran! What wondrous words of love he spoke!**

**"My body, broken for your sin, Receive and eat as living food."
He took the cup and blest the wine: "Share this New Testament, my blood."**

**"Do this," he said, "till time shall end, Remembering your dying friend;
Meet at my table and record The full obedience of your Lord."**

**O Lord, your feast we celebrate; We show your death; we sing your name
Till you return, when we shall eat The marriage supper of the Lamb.**

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