

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023



AS WE GATHER

The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment. It is taken from Jesus' words to the disciples in John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Tonight, we remember the first Passover meal and celebrate the meal that was given to us when Jesus celebrated Passover---on the night when He was betrayed.

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN LSB 445 "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

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KYRIE (*p. 186 in hymnal*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-14 (*The Passover*)

PSALM 116:12-19

P: What shall I render to the LORD

C: for all His benefits to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: and call on the name of the LORD,

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD

C: in the presence of all His people.

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD

C: is the death of His saints.

P: O Lord, I am Your servant;

C: I am Your servant, the Son of Your maidservant.

You have loosed My bonds.

P: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C: and call on the name of the LORD.

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD

C: in the presence of all His people,

P: in the courts of the house of the LORD,

C: in Your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (*On the Night when He was Betrayed*)

HYMN LSB 446 "Jesus, Greatest at the Table"

HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (*The Passover is shared.*)

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

SERMON "A Special Meal"
Text: The Epistle Reading

NICENE CREED (*as found in the hymnal*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, this day we bring before You the burdens people carry in life and ask that You would help us carry them.

Pastor: For the burden of sin that people carry, that You would bring them the comfort of forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the burden of hunger that some people carry, that You would bring daily bread to them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the burden of poverty that some people carry, that You would provide needed resources to sustain their life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the burden of unemployment that some people carry, that You would provide them with meaningful opportunities for work and service, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the burden of responsibility that people carry (*especially* _____), that You would help them make wise and care-filled decisions, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the burden of illness that people carry (*especially* _____), that You would work the miracle of healing in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the burden of loss that people carry (*especially* _____), that You would lift them up with the powerful presence of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

[Special prayers may be included as needed, each ending "...let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**"]

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ("Create in Me" p. 192 of hymnal – sung as the offerings are brought forward)

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: *LSB*

SANCTUS (*p. 195 in hymnal*)

TABLE PRAYER *Hebrews 10:15-18*

Pastor: And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then He adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us....

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of our + Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (*p. 198 in hymnal*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #637

PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

People: **Amen.**

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

As Psalm 22 is read, the candles are extinguished and the lights are dimmed; the communion vessels, linens and altar paraments are removed and the ornaments on the altar and in the chancel are also removed symbolically representing Christ, now stripped of His power and glory, abandoned into the hands of His captors. On this night, as the darkness rises up against Christ, the church is emptied of its beauty and darkened.

FOLLOWING THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR AND READING OF PASLM 22 PLEASE EXIT THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE. YOU WILL NOT BE USHERED OUT.

Our Holy Week devotion continues tomorrow, Good Friday, at 10:00am as we gather to witness our Lord's death on the cross.