



**Maundy Thursday**  
April 1, 2021 - 6:30PM

**AS WE GATHER:** *As part of Holy Week, we observe an ancient custom of the early Christian Church. Even though people go home to rest and carry out their normal duties, they are encouraged to remember that they are still "worshiping" and remembering the events of Holy Week. No benediction (blessing) concludes this service as an indication that the service continues for two more days. 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." Today, 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.*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **OPENING HYMN #445 "When You Woke That Thursday Morning"**

- 1        When You woke that Thursday morning,  
             Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
             Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
             Knowing how the day would end;  
             Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
             Now at last the hour had come  
             When but One could pay sin's wages:  
             You assumed their dreadful sum.
  
- 2        Never so alone and lonely,  
             Longing with tormented heart  
             To be with Your dear ones only  
             For a quiet hour apart:  
             Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
             One last paschal meal to eat,  
             One last lesson as their teacher,  
             Washing Your disciples' feet.

- 3       What was there that You could give them  
          That would never be outspent,  
What great gift that would outlive them,  
          What last will and testament?  
“Show Me and the world you love Me,  
          Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
Do this in remembrance of Me,  
          Eat this body, drink this blood.”
- 4       One in faith, in love united,  
          All one body, You the head,  
When we meet, by You invited,  
          You are with us, as You said.  
One with You and one another  
          In a unity sublime,  
See in us Your sister, brother,  
          One in ev’ry place and time.
- 5       One day all the Church will capture  
          That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture  
          That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed-for peace and union  
          Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion  
          In Your never-ending feast.

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## INVOCATION

**Pastor:**       In the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
                  the Holy Spirit.  
**People:**       **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:**       We are gathered on this most holy night when our  
                  Lord Jesus sealed His oneness with His followers  
                  through a simple meal of bread and wine. On this  
                  night we receive the most precious gift of the  
                  forgiveness of sins. God our Father desires a  
                  relationship with all His children. For this purpose,  
                  He has established the new testament through His  
                  Son, Christ Jesus, who gave His body and shed His  
                  blood for our life and salvation.

The Father declares, “I will be their God, and they  
shall be My people.” Thus gathered in the name  
and presence of the Blessed Trinity, we the

people of God, make our confession before God and before one another.

**People:** **We are each born in sin and are by nature unclean.**

**Pastor:** We name before You our faults and our sins.

**People:** **We have not been persuaded by Your love for us; selfishness and unkindness have pervaded our words, thoughts, and deeds. We have not loved and served our neighbors, but instead have served ourselves and sought to protect our own interests.**

**Pastor:** We openly acknowledge our sins and desire to turn away from them.

**People:** **Standing guilty before God the Holy Trinity, we admit we deserve condemnation and death.**

**Pastor:** We flee to Christ Jesus, who alone washes away our sins and restores our relationship with the Father.

**People:** **Having been called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we cry out to Jesus for mercy and grace, holding on to nothing but His cross.**

**Pastor:** Jesus died giving His body and shedding His blood for you. Only through Jesus can anyone receive forgiveness and everlasting life. In the stead and by the command of Him whose blood-stained Calvary's cross and is now given to us in the Holy Sacrament, I as a called and ordained servant of Christ announce the grace of God to all of you and by the command of Jesus I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

#### **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

#### **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.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Exodus 12:1-14*

*The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>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.*

*<sup>7</sup>“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. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.*

*<sup>14</sup>“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.*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

Mark 14:12-25

<sup>12</sup> And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>13</sup> And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, <sup>14</sup> and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." <sup>16</sup> And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup> And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup> And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup> They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" <sup>20</sup> He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. <sup>21</sup> For 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."

<sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

*"Gathered in the Upper Room"*  
(by Faye Lopez and Patiricia Mock)  
Divine Singers  
Cathe Kuehn, accompanist

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him,*

*"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,*

*"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

*<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,*

*"He will command his angels concerning you,' and  
"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"*

*<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,*

*"You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.'"*

*<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON "Rolling Stones: Temptation"  
Pastor Seth Flick

HYMN OF THE DAY  
#424

*"O Christ, You Walked the Road"*

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wand'ring feet must go.  
You faced with us temptation's pow'r  
And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone  
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.  
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.  
Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.

- 4        When lures of easy gain  
            With promise brightly shine,  
            Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;  
            Our wills with Yours align.
- 5        O Christ, You walked the road  
            Our wand'ring feet must go.  
            Stay with us through temptation's hour  
            To fight our ancient foe.

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## NICENE CREED

**All:**        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 of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*"Create in Me"*

            Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
            and renew a right spirit within me.  
            Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
            and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
            Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
            and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.  
O God,

People: **You are gracious and merciful.**

Pastor: O Christ,

People: **You are gracious and merciful.**

Pastor: O God,

People: **You are gracious and merciful.**

Pastor: We raise our hands before You, our Father, trusting that You both hear and answer our prayers. For this, dear Lord,

People: **We thank and praise You.**

Pastor: You have found us, Your lost sheep, and have saved us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. For this, dear Lord,

People: **we thank and praise You.**

Pastor: You have placed Your message of reconciliation on our lips and put Your healing ministry into our hands that it might be freely shared with all people.

People: **Bless pastors, missionaries, and all who labor in Your harvest that we may be filled with all boldness to give answer through both word and deed for the living hope we have in Jesus.**

Pastor: Grant wisdom to all civil leaders that they may serve justice and love peace;

People: **That Your Word may be freely proclaimed and care given to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the downtrodden.**

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, or suffering; for all who mourn; and for those who suffer with addiction, loneliness, depression, or any kind of need, we pray, dear Lord,

People: **Grant them health and recovery. Use us as people of peace and ministers of Your compassion among all who suffer.**

Pastor: We pray for all who gather around the Lord's Table this day, both here and in every place.

People: **Give us sincere repentance and a heart full of faith to receive Your grace and blessing.**



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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

#### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI #434, vs, 1                      *"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"*

Lamb of God, pure and holy,  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us,  
Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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."

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Lord God, our Father, during this week of Jesus' Passion, when we remember and attend to all that Your dear Son gave for us, You have provided us with a memorial of the Passover meal and the freedom from bondage and slavery it embodies. Through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, You have freed us and granted us Your peace. Hold us fast in the living hope that all our sins are forgiven through Jesus until we come at last to celebrate with all Your saints the Lamb's high feast in His kingdom which lasts forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR AND CHANCEL

*Psalm 22*

## SILENT DISMISSAL

*Please meditate, pray and exit in silence*

*We invite you to return tomorrow for our Good Friday observances.*

## THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Cathe Kuehn, accompanist

Divine Singers

**Acolytes:** Trenton Hedberg & Harrison Glor

**Sound:** Amelia Sitzberger

**Elder:**

## Good Friday:

1:00pm: Worship in the Church

6:00pm: Tenebrae Service of Darkness in the Church

7:00pm: Contemporary Good Friday Service: "The Final Stone"

**Easter Worship:** 8:00 & 10:30AM in the Church (Traditional)

9:15 & 10:45AM in the Gym (Contemporary)

**Easter Breakfast:** "To-Go" style from 8:30-10:30AM in the cafeteria. (A free-will donation will be taken.)