

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday
Worship Service



INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

L: This evening as our Lenten observance comes to an end, we gather as Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, and the central focus of his commandment to live out the promise embodied in this meal. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Friends in Christ, we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at Baptism. God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the great three days reconciled with God and with one another.
Most merciful God,

P: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your heart through faith.

P: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

Readers: Diane Whiffen, Jody Berquist, Annelise Salmela

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Section 1:

1: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

3: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him;

2: for they said, “No during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

3: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them.

1: When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money.

2: So Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

1: On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, at evening Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

3: “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, the one who is eating with me.”

1: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?”

3: Jesus said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me.

2: For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

1: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”

3: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

1: Jesus said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

REMEMBER

Shivon Miller

SETTING THE TABLE

L: As we hear the story of the Last Supper, we remember that Jesus invites us into this meal with disciples of all time and place. We set the table and join in the feast.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Leader: Pastor Jerome, Shivon leading the Assembly)

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor Jerome)

L: 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unmute and join Pastor Jerome in the prayer)

L: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

P: 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION (Pastor Jerome)

L: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Eat this meal and be fed.

THE MEAL

L: We receive the bread - The body of Christ, given for you. (Everyone takes)

L: We receive we the wine (juice) -The blood of Christ, shed for you. (Everyone takes)

L: For all not taking of the elements but celebrating with us in one body, receive a blessing: Child of God, May God bless and keep you.

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST SECTION 2:

2: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

1: And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written,

2: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.” But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

3: Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.”

1: Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

3: But Peter said vehemently “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

1: And all of them said the same.

SONG: “Go To Dark Gethsemane” ELW 347 verse 1 Sung by Jason Miller

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 his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

SECTION 3:

3: They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

2: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.

1: And Jesus said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

2: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

3: He said “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

1: Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?”

2: Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

3: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

2: And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: We too cry out to God, making our requests known, but praying that God’s will be done...

L: Our eyes grow heavy. We do not know what to say, how to pray. Our Spirit is willing but our flesh is weak. Your Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. Come Holy Spirit.

(Silence for prayer)

On this Maundy Thursday, let us pray for the needs of the world, responding to each petition with words from today’s psalm, “we call upon your name.”

Blessed are you, O God, for the church. Strengthen your people, gathered around the globe on this holy day in homes, in churches, and outside under your sky. Give us hunger for your word and joy in receiving it. Feed us at all our tables with your blessing. Hear us, holy God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for this good earth. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for our drinking and our washing. Sustain crops and herds that provide our food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, bountiful God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for our nation. Lead us out of ancient patterns of prejudice. Protect all people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish wise and just leadership in every place and peace where there is violence and war. Hear us, sovereign God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for caring for the needy. Feed the hungry. Give jobs to the unemployed. Embrace all who are isolated and lonely. Comfort those living with guilt and those who mourn. Hear us, merciful God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for accompanying the sick. Bring an end to this pandemic, and restore healthy and hearty connections between persons. Empower medical personnel. Receive our prayers for all we name here before you: . . . **The Tomaich family, The Dundas family, Craig Godmare, Joann Robson and family who mourn the death of Dale Belsvik.** Hear us, faithful God.

We call upon your name.

Blessed are you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death and lived in service to others. Unite us with them in hope until we join with them at your everlasting banquet. Hear us, eternal God.

We call upon your name.

Hear these and all our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.

SECTION 4:

3: Jesus came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

1: Get up, let us be going. See my betrayer is at hand."

2: Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with sword and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes and the elders.

3: Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

1: So, when he came, he went up to Jesus at once and said "Rabbi!" and kissed him.

2: Then they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

3: But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

2: Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit?"

3: Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

BENEDICTION

L: Fellow Sinners, Betrayers, Deserters – The passion continues that the scriptures may be fulfilled. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit keep you this night and always.

P: Amen.

SENDING SONG: "In The Garden" by Bob Dillon **Sung by Jeff Pickering**
Found on Trinity's Facebook Page

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, remember!

P: Thanks be to God.