



Maundy Thursday

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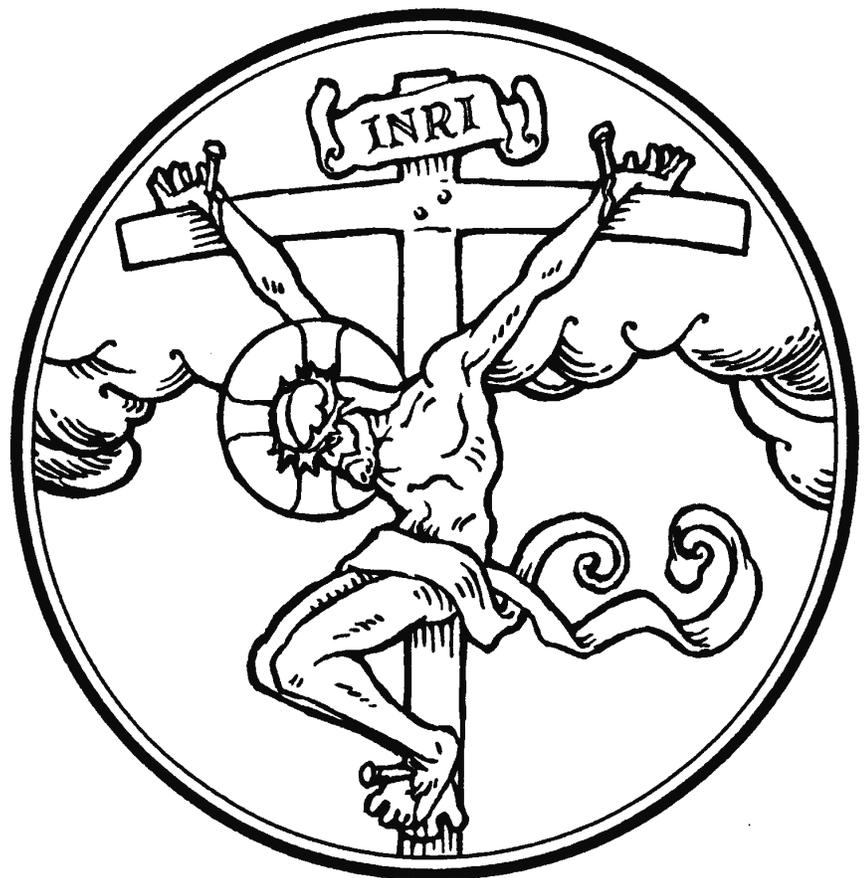
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Divine Services

Sunday, 10:00 AM

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Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021
7:00 PM

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

PSALM 102

A Prayer of one afflicted, when he is faint and pours out his complaint before the LORD.

- 1) Hear my prayer, O LORD;
let my cry come to you!
- 2) Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call!
- 3) For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.
- 4) My heart is struck down like grass and has
withered;
I forget to eat my bread.
- 5) Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my flesh.
- 6) I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
like an owl of the waste places;
- 7) I lie awake;
I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.
- 8) All the day my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.
- 9) For I eat ashes like bread
and mingle tears with my drink,
- 10) because of your indignation and anger;
for you have taken me up and thrown me down.
- 11) My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.
- 12) But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.
- 13) You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her;
the appointed time has come.
- 14) For your servants hold her stones dear
and have pity on her dust.
- 15) Nations will fear the name of the LORD,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your
glory.
- 16) For the LORD builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory;
- 17) he regards the prayer of the destitute
and does not despise their prayer.
- 18) Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the
LORD:
- 19) that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
- 20) to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,
- 21) that they may declare in Zion the name of the
LORD,
and in Jerusalem his praise,
- 22) when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.
- 23) He has broken my strength in midcourse;
he has shortened my days.
- 24) "O my God," I say, "take me not away
in the midst of my days—
you whose years endure
throughout all generations!"
- 25) Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
- 26) They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will
pass away,
- 27) but you are the same, and your years have no
end.
- 28) The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before you.

It is a laudable custom to make the sign of the cross on yourself where you see the sign of the cross + in the order of service. In the depth of Passiontide, all music will be limited to the support of congregational singing.

Procession

As the hymn is being introduced, stand and face the Processional Crucifix at the entrance of the church. Continue to face the crucifix as it goes to the altar. As the crucifix passes your row, you may bow to it in reverence to Christ, the crucified.

HYMN 136 ‘Twas on that Dark, that Doleful Night

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/136>

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



Be seated

Sermon Text: **JOHN 13:1-5, 12-7**
Sermon Theme: **HANDS OF HUMILITY**

Sermon Response **Hymn 114** (*verses 3 and 5 - sung by choir members*)

Instruction for the End of Lent

M: In this Lenten season, we have heard our Lord call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at baptism; God’s forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

With the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the Absolution we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This Absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

It is, however, in Holy Communion that the members of Christ’s body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord’s last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord’s gift of his body and blood and participate in that new covenant that makes us one in him. The Lord’s Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and one another.

Stand

Confession of Sins

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Silence for meditation.

M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

C: Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God unto all of you; and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

Be seated.

The canticles in the remainder of the service will be from The Common Service, p 15, unless printed in the bulletin.

First Lesson Exodus 12:1-14

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

“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. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 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. 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. 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.

“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.”

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson 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.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 717 (Soloist v3)

Stand

M: The Holy Gospel is from the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 13, beginning at the first verse.



C: **Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

The Holy Gospel John 13:1-15,34

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

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.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 135 (*verses 4, 6 & 8 – sung by choir members*)

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/135>

Prayer of the Church

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you love your whole creation and forget none of your creatures. We bring you our supplications for all your children, for all those we love and all those committed to your care:

C: **We implore you to hear us, O God.**

M: For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, and restored and refreshed us by their sympathy and help:

C: **We implore you to hear us, O God.**

M: For all who have wished or done us ill, that you would turn their hearts to penitence and ours to blessing:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all prisoners and captives and all who suffer from oppression, that you would lead them to know the perfect freedom of your Son's forgiveness, relieve their suffering, and move us to imitate you by assisting them with works of mercy and compassion, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For all who bear the cross of suffering, who are sick in body or in mind:

C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.

M: For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For all who have experienced worldly loss, that in the midst of darkness and confusion they may find their peace in you:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brothers and sisters and to know and appreciate the fellowship of those who bear Christ's cross:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that in sacrifice they might find strength and joy; and that you, who see in secret, may uphold them by your grace, so they may at last come to an open reward, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For all who are undergoing temptations of the flesh or who imagine evil in their hearts, that you would enable them to overcome and obtain the victory through Christ:

C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.

M: For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of the joys of others, that they may know you as their Father, Friend, and Comforter, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: For the infirm, the aged, and all who are approaching death, that they may find their strength in you and obtain a blessed end, Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: For all for whom we have forgotten to pray but who are dear to you:

C: Assist them according to their needs, and bring them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

M: All these things and whatever else You see that we need, O Father, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom You ever create, sanctify, bless and bestow upon us all good things. Through Him and with Him and in Him all honor and glory is Yours, O God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

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



C: **It is good and right so to do.**

Proper Preface

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise you holy name and join their glorious song:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” / *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

M: 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.

C:



For Thine is the king - dom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God / *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution

TO OUR GUESTS

If you have not communed at Good Shepherd's altar before, it is appropriate to speak with the pastor prior to communing. Questions about the practice of Closed Communion should be addressed to the pastor.

Distribution Hymn

Hymn 313 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/CWLH1993/313>

Post-Distribution Prayer

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The Stripping of the Altar

During the chanting of the psalm, the altar is solemnly stripped in token of the Lord's abandonment and in preparation for Good Friday.

Psalm 88

The first Refrain will be sung by the cantors. All following Refrains will be sung by the congregation. The Refrain will be sung after the tone of the chimes. Cantors will sing the verses.

Cantor **Refrain**



Congregation **Refrain**

May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.
For my soul is full of trouble and my life draws near the grave.
I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like a man without strength.

Refrain



I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
Whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.
You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.

Refrain

Your wrath lies heavily upon me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.
You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them.
I am confined and cannot escape; my eyes are dim with grief.

Refrain

I call to you, O LORD, every day; I spread out my hands to you.
Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do those who are dead rise up and praise you?
Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction?

Refrain

Are your wonders known in the place of darkness,
or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?
But I cry to you for help, O LORD; in the morning my prayer comes before you.
Why, O LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?

Refrain

From my youth I have been afflicted and close to death;
I have suffered your terrors and am in despair.
Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me.
All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me.
You have taken my companions and loved ones from me; the darkness is my closest friend.

Refrain

Once the altar is bare and the psalm is ended, no further words are said. There is no benediction and no postlude. The minister exits the chancel; the congregation disperses silently into the night. The three-day, three-part liturgy of the Triduum has begun. Our worship continues on Good Friday at 7:00 PM.



Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder

Organist: Jeanette Schneider

Cantor/Soloists/Choir Members:

Sherrie Bradley, Ally Graves, Dan Rauchholz, Faith Schroeder, Laura Schroeder, Pastor Schroeder

Thank you to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth for the use of their chimes.

Offering – The combined offerings for Lenten Vespers, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday have been designated for Palabra de Vida Lutheran Church in Detroit and WELS Lutheran Radio Hour (AM 1500 or FM 92.7 Sundays at 10:30 AM). Up to \$2,000 will be divided evenly between these designated missions. Offerings exceeding \$2,000 have been designated for Good Shepherd’s General Fund.

