

Maundy Thursday



April 6, 2023

*Faith Lutheran Church
Jacksonville, Illinois*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE: “Panis Angelicus,” by Cesar Franck *Kelly Hartz, soloist*

INVOCATION AND INVITATION

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season 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.

Within the community of the church, 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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 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.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: 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 hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG: "Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now" (ACS 930)

- 1 **Three holy days enfold us now in washing feet and breaking bread,
in cross and font and life renewed: in Christ,
God's firstborn from the dead.**
- 2 **The myst'ry hid from ages past is here revealed in word and sign,
for Jesus' story is our own: new life through death is God's design.**
- 3 **Christ, lifted high upon the tree, before you ev'ry knee shall bend
and ev'ry tongue in praise proclaim: "You are the Lord of all. Amen."**

WORD

Matthew 26:17-30

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' ¹⁸He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."' ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?' ²³He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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.' ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: "A Different Meal"

SONG: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

1. **How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**
2. **Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.**
3. **I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please respond to the words, "Lord in your mercy,"
with "hear our prayer."

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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'S PRAYER

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

DURING DISTRIBUTION

“As the Grains of Wheat” ELW 465

*Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread:
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.*

1. **As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain***

2. **Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain***

“We Remember”

*Refrain: We remember how you loved us to Your death,
and still we celebrate for You are with us here;
and we believe that we will see You when You come in Your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.*

Faith Singers:

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning
just to touch You and be healed.

Gather all Your people, and hold them to Your heart. ***Refrain***

2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy, the Presence of the Lord. ***Refrain***

3. Christ, the Father’s great “Amen”
to all the hopes and dreams of ev’ry heart.

Peace beyond all telling and freedom from all fear. ***Refrain***

4. See the face of Christ revealed in ev’ry person standing by Your side.
Gift to one another, and temples of Your love. ***Refrain***

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table” (ACS 977)

- 1 **Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for ev'ryone.**
- 2 **Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.**

- 3 **Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways, but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.**
- 4 **Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above!—and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

STRIPPING THE ALTAR

Stripping the altar is a symbolic act of the humiliation Jesus endured at his crucifixion. The altar is always a beautiful focal point of our worship, adorned with paraments and candles, but now is strikingly bare. Our song is both a song of mourning Jesus' suffering and death... as well as a song of hope and confidence that the deep, deep love of Jesus expressed on a cross also reveals the glory of God.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

EBENEZER

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

Thomas John Williams, 1890

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,
love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
died to call them all his own; how for them he
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Omitting the benedictions at the end of the liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicates their continuity with each other and with the Easter celebration to come. The congregation is invited to leave in silence.

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CONTINUING WORSHIP

Good Friday

Join us at 7:00 p.m. as we reflect on Jesus,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.



Easter Sunday

9:30am Festival Resurrection Worship Service

10:30am Easter Breakfast

