



Maunder Thursday Service

Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion 7:00 pm

March 28, 2024

(The congregation enters in silence.)

Order of Confession and Forgiveness (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

P: Let us pray and make confession to God.

C: Almighty God, Merciful Father:

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment.

But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy.

For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

P: Almighty God.....in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Those in the congregation may come forward and kneel before the altar. The minister, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn:

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

C: Amen.

***Hymn**

Go to Dark Gethisemane

(ELW) No. 347

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Prayer**

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, You left to us a wonderful sacrament, a memorial of Your passion. Grant, we beseech You, that we may so partake of this sacrament 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. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 24:3-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:12-19

¹² I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

¹³ **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His servants.**

¹⁴ O Lord, I am Your servant; I am Your servant and the child of Your handmaid; You have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁵ **I will offer You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

¹⁶ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

¹⁷ **In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hosanna in the highest!**

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people,

¹⁹ **In the courts of the house of the Lord in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Acclamation (sung)**

C: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

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***The Holy Gospel**

Mark 14:12-26

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

Mandatum Reading

St. John 13:1-35

Washing of the hands and feet of the People of God.

Hymn

O Lord, We Praise You

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***Prayers of the People**

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into Your hands.....through Your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of God's Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The congregation may greet one another: **'Peace be with you.'**

***The 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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: (sung)

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***Words of institution**

P: Blessed are You,.....as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night.....Do this for the remembrance of Me.

***The 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.

Distribution of Communion

C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.....Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

As the communion vessels are carried out Psalm 22 will be read.

The candles are extinguished and removed.

The altar is stripped and the linens are removed.

(Stripping the altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers' hands.)

The paraments are taken down and removed.

There is no benediction. All leave the church in silence. The omission of the benedictions at the end of liturgies of both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Vigil of Easter.

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The Lay Reader is Mark Black.

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Welcome to our Visitors!

The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have any questions or are interested in hearing about membership, please see the pastor or contact the Church Office.

Holy Communion

We come to the table today at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized and Confirmed Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

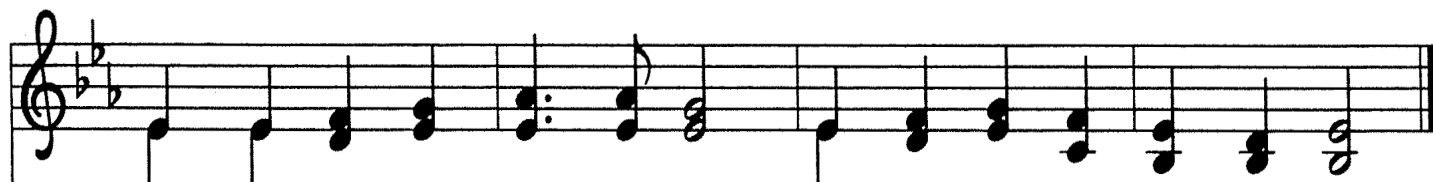
Tomorrow—Good Friday Service is at 3 PM.



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.



O Lord, We Praise You

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1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to
3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
win for us in heav - en. No great - er
fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



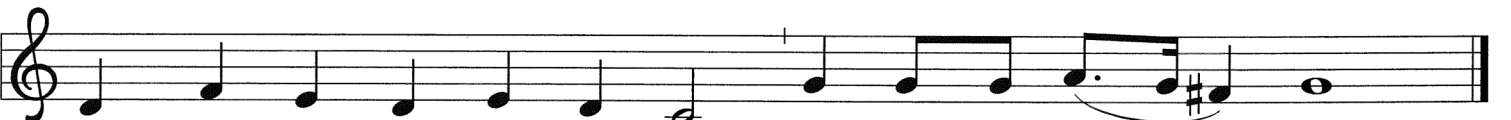
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your
Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Let Us Break Bread Together

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three parts of the hymn.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three parts of the hymn.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff in the same key signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in one line.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the Refrain section. The lyrics are arranged in one line.

Listening for the Promise
Weekly Devotional
Maundy Thursday - March 28, 2024

“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.’”

- Mark 14:22 -

The disciples were probably expecting a very different meal when they gathered in that upper room; they wanted a King, but Jesus acted as a servant. He spoke of death, betrayal, and denial. Peter, as usual, made great claims of his love for Jesus and his willingness to even die. Jesus told him that he would, that very evening, deny Him three times. Jesus knew Judas was the betrayer, and was clearly in control as He told Judas to do the task quickly. The disciples were confused by the words of Jesus, and became agitated as the vision they had of a kingdom began to fall apart before their eyes. Even though He knew He was just hours from betrayal, denial, and abandonment, He comforted them. He promised the Holy Spirit who would help them continue His work after His death. He established a new covenant with His people, one of life, hope and remembrance.

It was the Passover meal, but Jesus chose to use the most ordinary elements as the sign of His new covenant. Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it with His disciples. Then He took wine, blessed it and passed the cup around the table to all the disciples. Every culture has some form of bread that is a staple food source, and wine was commonplace on ancient dinner tables. Jesus chose the ordinary things for the sacramental meal that He gave to His Church. Jesus used the ordinary food of the people and yet, this ordinary meal of bread and wine is something extraordinary, because it is shared with all Christians in every time and in every place.

When we are at the table receiving the bread and wine, we are at the table with those first disciples who received it on the night Jesus was betrayed. When we take the bread and wine, we are taking it with our friends who live in other places. The meal is a foretaste of the feast to come; every time we share it, we escape time and space and enter into the holy presence of God. The common elements of this special meal are made remarkable by the words spoken over them. There for an instant at the table of our Lord, we are in eternity with our Father at that banquet He has promised!

