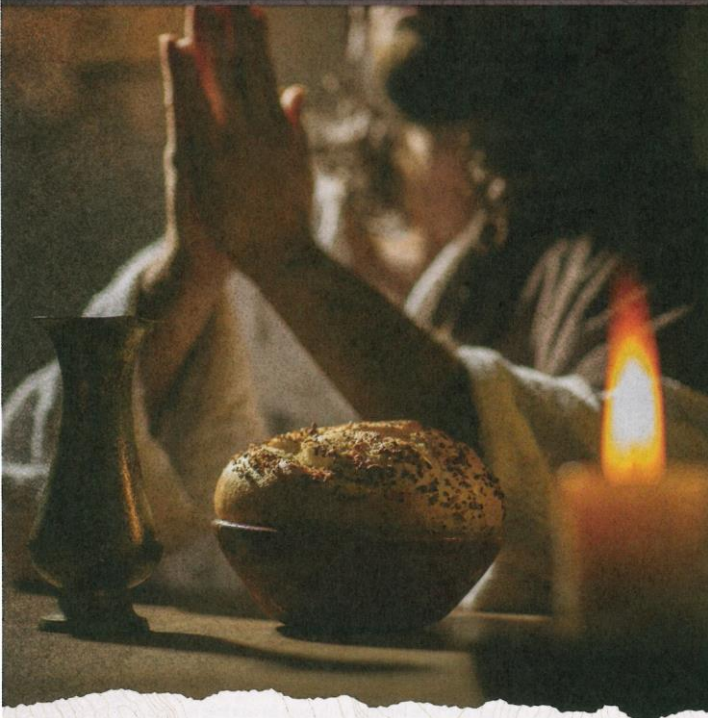


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MAUNDY THURSDAY

## The Upper Room

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

7 p.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
Brillion, WI

# Welcome

## Theme Verse

**P** Our theme verse for today is, “And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us” (Mark 14:15).

## Invocation and Opening Sentences

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us ever walk with Jesus.

**C** To see the depths of His love.

**P** To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

**C** To gaze upon the heights of His grace.

**P** To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

**C** We travel to the Upper Room.

**P** To watch as Christ delivers the Gospel.

**C** In His true body and blood.

**P** Faithful Lord, with me abide.

**C** I shall follow where You guide!

## 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

*LSB 423*

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** King David prays, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”
- C** **My heart, O God, is often anything but broken and contrite.**
- P** Instead, it is covered in calluses.
- C** **Because I hold grudges.**
- P** Keep score,
- C** **Refuse repentance.**
- P** And turn away from humility and kindness.
- C** **Lord, soften my spirit.**
- P** Because a hard heart is like a wrecking ball.
- C** **It mangles marriages.**
- P** Condemns children.
- C** **And finishes off families and friends. Lord, have mercy!  
Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**
- P** Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment, and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha, and Golgotha—for you. That’s why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!
- C** **I shall follow where You guide!**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wonderful Sacrament you 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.

- C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 12:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 5:6–8*

<sup>6</sup>Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 26:17–29*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup>He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve.

<sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>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>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Mini Message

**570 Just as I Am, without One Plea**

*LSB 570 vs. 1-5*

1 Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me

And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Sermon

### 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

*LSB 685 vs. 1-2*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray: Your perfect love, O Lord, has borne our sin and delivered us from death. Give to us the grace of Your forgiveness so that we may enjoy the blessing of a clear conscience and serve You without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Jesus, Your love has gathered the lonely and lost and created the Church, where sinners may come and find a place at Your table of grace and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Jesus, Your love supports the wounded in body and spirit, and Your grace sustains the sick and suffering. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Jesus, Your love welcomes the brokenhearted and binds up those who are crushed in spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Jesus, Your love has promised to hear our prayer and to answer us with all that is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Jesus, Your love sets a table before us in the presence of our enemies to receive the food and drink of Your body and blood.
- C** **Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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 Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

*LSB 163*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

**☐ 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.**

**617 O Lord, We Praise Thee**

*LSB 617*

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
  
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
  
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

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**618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

*LSB 618*

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole:



*Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!*

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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## **Dismissal**

**P** Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in one true faith unto  
life everlasting. Go peace. Amen.

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a  
foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's  
body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our  
days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may,  
together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the  
Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## + STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

*The stripping of the altar is an ancient feature of Maundy Thursday, symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the soldier's hands. Psalm 22 rehearses that and other themes of the Passion.*

### Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 22*

**P** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**C** **Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

**P** O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

### 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

*LSB 611*

1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

**P** Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**C** **In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

**P** To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

**P** But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

**C** **All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

**P** "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

**C** **Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.**

**P** On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

3 Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

**P** Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

**C** **Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

**P** they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

**C** **I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

**P** my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

**C** **For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—**

**P** I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;

**C** **they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.**

4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

**P** But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

**C** **Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!**

**P** Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

**C** **I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

**P** You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**C** **For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

**P** From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows  
I will perform before those who fear him.

**C** **The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him  
shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!**

**P** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

**C** **For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the  
nations.**

**P** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him  
shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could  
not keep himself alive.

**C** **Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the  
coming generation;**

**P** they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet  
unborn, that he has done it.

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