



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022

The word **Maundy** comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means *command*. We remember on this day two commands from Jesus: to love one another as Jesus demonstrated with the washing of the disciples' feet, and to continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper as Jesus instituted while Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples. *And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.* (Luke 22:19-20 ESV)

## AS WE GATHER

**Sign: Food**

*"Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."*  
*Matthew 26:27-28* Like signs we see along the roads that tell us what to do, we see signs along the way on our Holy Week journey that show us the way to Christ. In our Maundy Thursday worship, we re-member that we are fed and nourished in our faith journey each time we stop to partake of the very body and blood of our Lord and Savior, found in the holy food of Holy Communion's bread and wine.

## PRELUDE

*Go To Dark Gethsemane, Handbells/Piano*  
*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted, Handbells/Piano*

## OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalms 116:1-4, 12-15*

**P** I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**C** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**C** Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**P** What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

**C** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

**P** I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**C** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us confess our sins to the Lord, who will hear us and answer our pleas for mercy.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Almighty Father,

**C** we confess that we daily sin against you with our thoughts, words and actions. We are trapped in sin and death and only you can save us. Hear our pleas for mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, who shed his blood for us when he was betrayed into the hands of sinners and suffered death on the cross for our salvation.

**P** God in his mercy hears and answers your prayer. For the sake of Jesus and by his command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me! I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

**OPENING HYMN: “WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”**

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jeremiah 31:31–34*

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares

the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–26*

<sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>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.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>and when he

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**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 22:7–8, 14–20*

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”

said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup>And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup>And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

<sup>14</sup>And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he

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

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

**NICENE CREED**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN: "I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE"**

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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**TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD**

Message Notes

<b>Main Points:</b>	
<b>One thing NEW I learned:</b>	<b>What can I apply to my life?</b>

**OFFERING**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

**To our visitors:** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John in the confession that not only bread and wine but Jesus Christ's very body and blood are given to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith in Him and our union with one another. Our Lord invites to His table all those who believe His words, repent of all sin, and set aside all refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. If this is your first time at St John, or have not been instructed about the Lord's Supper we ask that you speak to the Pastor before communing with us.

### PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In ancient times You passed over Your children, Israel, sparing them because of the blood that was shed. Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the ultimate Passover Lamb, whose blood was shed to set us free. We praise Your holy name as we come to Your Feast. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9, LSB 208*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

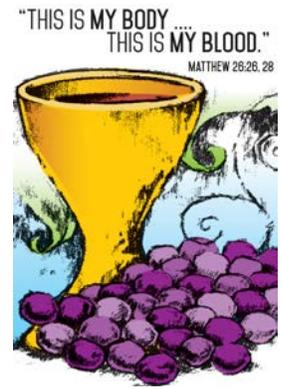
### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
- C** **Amen.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is **My ✕ body**, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in **My ✕ blood**, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So 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.**

**PEACE OF THE LORD - Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**LAMB OF GOD - Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29, LSB 210*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN: "GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE"

LSB 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!  
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
breath-less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray:

**C** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

This is the night in which our Lord was betrayed.

After He had instituted the Sacrament of His body and blood, He and the eleven disciples went out to the Garden of Gethsemane where He knew Judas would come to set in motion the events leading to His crucifixion.

Here in the front of this worship area we see many things that are symbols of Our Lord. This evening they are stripped from the altar—which represents Jesus Himself—just as He was struck, humiliated, tortured, and taken to the cross. As the various items are removed, we hear the words of Psalm 22, which anticipated our Lord's Passion.

**We then depart in silence until our worship continues tomorrow, *Good Friday*.**



## Psalm 22 (ESV)

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- 4 In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- 6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- 8 “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.
- 10 On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- 13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
- 14 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;
- 15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—
- 17 I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me;
- 18 they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- 19 But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!
- 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- 23 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!
- 24 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.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
- 28 For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- 29 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.
- 30 Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- 31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.