



# *Maundy Thursday*

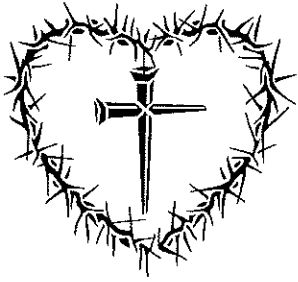
## **Selfless Love**

God's Love Is Shown

A Series of Services for Lent and Holy Week

**April 1, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**



Zion Lutheran Church  
210 North Wayne Street  
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### **Maundy Thursday: Selfless Love**

The forty days of Lent now draw to a close in the three great days of Holy Week, the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Often treated as one long service, these three days place our Lord's Passion at the center of our lives. We go home to rest and rise to labor, only to return and find that our Lord continues to labor for us. This one long service traces the days of our Lord's Passion, when He labored in love and offered His life for the forgiveness of our sin. This evening, we gather to remember our Lord's celebration of Passover, His institution of the Lord's Supper. When faced with betrayal, Jesus remained faithful to His Father's mission. He prepared the Passover table, creating a place of forgiveness for His disciples. This evening, He opens that place of forgiveness for you. Meditate now on the wondrous love of your Savior, who in the face of certain sin offered His life to be the certainty of your salvation.

**PRELUDE**     *Could You Not Watch One Hour With Me*     Stainer

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

*Sophia Anne Coldiron, Emily Rae Miller and Isabella Marie Ross*

**HYMN**                     *"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"*                     Insert

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

C **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

P Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,

C **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

P People of God, we are here at the Lord's bidding, confessing to Him all our sins of thought, word, and deed, of evil done and of good left undone. We are here that we might be absolved of our sins, renewed by the Spirit, and restored to joy. We pray that the Lord will drive from us all unclean thoughts, keep from our lips all lies and wicked words, and guard us in temptation. We know that it is God's will to forgive and restore us and that the only merits we have to plead are Christ's alone. Before we approach His table, let us make humble confession, plead for the forgiveness of Christ's blood, and, by the aid of the Spirit, seek to amend our sinful lives. Merciful God...

*(Stand or Kneel)*

- C** We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to one another, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault; wherefore we pray God Almighty to have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Your sins are forgiven.
- C** Amen.

*(Stand)*

- P** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

#### **PASSING THE PEACE**

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

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray. Blessed Lord, we gather on this night when You sat at table with Your disciples to keep the Passover. You knew the hearts of Your disciples and saw that Judas was to betray You, yet Your love did not falter and You did not shrink from Your saving will and purpose. Give us confidence in Your love and make us resolute in Your promise so that we may know the forgiveness, comfort, and peace of Your saving wounds; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19:9-18

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

## PSALM 116:12-19

<sup>12</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>13</sup>**Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his servants.**

<sup>14</sup>O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have  
freed me from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,

**<sup>17</sup>In the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

**<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,**

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

**EPISTLE READING      Philippians 2:4-8**

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The holy gospel according to St. John the thirteenth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL                      John 13:1-38**

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. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.” After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus’ side, so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it.” So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “What you are going to do, do quickly.” Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of

Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' 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. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Selfless Love*

Pastor Bill

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

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**PREFACE**

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, Lord God, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, who gathered once with His disciples to fulfill the Passover and deliver to His Church the sacred meal of His own flesh and blood in bread and wine, for



the forgiveness of our sins, and who has gathered us now for this Holy Communion. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name singing:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

## COMMUNION

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Dan Macklem

## READING OF PSALM 22

Dan Macklem

## DEPART IN SILENCE

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*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the first communicants tonight.*

**Acolyte:**

**Communion Assistant:** Dan & Cheryl Macklem

**Crucifer:** Clara Poe

**Ushers:** Jeanne Wurster, Deb Henning

**Reader:** Dan Macklem

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## Holy Week Continued

**Good Friday Service of Shadows:** Friday, April 2, at 7 p.m.

### Easter Sunday, April 4:

- Easter Sunrise Traditional Service will be at 7 a.m.
- Carry Out Easter Breakfast will be from 8-9 a.m.,
- Sunday School will be at its usual time of 9:15 a.m. with Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Traditional Service will be at 10:30 a.m.

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