



Zion Lutheran Church
210 North Wayne Street
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April 14, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: Return to the Table

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 *O Love Divine What Hast Thou Done*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

*Anthony Darnell Bond-Awls, Kalli Lucinda Hughes,
Bailey Elizabeth Lampert, and Eliza Brynn Yahl*

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

#347

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 Exodus 24:3-11

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

PSALM 116:12-19

- ¹² What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
- ¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,**
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.**
- ¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

**¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.**

**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!

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 14:12-26

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it

1?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹ For 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."

²² 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." ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Return to the Table

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

#490

OFFERING

Choir: Ah Holy Jesus

Courtney



OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

<i>"O Bread of Life from Heaven"</i>	#480
<i>"Around You, O Lord Jesus"</i>	#468
<i>"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"</i>	#469

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR Dan Macklem

READING OF PSALM 22 Dan Macklem

DEPART IN SILENCE

Altar Flowers



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

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