



Zion Lutheran Church
210 North Wayne Street
Saint Marys, OH 45885

April 6, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: More than Meets the Eye

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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

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HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L 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.

PASSING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1-14

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴And 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and 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.

⁷“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. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴“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.

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

²³ 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, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL Mark 14:22-25

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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

More Than Meets the Eye

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

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OFFERING

Choir: *And Can It Be*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN



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



bles - sing. 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

L 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:



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

L: Let us pray together the prayer our Lord has taught us to pray... 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

Altar Flowers



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the first communicants tonight by Pastor Bill & Ann.

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