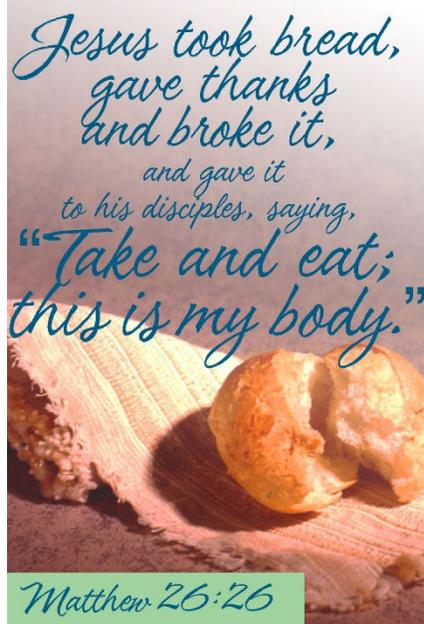


# MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper & Stripping of the Altar

7:00 p.m. Worship Service



*"Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"*

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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

In Holy Communion our Lord Jesus graciously invites those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to receive His sacred and real presence for the forgiveness of sins.

**In addition to wine, grape juice is also offered.**

*Children who do not yet receive Communion may receive a blessing.*

Please take a moment to fill out the "Attendance & Communion" Registration Cards (located in the narthex). Place your card in the offering plate also in the narthex.

P - Presiding Minister

A - Assisting minister **C - Congregation**

\* - PLEASE STAND

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### ***The Holy Week Journey Continues...***

*On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered the gates of Jerusalem to shouts of joy, branches waving. The mood in the city had changed dramatically by Thursday, as the Lord gathered his disciples in the Upper Room to keep the Passover. There he prayed for them and for all who would come to believe through their witness. He knelt and washed their feet like a common servant, an example to all. And as they came to terms with what was happening, especially their own failings, Jesus took bread and wine and instituted the Lord's Supper as the New Covenant of forgiveness and restoration for all generations. This is a night of remembrance, of grace received, and of prayer.*

## **PRELUDE**

### **\*GREETING:**

P We gather this evening in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **\*HYMN: "Where Charity and Love Prevail" vs. 1-2,4 (LBW 126)**

1 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

2 With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

4 Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Holy God, your Son gave us a new commandment and through his act of servanthood showed us the way of true love. Grant that we may share his servant nature as we live out your reign awaiting the promise of his return;

C **through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 24:3-11**

A A reading from Exodus:

<sup>3</sup>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." <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:11-22**

A A reading from Hebrews:

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes

of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. <sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup>For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup>Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*VERSE:**



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-30**

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

C **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>5</sup>and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him. <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.” <sup>30</sup>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: Pastor Dwight Hanson —**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “God Loved The World” (vs. 1-4)  
(LBW 198)**



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**A** Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, we have gathered this night as disciples of Jesus, even as he gathered his followers in the Upper Room so long ago. What took place on that Holy Week was a fulfillment of your plan. Yet it was also a beginning, the mighty acts from which spring the renewal of humankind and the new creation, itself. Your grace and love took on a servant's task, even as the powers of darkness were exalting themselves in acts of betrayal, denial, injustice, and cruelty. Let your holy light shine on us this evening, that the darkness would have no power over us. Lord, in your mercy.

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**A** Watch over all who travel during this Holy Week, that even as pilgrims journeyed to Jerusalem long ago, so our friends and loved ones would be kept safe along the



**\*LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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**

**ABSOLUTION AND RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*As we began the season of Lent marked with ashes of confession and repentance, so we end the season with the certainty of absolution, followed by the reception of the Lord's Supper. Please remain kneeling after the absolution for the reception of the elements.*

**ABSOLUTION:**

**P**     In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
**C**     **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

**A**     The body of Christ given for you.  
**A**     The blood of Christ shed for you.  
**C**     **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMNS: *“Lamb of God”*



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

**“Just As I Am”**  
**(LBW 296)**



- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
- 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict, man - y\_a doubt,
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
fight-ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
yea, all I need in thee to find,

- 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.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871  
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

**“When Peace Like a River”**  
**(LBW 346)**



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

***The Sacred Story Continues...***

P A Reading from Matthew 26:31-46

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup>Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."

<sup>35</sup>Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup>And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

<sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

**The Stripping of the Altar/Psalm 22**

P Let us depart quietly in the peace of Christ.  
C **Amen.**

**Thank you to these Worship Assistants for this evening:**

<b>Greeter:</b>	Scott Stacy
<b>Usher:</b>	Scott Stacy
<b>Lector:</b>	Mike Schamel
<b>Communion</b>	Mike Schamel, Barbara Myers