



MAUNDY THURSDAY

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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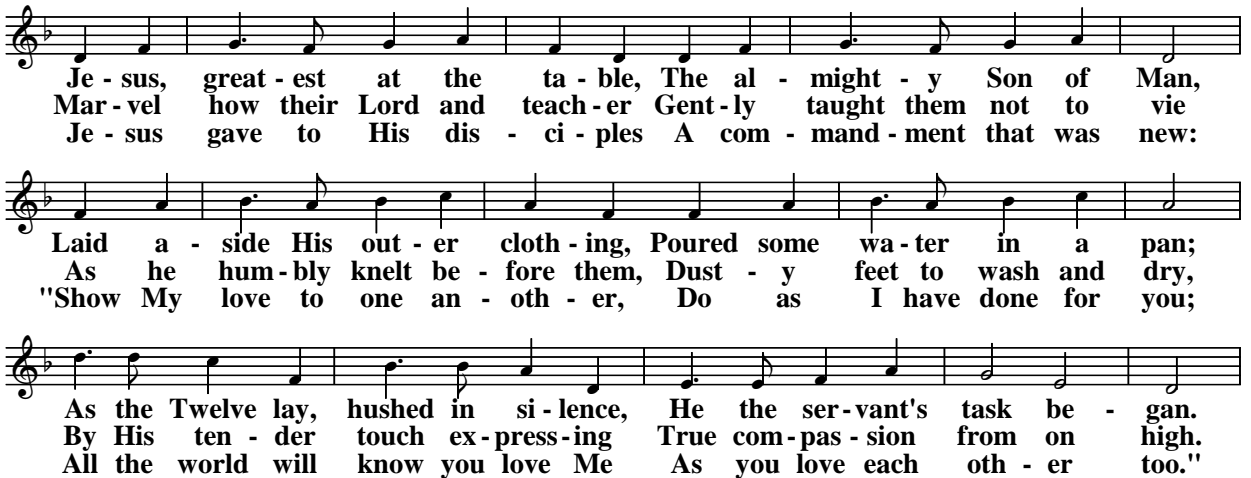
ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE END OF LENT

In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil – all that keep us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism. God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives, continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN – “*Jesus Greatest at the Table*”



Je - sus, great - est at the ta - ble, The al - might - y Son of Man,
Mar - vel how their Lord and teach - er Gent - ly taught them not to vie
Je - sus gave to His dis - ci - ples A com - mand - ment that was new:
Laid a - side His out - er cloth - ing, Poured some wa - ter in a pan;
As he hum - bly knelt be - fore them, Dust - y feet to wash and dry,
"Show My love to one an - oth - er, Do as I have done for you;
As the Twelve lay, hushed in si - lence, He the ser - vant's task be - gan.
By His ten - der touch ex - press - ing True com - pas - sion from on high.
All the world will know you love Me As you love each oth - er too."

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God.

C: O God our Creator, we confess that we have not honored you with our bodies. Our feet are quick to walk the ways of wickedness. Our hands are eager to grasp and keep what is not truly ours. Our eyes are open to opportunity for every kind of evil. Our ears give heed to rumors, gossip, false witness and lies. We open our mouths to speak evil, and close them when we ought to speak. And from our hearts come all manner of evil intentions. Who shall deliver us from this body of death?

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us.

C: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

P: By his wounds we have been healed.

C: Amen.

LESSONS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:21-27a

Passover points to the Savior

²¹ Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴ “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’”

VERSE OF THE DAY

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

John 13:1-9, 12-16

Jesus leaves us an example of service

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

MUSICAL SELECTION –

"Behold the Lamb"

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SERMON

Eyes on Jesus for Holy Week

Servant Eyes

Based on John 13:1-9, 12-14

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING

P: After the reading, we strip the altar marking the transition from the celebration of Holy Communion to Jesus' crucifixion and death. Symbolically, Jesus, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors. The events of Good Friday are near. We observe the ceremony in quiet contemplation.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:32-41

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?" ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him

⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

During the singing of the Hymn, the altar, which symbolizes Christ, is solemnly stripped to symbolize the Lord's abandonment by his disciples in Gethsemane and in preparation for Good Friday.

HYMN - "This Is My Will"

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"This is my will, my one com - mand, That love should dwell
"No great - er love can an - y have Than that one die
"I call you now no long - er slaves; No slave knows all
"You chose not me, but I chose you, That you should go
"All that you ask my Fa - ther dear For my name's sake



a - mong you all. This is my will, that you
to save his friends. You are my friends if you
the mas - ter does. I call you friends, for all
and bear much fruit. I chose you out that you
you shall re - ceive. This is my will, my one



should love As I have shown that I love you.
o - bey What I com - mand that you should do.
I hear My Fa - ther say, you hear from me.
in me Should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
com - mand, That love should dwell on each, in all."

Good Friday Worship
Tomorrow night, April 10, at 7:30p.

Easter Worship
Sunday, April 12, at 8:00p

The services will be streamed at the times indicated
and archived for later viewing.