

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

Maundy Thursday
April 9, 2020

“Maundy” is the English form of the Latin word for “commandment.” The major theme of this day is Jesus’ new commandment to “love one another even as I have loved you.” This love which Jesus shows in the washing of His disciples’ feet is sharply focused by the contrast of Judas’ betrayal which followed. Jesus’ love for us is demonstrated both in His example of servanthood and in His gift of Himself to us in the Lord’s Supper.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

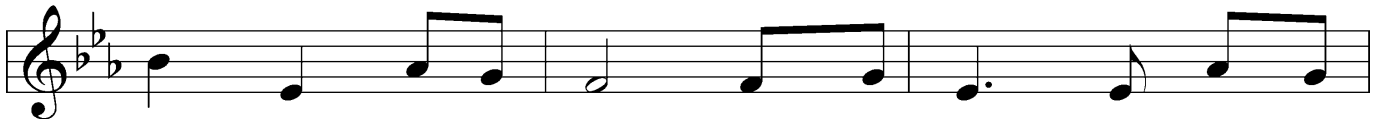
PRELUDE: “What Wondrous Love Is This?” *arranged by Charles Callahan*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to sacred worship.

OPENING HYMN: 445 “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing
 3 What was there that You could give them That would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



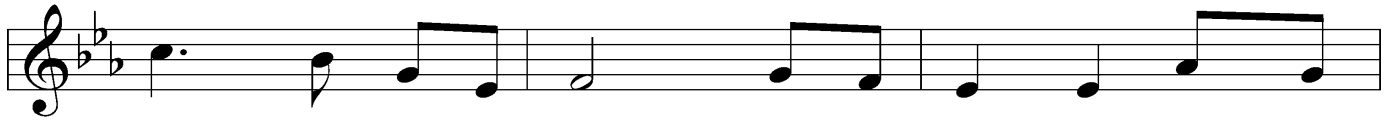
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones
 nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -
 bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -
 vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;
 on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:
 live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?
 vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.
 rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at
 Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last
 "Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me
 One with You and one an - oth - er In a
 When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's
 pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their
 as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance
 u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,
 Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
 teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.
 of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
 broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.
 mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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THE INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S ABSOLUTION:

P: Let us make confession to God our Father.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father: I, as a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You and for which I justly deserve Your punishment. But I am sorry for them, repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive me my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Through His Holy Spirit He cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of His light. As a called and ordained minister of Christ's church and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

PSALM 116:12-19:

P: What shall I render to the Lord

C: for all His benefits to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: and call on the name of the Lord,

P: I will pay my vows to the Lord

C: in the presence of all His people.

P: Precious in the sight of the Lord

C: is the death of His saints.

P: O Lord, I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant.

C: You have loosed my bonds.

P: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C: and call on the name of the Lord.

P: I will pay my vows to the Lord

C: in the presence of all His people,

P: in the courts of the house of the Lord,

C: in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. **C: O Lord Jesus, since You have left us a memorial of Your passion in a wonderful sacrament grant, we pray, that we may so use this sacrament of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redeeming work may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 24:3-11

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." 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. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. 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." 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." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 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. And He did not lay His hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

L: This is the Word of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

L: Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all

C: By His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

L: He is the mediator of a new covenant,

C: That those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

L: He provided redemption for His people; **C: He ordained His covenant forever.**

THE EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 9:11-22

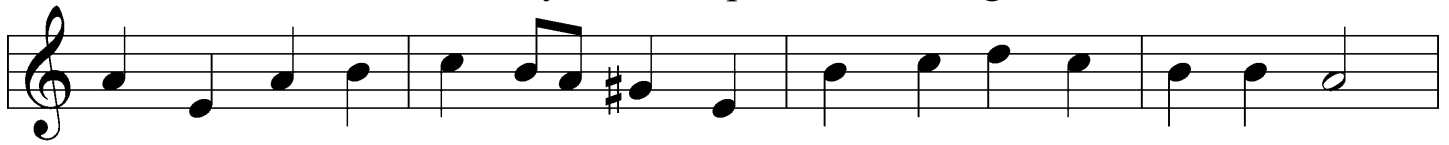
But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 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, 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.

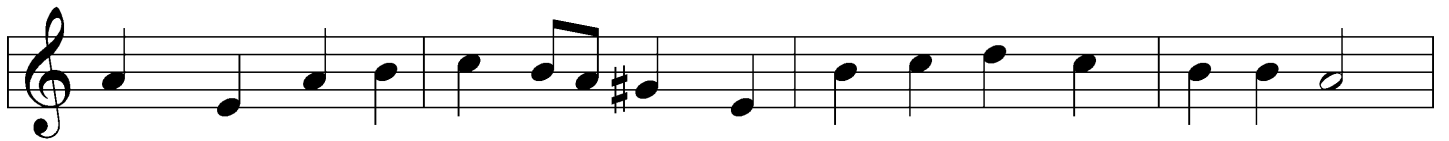
Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. 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, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

L: This is the Word of our Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF HOPE: 422 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*Matthew 26:17-30 is read.*)

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?” 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.’” And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, He said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. 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.” Judas, who would betray Him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

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.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 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.” And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed*

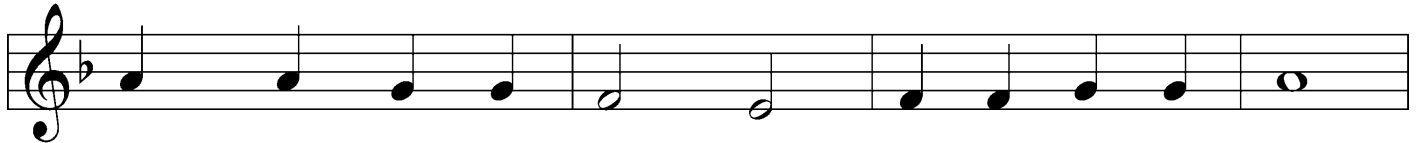
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was

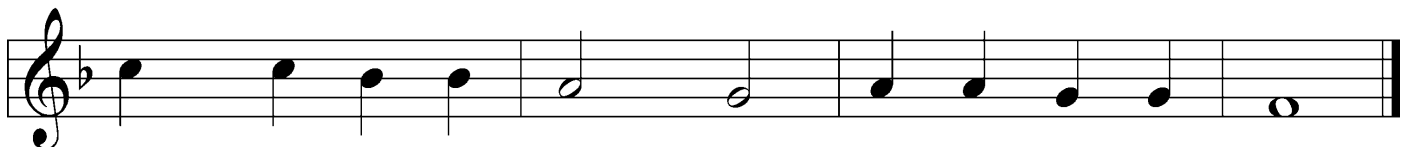
buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 433 “Glory Be to Jesus”



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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SERMON: “More Than Meets the Eye” Mark 14:22-25

And as they were eating, Jesus 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.”

HYMN: (tune: LSB 450 “O Sacred Head”)

**What lan-guage shall I bor-row To thank You, dear-est Friend,
For all Your dy-ing sor-row, Your pit-y with-out end?
Oh, make me Yours for-ev-er; And should I faint-ing prove,
Lord, let me nev-er, nev-er Out-live Your dy-ing love!**

THE PRAYERS:

On this holy night in which our Lord gathered His disciples in the Upper Room, we come to You, O Lord, in His name with the concerns of our hearts for ourselves and all people. *Brief silence*

Grant to us zeal for Your house, O Lord, and love for the things of Your Kingdom. Preserve those who are unable to gather together as they wish, and grant them their desire quickly. Give Your Church harmony and peace to confess Your Word with one voice before the world. Cover us with the blood of Christ, and grant us Your Spirit, that we may walk in Your ways and do the good You desire. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the midst of plagues and enemies that threaten and a world filled with conflict and terror, give us wise leaders, O Lord, that we may be preserved from harm. Guide those who make and administer our laws to act in timely and prudent ways, and give to all judges knowledge to render justice with mercy. Bless all military, emergency and medical workers who defend and help us here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As generously as You have given to us, O Lord, teach us to be generous in giving, that the poor may not suffer want nor Your Church be deprived of the resources to serve Your purpose both here and across the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy, Lord, spare Your people and turn this pandemic away! Preserve the sick, comfort the fearful and grant to the dying Your peace. Hear us on behalf of all those who have asked us to pray for them in this terrible time of need. Give us healing in accordance with Your will, strength to bear up under the burdens of this mortal life, and comfort and hope in this and every trial. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son instituted this most blessed Sacrament to eat and to drink, that what is promised in His testament may be truly received by His friends and heirs. Have mercy on all who are kept from Your table in extraordinary circumstances, and do not shut them out of Your Supper forever. Let the words of this testament echo in their ears and hearts and, in true faith, let them believe these words, trusting that they receive spiritually in faith exactly what Your Son has both won and declared: the forgiveness of sins. Stir up in us a desire to commune with our fellow Christians on Your true body and blood, and bring us soon to the table. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You know, O Lord, what we need, and You have promised never to abandon us. Help us to endure in faith and, with a joyful countenance, receive the blessings of Your grace and the answers to our prayers; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray,

All: Our Father who art in heaven, ...and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER:

P: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: Almighty God, through the sacrificial death of Your Son You atoned for the sins of the whole world and in Him You reconciled the world to Yourself, not counting our trespasses against us. Receive our humble thanks for this precious gift of salvation by which You comfort and console our troubled hearts. Strengthen our faith that we may receive Your forgiveness and be at peace.

C: We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

1. **There is a green hill far a-way, Out-side a cit-y wall,
Where the dear Lord was cru-ci-fied, Who died to save us all.**

2. **We may not know, we can-not tell What pains He had to bear,
But we be-lieve it was for us He hung and suf-fered there.**

3. **He died that we might be for-giv’n, He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heav’n, Saved by His pre-cious blood.**

4. **There was no oth-er good e-nough To pay the price of sin,
He on-ly could un-lock the gate Of heav’n and let us in.**

5. **Oh, dear-ly, dear-ly has He loved! And we must love Him too
And trust in His re-deem-ing blood And try His works to do.**

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR:

(The altar is stripped and the chancel is made bare and darkened in preparation for Good Friday just as our Lord was stripped bare for His crucifixion.)

POSTLUDE: “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

arranged by Rachel Chapin

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Mark Nebel Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen
Pianist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Video: Eric and Jennifer Fritsche

WE WILL celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with an Easter Sunrise Drive-in service at 6:30 a.m. in the school parking lot. There will be an option for receiving Holy Communion while in your vehicle as you leave. We also will hold an Easter Festival Service in church at 9 a.m. that will be broadcast live on Facebook and recorded for You Tube.