

MAUNDY THURSDAY
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OUR MISSION

Reaching out to the community to share the Gospel through faith, fellowship, and service.

OUR VISION

Become the visible presence of Christ in this community

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FIRST COMMUNION

APRIL 6, 2023, 7:00 PM

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are glad you are here! May this be a holy time for you to offer your praise to God as well as receive God's grace through word, sacrament, song, and prayer.

For those worshipping here in person, please fill out the Connect Card that you have and leave it in the offering plate. For those who are worshipping with us online, we would invite you to share that you are watching via Facebook or YouTube comments.

You may contact Françoise our church Office Administrator at fdutil@stmarks.ws or email Pastor Mericle directly, pastorjim@stmarkshh.com.

If you have questions, about the service or St. Mark's, please do not hesitate to ask one of the ushers.

Holy Communion

Tonight we are also celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please know that all who wish to receive Christ and his offer of forgiveness and new life are welcome to receive this meal. For those online, please have your bread/crackers and wine/juice ready for that point in the service. For those attending in person, if you want to receive Christ in communion you can do so in two ways: come up front and receive the bread and wine/juice or take a communion kit in the Narthex and receive the bread and juice at your seat. If you prefer not to receive communion, and are in person, please know you are welcome to come forward for a blessing—just let the pastor know. If you remain in your seat, please help make room for others to pass you, if they choose to go forward to receive communion.

FIRST COMMUNION

*Tonight, as we remember Jesus' institution of Holy Communion during the last supper, we welcome new participants in receiving the Sacrament for their first time. **Madeline Motoye Do, Alanna Jordan Devening, Elinor Ahn, Josephine Ahn, Kara Grace Reger, & Helena Selene Quesada** have all prepared, prayed and trust the promises Jesus is making to them. We will welcome them to the first table with their families.*

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Rev. James Mericle

WORSHIP PIANIST/CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Graham Jackson

LECTOR: Norm Rumpf

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kim Winn

ALTAR GUILD: Melani Garrett, Janna Barnhart

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+ indicates to stand as you are able. If it is difficult for you to stand, please feel free to stay seated or sit back down at any time.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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BENEDICTION

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HYMN OF REFLECTION

**Go to Dark Gethsemane
Stanzas 1-3**

ELW 347

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22 is read aloud

The Altar Guild, those who care for the furnishings in our chancel area, will assist Pastor and the acolytes with the stripping of the altar. Stripping the altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation by the Roman captors.

All depart in silence.

The service continues with the Good Friday Service tomorrow night at 7:00 PM.

**Remember to bring a flower from your garden to put on our
Easter Cross on Easter Sunday.**

2022-2023 St. Mark's Altar Guild:

*Lynn Yann, Tracy Nishizu, Annette Williams, Marian Locke
Janna Barnhart, Lee Uhl, Betty Castaneda, Melani Garrett
Teri Van Riper, Mary Rosentreter, Kim Winn, Lori Ueda
Sharon Bradford, Anna Guerriero, Gwen Andrizzi*



Holy Week

4/7 - GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN SANCTUARY - NOON to 3:00 PM - Open for prayers

1:00 PM Group Stations prayers lead by Kim Winn

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Open for prayers prior to service

LIGHT TO DARK - 7:00 PM (in-person & online)

4/9 - EASTER

SUNRISE SERVICE - 6:30 AM (in-person ONLY)

FESTIVAL - 10:00 AM (in-person & online)

EASTER SUNDAY PREPARATION - HELP NEEDED!

Help will be needed Saturday April 8th at 9:00 AM to prepare for Easter service. Sunday, April 9th at 6:00 AM to help set up chairs and altar for sunrise service. Help needed after Maundy Thursday service to help cover the cross in church. Please let Kim Winn or any worship committee member know if you can help; it would be greatly appreciated. Kim Winn's contact information (626) 376-2997

Gathering + **Word** + Meal + Sending

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26, pg. 1046

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor James Mericle

HYMN OF HOPE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
1, 2 & 4 Stanzas

ELW 597

+ GOSPEL

Mark 10: 35-45, pg.924

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor James Mericle

+ HYMN OF GRACE

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

ELW 779

+ APOSTLE’S CREED

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+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Gathering + Word + **Meal** + Sending

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

As the Grains of Wheat

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+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

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+ BLESSING OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

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+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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+ THE LORDS PRAYER

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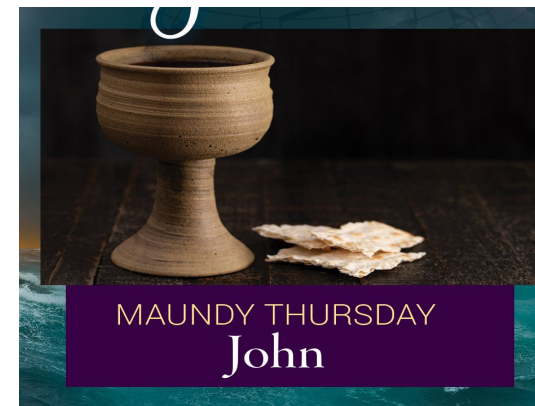
On this sacred night we celebrate the Holy Supper with new Communicants *Madeline Motoye Do, Alanna Jordan Devening, Elinor Ahn, Josephine Ahn, Kara Grace Reger, Helena Selene Quesada* and their families. What a joy it is to share in this gift of new life.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

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+ CONFESSION & ABOLUTION

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+ GATHERING HYMN

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept before the prayer.)*

Almighty God, at one time John and his brother wanted to call down fire from heaven on an unbelieving village. Jesus called them “Sons of Thunder.” On another day they asked Jesus for the honor of sitting to the left and right of his throne when he ruled in his kingdom. They sought glory but did not understand what would come first. The glory of the kingdom would come, but the cross would come first. Jesus first suffered and died and then rose in glory. The day would come when John and James, too, would suffer for the sake of their faith in Jesus. The Lord Jesus has given us his own body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. We pray that you would fill us with humility and strength, nourished by his Holy Supper for a life of faith and witness. When we are called to suffer for the sake of Jesus’ name, give us courage to be steadfast in faith. Lead us to live in repentant humility as during this Lenten season we follow our Lord’s final steps to the cross. Hear our prayer in Jesus’ name.

Amen.