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Livestream Worship
April 1, 2021
Maundy Thursday
First Communion
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine
LECTOR: Lynn Yann
*CONGREGATION READS

FIRST COMMUNION

Tonight we welcome new participants receiving the Sacrament for the first time. Noah Christian Reyna, Penelope Juliet Reyna and Leon Wang have all prepared, prayed and trusted the promises Jesus is making to them. We will welcome them to the Communion Table with their families.

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church and blessings to you. Today we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate and remember the Three Days of Jesus' Death and Resurrection. Tonight we begin with Maundy Thursday, which uplifts the call to celebrate Holy Communion often, to remember the great love Jesus has for us through his sacrifice for us, and to remember the command to love one another and live it out. We will be serving communion and invite all baptized Christians who are ready to receive the sacrament to do so. Please have your communion kits or bread/cracker and wine/juice ready for that time in the worship.

We ask that you fill out the connect cards that you can click to from the bulletin link here: [Connect Card](#). For those here to complete the card that is with your bulletin and place in the offering plate. Thank you for joining us in worship this night.

PRELUDE Lamb of God –Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*Amen.

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard about the Promises God made and the Promises he has kept that has culminated in the New Covenant that comes through Jesus Christ where God restores the direction relationship with God and helps us with the constant struggles we face. Within the community of the Church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled to God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

* we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not love you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus the Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

God who is rich in mercy love us even when we were dead to sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

*Amen

GATHERING HYMN Lamb of God (ELW 336)

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

2 Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

+ GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

*And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen

FIRST READING Exodus 12:1-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb

for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They 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 lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the deities of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL Mark 14:22–26

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 14th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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

+ SERMON The Promise of the Meal –Pastor Mericle

+ HYMN OF THE DAY What Wondrous Love is This (ELW 666)

- 1 What wondrous love is this,
 O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this
 that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse
 for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

- 2 When I was sinking down,
 sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down
 beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown
 for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

- 3 To God and to the Lamb
 I will sing, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb,
 who is the great I AM,
 while millions join the theme,
 I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

- 4 And when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing God's love for me,
 and through eternity
 I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

+ APOSTLE'S CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Today we celebrate with our children who have completed the First Communion class with their parents and are now ready to receive their first Holy Communion. The first communicants, and their family/sponsors come forward as I read each child's name. Noah Christian Reyna, Penelope Juliet Reyna (to the left) and Leon Wang (right)

Parents, Sponsors and family, when you presented these children for Holy Baptism, you made some sacred promises. These promises are:

- To faithfully bring your child to the services of God's house,
- To teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the 10 Commandments,
- To place in their hands the Holy Scriptures,
- And to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.

Do you now renew your commitment to these Baptismal promises? If so, answer, "I do and I ask God to help and guide me."

And people of St. Mark's, do you promise to support and encourage these parents, sponsors and families in the keeping of these sacred promises? If so, answer, ***"We will, with God's help!"**

Parents, one of the ways we help you keep these promises and "provide for their instruction in the Christian faith," is to prepare your children for their participation to receive the Lord's Supper. Through the class and discussion with your child, you have done that.

Now...First Communicants, receiving Holy Communion is an important step in your life as a Christian. Through this sacrament we Remember how Jesus died for us, we become joined together as one Community in Christ, we receive the assurance of God's Forgiveness and we are Strengthened in our faith and service. This sacrament is a gift of God's love to you. Children, do you trust God's promises of forgiveness and new life through Jesus and believe that Jesus Christ is really present with us in Holy Communion? If so, answer, Yes, with God's help!"

Let us pray: Lord, with this important step in the lives of those receiving their first communion and for their parents, sponsors, and families, we ask for your blessing to be upon them. Strengthen them in their faith each time they gather at your table. Help all of us to place our trust in you, of God. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

(Name of child) I bless you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who invites you to his table. Amen. (each individually)

+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remembering the great gift of Love, God has poured out upon us, let us pray for church, the world, and all in need.

The petitions conclude:

Lord have mercy. *Hear our Prayer.

Into your hands O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trust in your mercy and grace through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Amen.

+ PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

*Amen.

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.

On this day we celebrate the Holy Supper with new Communicants Noah Reyna, Penelope Reyna, Leon Wang and their families. What a joy it is to share in this gift of new life.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN One Bread, One Body (ELW 496)

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. Refrain
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. Refrain
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. Refrain

COMMUNION MEDITATION Let Us Break Bread Together Wood

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

*Amen.

+ BLESSING

The Lord Bless You and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the ✙ Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

*Amen.

+ HYMN OF THE PASSION Go to Dark Gethsemene (ELW 437)

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR Psalm 22:1-23 is read aloud

Some of the Altar Guild, those who care for the preparation of our altar area,
will join with Pastor Jim in the stripping of the Altar.
Stripping of the Altar is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation by the Roman captors.

+ ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

The service continues tomorrow with the Good Friday service tomorrow at 1 pm
outside by the school lunch tables.

+ 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.

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PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Johanna Locke, Rosie Scott, Kenna Dutil–Baker (Francoise's daughter), Rubi Thomas (Irv's sister–in–law) broken leg, Francoise Dutil (back injury), Vernon Weigand, Baby Felix (son of Elizabeth Batres & Trevor Duran)

ILLNESS: Helena Peidrahita (Adriana Garrett's mother), Connie Rasmussen (Joan Locke's mother) stroke

SAFETY & HEALTH: Health care workers and families affected by COVID.

TREATMENTS: Jamie (John Guerriero's nephew), Tony Hernandez (Michael's brother) cancer, Nancy Richardson (Diana Hernandez's friend) cancer, Preslee Durston (Christine Birtja's niece) leukemia treatments, Bob Mericle – cancer (Pastor Mericle's father)

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Nancy Carnehl (Janna Barnhart's friend) lung lobe removed due to cancer, Denise Thomas– knee surgery, Lance Maters (friend of Pastor Mericle) major hip surgery

HOSPICE: Virginia Gussler (Sunny O'Hara's mother–in–law), Julio Collosi, Faye Heinrich



Good Friday, April 2nd 1:00 pm IN–PERSON Stations of Cross

Easter Sunday — The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 4th

There will be two worship services:

– Sunrise Worship at 6:30am – join us as the Sun rises to celebrate the Risen Son of God

– Easter Celebration Worship at 10:00am – Families, join us for a festive time of worship as Pastor Jim shares the Easter message. We also have a very special Easter Children's message as well! After each worship service, there will be an Easter Surprise Bag for children (6th grade and under). We will also have a photo location where a church member will take family pictures for free as a gift to you. We will send you along to a second location near the Easter bags, where you can take pictures of your kids with the Easter Bunny.

REMEMBER to bring a flower from your garden to put on our Easter Cross this Sunday.

PRINTABLE CHILDREN'S BULLETIN



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