

**Order of Worship
for
Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2023**

ORGAN PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In this special worship service we gather for worship in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

CONFESSION

*Let us pray a prayer of confession to our God together on this special evening,
knowing, in faith, that our God is ready to forgive. Let us pray:*

Most merciful God, we the people of Your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Your Son Jesus; that we have failed to love one another as Christ loves us; that we have pledged loyalty to Him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied Him, especially in how we treat other people. O Lord God, please forgive us, we pray. By Your Holy Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; guide us to love as You love, to forgive as You forgive, to be as generous as You have been generous to us and be Your peacemakers in the midst of this violent world. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

Who on earth is in any position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ instead suffered and died for us. Our Savior was raised from the dead and ascended on high to be everywhere in heaven and on earth for us. Risen, He continues to intercede in prayer for us. My sisters and brothers, believe the good news: in the name of Christ, you are forgiven! We are forgiven! We are reconciled to God in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

Amen!

HYMN

“What Feast of Love”

ELW 487

READING

1st Corinthians 11-20-23 and 27-34

The lesson is from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, chapter eleven, verses twenty through twenty-two and verses twenty-seven through thirty-four.

Paul writes:

²⁰ When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord’s supper. ²¹ For when the time comes to eat, each of you proceeds to eat your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. ²² What! Do you not have households to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For all who eat and drink without discerning the Body eat and drink judgment against themselves. ³⁰ For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

FIRST GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:14-30

**The Gospel reading is from Luke,
chapter twenty-two, verses fourteen through thirty.**

Luke writes:

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus took His place at the table, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks He said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ Then He took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ And He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the New Covenant in My blood."

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ But He said to them, "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ "You are those who have stood by Me in my trials, ²⁹ and I confer on you, just as My Father has conferred on Me, a kingdom, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

MESSAGE
“The New Temple”
Rev. David Hewitt

COMMUNION HYMN
“One Bread, One Body”
ELW 496

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE 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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours
now and forever.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

For those worshipping in-house,
we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may so.

For those worshipping online,
If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body
and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and peace, now and forever. Amen!

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Luke 22:39-53

**The Gospel reading is from Luke,
chapter twenty-two, verses thirty-nine through fifty-three.**

Luke writes:

³⁹ Jesus came out and went, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed Him. ⁴⁰ When He reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹ Then He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet, not My will but yours be done." ⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared to Him and gave Him strength. ⁴⁴ In His anguish He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵ When He got up from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶ and He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

⁴⁷ While He was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss Him; ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to Him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" ⁴⁹ When those who were around Him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And He touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

HYMN
"Go to Dark Gethsemane"
ELW 347

FINAL LESSON
Psalm 22

The altar is stripped during this reading.

¹ My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and by night but find no rest. ³ Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In You our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them. ⁵ To You they cried and were saved; in You they trusted and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they sneer at me; they shake their heads;

⁸ "Commit your cause to the Lord; let Him deliver— let Him rescue the one in whom He delights!" ⁹ Yet it was You who took me from the womb; You kept me safe on my mother's breast. ¹⁰ On You I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me You have been my God. ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

¹² Many bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; You lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they bound my hands and feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹ But You, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen You have rescued me.
²² I will tell of Your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You: ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him; stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴ For He did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; He did not hide His face from me, but heard when I cried to Him. ²⁵ From You comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear Him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him. ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations. ²⁹ To Him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for Him. ³⁰ Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the Lord ³¹ and proclaim His deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that He has done it.

Depart in Silence

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