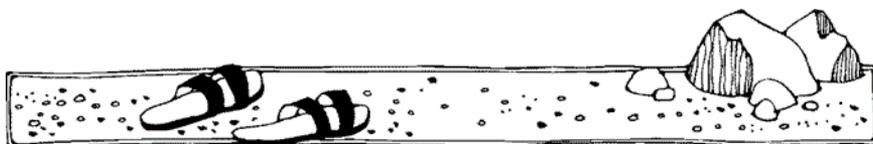




**Maundy Thursday
April 9, 2020**

**“Making Disciples of Jesus:
Gathering...Growing...Going...”**



Maundy Thursday

SERVICE NOTES FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

Just as Ash Wednesday begins Lent, so Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lent proper and the beginning of the Three Holy Days of Christendom (the Triduum). The theme of the celebration is the Lord's new command (*mandatus*, Latin, became Maundy in Old English) to his disciples of all time to love each other as he has loved them. The institution of the Lord's Supper sets forth the depth of Jesus' love and gives power to the church to live out his command. As with Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday occupies a unique place in the church calendar. It is a festival in which reconciliation is solemnly expressed. This happens while God's people transition from preparation to the actual celebration of our Lord's passion and resurrection.

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INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: 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 keeps 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.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

On this night Jesus instituted Holy Communion. In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, it is the custom of God's Church to observe the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. Since our land is fighting an epidemic and Christian churches are temporarily setting aside communal gatherings, we will not give primary attention to the institution of the Lord's Supper as we do on most Maundy Thursdays. This gives us an opportunity to focus on other important events that happened that evening. As we study the Gospels we see that Jesus committed himself to praying on the evening before he died. These prayers are well known and instruct us in the necessary and proper use of Christian prayer. This Maundy Thursday we give attention to the prayers of our Lord on Maundy Thursday.

OPENING HYMN

CW #135 vv. 1,2 *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

**1. The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.**

**2. He blotted out with his own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
He full atonement for us made,
And all our debt he fully paid.**

Text: Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714, abr.; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment
both now and in eternity.**

**I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be recon-

ciled with one another, and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Precious Savior, on this night you showed the full extent of your love for disciples. Through Word and Sacrament, prayer and loving service, draw your people into a blessed communion until that day when we will feast at the heavenly banquet; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

CW #116 vv. 1,3,4 *In the Hour of Trial*

1. In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me

Lest by base denial I unworthy be.

When you see me waver, With a look recall,

Nor for fear or favor Ever let me fall.

3. Should your mercy send me Sorrow, toil, and woe,

Or should pain attend me On my path below,

Grant that I may never Fail your cross to view;

Grant that I may ever Cast my care on you.

4. When my life is ending, Though in grief or pain,

When my body changes Back to dust again,

On your truth relying, Through that mortal strife,

Jesus, take me, dying, To eternal life.

We Hear God's Word

FIRST LESSON

John 17:1-5

Jesus' high priestly prayer for himself

After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you.² For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given

him. ³ This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. ⁴ I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.

MEDITATION

Jesus prays personally

HYMN **CW #412 vv. 1,2,4** *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright*

**1. Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
With rev'rence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight,
We may, we must draw near.**

**2. We suffer if we cease from prayer;
Oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
And when to meet you we prepare,
Lord, meet us on the way.**

**3. Faith in the only sacrifice
That can for sin atone,
To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes
On Christ, on Christ alone.**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

SECOND LESSON

John 17:6-19

Jesus' high priestly prayer for his disciples

⁶ "I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

⁹ "I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in

them. ¹¹ I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³ "But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹ I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth.

MEDITATION

Jesus prays for protection

HYMN

CW #411 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.**

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

THIRD LESSON

John 17:20-26

Jesus' high priestly prayer for all believers

²⁰ "I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. ²¹ May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. ²² I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: ²³ I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me because you loved me before the world's foundation. ²⁵ Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them and that I may be in them."

MEDITATION

Jesus prays for pleasing harmony

HYMN

CW #104 vv. 1-3 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

**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 of 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, pain, or loss; Learn of 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 of Jesus Christ to die.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 26:36-46

Jesus prays in Gethsemane

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He told his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and distressed. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death. Stay here, and keep watch with me."

³⁹ He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed. He said, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰ He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "So, were you not able to stay awake with me for one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me^[a] unless I drink it, may your will be done." ⁴³ Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before. ⁴⁵ Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near."

MEDITATION

Jesus prays persistently

HYMN CW #413 vv. 1,3,4 *When in the Hour of Utmost Need*

**1. When in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid,
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,**

**3. For you have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.**

**4. And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before you lay.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.**

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

We Respond to God's Word

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father,**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

*The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! **To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be dropped off or mailed to our church at 427 N. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.***

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

CLOSING BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord in gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW#345 vv. 1,4 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.**

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872.

SERVING THE LORD THIS EVENING

Worship Leader: Pastor Jack Kelly

Piano: James Bakken

Soloist: Michelle Skramstad

A/V Technician: Steve Willett

Altar care: Bonnie Jaster, Kim Gibbs, Monica Manzey

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Good Friday 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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