

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9, 2020



St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS) Effingham, IL.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *For our meditation during the Prelude:*

*Jesus, greatest at the table,  
The almighty Son of Man,  
Laid aside His outer clothing,  
Poured some water in a pan;  
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,  
He the servant's task began.*

*Marvel how their Lord and teacher  
Gently taught them not to vie  
As He humbly knelt before them,  
Dusty feet to wash and dry,  
By His tender touch expressing  
True compassion from on high.*

*Jesus took the role of servant  
When upon that gruesome span,  
For all human sin He suffered  
As a vile and loathsome man;  
On the cross poured out like water  
To fulfill the Father's plan.*

*Can we fathom such deep mercy?  
Do we see what God has done?  
Who can grasp this great reversal:  
Love that gives His only Son?  
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,  
For the many dies the One.*

*Jesus gave to His disciples  
A commandment that was new:  
"Show My love to one another,  
Do as I have done for you;  
All the world will know you love Me  
As you love each other too."*

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## WELCOME

**HYMN:**        *“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”*    LSB #611

1 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus’ love,  
Higher than the heav’ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me—wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n,

Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,  
Christ is all in all to me;  
All my wants to Him are known,  
All my sorrows are His own.  
He sustains the hidden life  
Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford  
By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.

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**INVOCATION**

Pastor:        In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:        **Amen.**

**INTROIT**       *Psalm 116:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

Pastor:        Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People:        **I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Pastor:        Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

People:        **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.**

Pastor:        Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

People:        **Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

**CONFESSION**

Pastor:        People of God, we struggle against sin, death, and the power of the devil. We have intensified the struggle begun at Baptism to daily die with Christ and also to rise daily in Christ to live anew. In this struggle we have been reminded again that we are weak and Christ is strong. We need the forgiveness of our sins in order to live as the people God has called us to be.

*A time of silence is observed.*

Pastor: Assured of God's love for us through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin against God and our neighbors, so that we enter these three days, so central to our faith, reconciled to God and to one another.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus 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.**

**ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 103:11–13*

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, Your covenant of love for us came to full fruition in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Guide us to be moved by the depth of Christ's new covenant of love, that we love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 9:11–22*

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, <sup>[e]</sup> then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify <sup>[f]</sup> for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our <sup>[g]</sup> conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>[h]</sup> <sup>16</sup> For where a will is involved, the death

of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup> For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup> Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." <sup>21</sup> And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup> Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

**VERSE**        *John 13:1b*

Pastor:        Having loved His own who were in the world,

**People:**       **He loved them to the end.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *John 13:1-35*

Pastor:        The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People:**       **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet,<sup>[a]</sup> but is completely clean. And you<sup>[b]</sup> are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant<sup>[c]</sup> is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. <sup>18</sup> I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled,<sup>[d]</sup> 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup> I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

21 After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." 22 The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. 23 One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side,<sup>[e]</sup> 24 so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus<sup>[f]</sup> of whom he was speaking. 25 So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. 27 Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." 28 Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. 29 Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. 30 So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
 People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN**      *"When You Woke That Thursday Morning"*      LSB 445

1 When You woke that Thursday morning,  
 Savior, teacher, faithful friend,  
 Thoughts of self and safety scorning,  
 Knowing how the day would end;  
 Lamb of God, foretold for ages,  
 Now at last the hour had come  
 When but One could pay sin's wages:  
 You assumed their dreadful sum.

3 What was there that You could give them  
 That would never be outspent,  
 What great gift that would outlive them,  
 What last will and testament?  
 "Show Me and the world you love Me,  
 Know Me as the Lamb of God:  
 Do this in remembrance of Me,  
 Eat this body, drink this blood."

2 Never so alone and lonely,  
 Longing with tormented heart  
 To be with Your dear ones only  
 For a quiet hour apart:  
 Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,  
 One last paschal meal to eat,  
 One last lesson as their teacher,  
 Washing Your disciples' feet.

4 One in faith, in love united,  
 All one body, You the head,  
 When we meet, by You invited,  
 You are with us, as You said.  
 One with You and one another  
 In a unity sublime,  
 See in us Your sister, brother,  
 One in ev'ry place and time.      ↘

5 One day all the Church will capture  
That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture  
That Your heart desired for us,

When the longed-for peace and union  
Of the Greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion  
In Your never-ending feast.

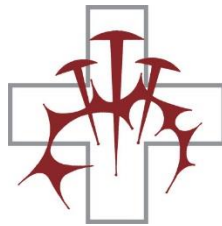
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## **SERMON**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

“...Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**”

### **LORD’S PRAYER (all)**



### **POSTLUDE & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

*Psalm 22 is read as the Chancel is stripped, remembering Jesus’ humiliation.*

*We return for worship tomorrow, Good Friday.*

*Go in peace.*