

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14, 2022

7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Falls Church, Virginia

*PRELUDE*

*When You Woke That Thursday Morning*

Setting: Bernard Wayne Sanders

### *AS WE GATHER*

Holy Thursday, also called “Maundy” (from the Latin for “commandment”), occurring on the eve of our Lord’s crucifixion, begins the celebration of the holy three days of Christ’s Passover commonly known as the Triduum. Our worship during these days observes the final acts of our Lord and the central acts of the Christian faith. Holy Week is a time rich in grace in which we participate in the mystery of God bringing salvation to us through Jesus.

Tonight’s service begins with an extended time of confession reminding us of our mortality and our need of salvation. The absolution which follows closes the Lenten season with a powerful statement of God’s forgiveness – given through the pastor as from God himself.

This year’s Service of the Word concludes our Lenten midweek focus on the parallels between Joseph (from the OT) and our Lord Jesus. The sermon will highlight the power of forgiveness and our ongoing need of assurance. The Gospel reading begins St. Luke’s account of Jesus’ Passion, to be concluded on Good Friday.

Upon hearing the Word of God read and proclaimed, we will welcome our newest communicants and celebrate Holy Communion together on this night when the Supper was instituted. Our worship will conclude as the altar is stripped – an action meant to demonstrate the depth of Christ’s servanthood as he journeys toward the cross.

*CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

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ENTRANCE HYMN #445 (Stand)

*When You Woke That Thursday Morning*

- 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.**
  
- 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.**
  
- 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."**
  
- 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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O Lord,

**C: in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*OLD TESTAMENT READING (Be seated)*

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

*PSALM 116:12-19 (Read responsively, by whole verse)*

What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,**

I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.**

O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,  
**in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*NEW TESTAMENT READING*

Hebrews 10:15–25

The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, declares the Lord:  
I will put my laws on their hearts,  
and write them on their minds,”

then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL VERSE (Stand)*

**O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,  
despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

*GOSPEL READING*

Luke 22:1-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the

Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took 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." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*SERMON (Be seated)*

- 1 **O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
    O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
    O Lord, have mercy!**
  
- 2 **Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
    O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
    O Lord, have mercy!**
  
- 3 **May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
    O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
    O Lord, have mercy!**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## *RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION OFFERING*

*Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. Fellowship Cards help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.*

## *PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Kneel)*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need:

Gracious God, we come before you on this day with gratitude in our hearts for your great acts of salvation. We remember especially how you sent your Son to pay the price of our sin by his

sacrificial death. And we remember, too, his words and actions which teach us how to live as your people. Help us to keep these messages of grace in pure hearts, and to live joyfully, peacefully, obediently, and with love towards you and our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, we thank you also for the gift of Holy Communion. And we ask that you always prepare our hearts to receive it in good faith and with a humble and contrite spirit. Use it to strengthen us and assure us of our forgiveness. Bless especially those who are receiving their first communion tonight, that they would understand your love for them in an even greater way, and that they would see your hand guiding and sustaining them through life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, we pray that you would bless us in our observance of your Son's passion. And we pray also for those who are not with us during these days, that you would speak to their hearts as well. For those who can't make it to your house, we pray that you would sustain them in their faith and keep them connected to our fellowship. And for those who have chosen not to come, we ask that you would give them faith and turn their hearts toward your goodness and grace, that they might know the blessings you offer them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray on behalf of those who are struggling with health concerns, that you would be with them in their time of challenge, heal their bodies according to your will, and give them faith to endure their difficulties. We pray also for those who are struggling with other challenges, be they vocational, financial, relational or the like. Give them the wisdom, opportunity and assistance that they need, and help them to be patient and content as they live according to your promise of care. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Guide us in the way of repentance and right living and forgive us when we stray. Keep us in true faith, always remembering and proclaiming the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we place our trust.

And until His return, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT*

*PREFACE*

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The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly good right and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

*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.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

*PAX DOMINI*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

*AGNUS DEI*

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**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*DISTRIBUTION (Be seated)*

*The Communion Assistant will come forward to receive first, then those from the pulpit side – by order of pew, front to back. Communicants will come up the center aisle and return via the side aisle. When all from the pulpit side have communed, the baptismal font side will commune in the same manner. We ask that the wine be consumed away from the tray table. Empty cups should be dropped into the receptacles.*

*COMMUNION MUSIC*

*O Lord, We Praise Thee  
Setting: Philip Gehring*

*PRAYER (Stand)*

*THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (Be seated)*

- 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.**
  
- 4    **Early hasten to the tomb  
      Where they laid His breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom.  
      Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.**

CHORALE PRELUDE

*Gethsemane*  
*Setting: David Cherwien*

+ We leave in silence +

## THOSE SERVING IN OUR MIDST:

Greeter: Christine M. Bell  
Comm. assist: Jim Easterly  
Reader: Melissa Hecht



Friday, April 15	Good Friday - Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16	Easter Vigil (HC) - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 17	Easter Sunday (HC) - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mandarin Chinese Service 12:00 p.m.

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