

MAUNDY THURSDAY

WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMMEMORATION OF THE LAST SUPPER

MARCH 28, 2024



GATHERING

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Let us rejoice and be glad,

and from a sincere heart, let us love one another.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Throughout these forty days of Lent,
we have heard of the covenants God has set before us:
covenants of hope and promise,
of law and mercy,
of love and grace.

Tonight,
we begin the Three Days
of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection,
the journey from the supper table to the cross,
from the cross to Easter dawn.

This is the night when Christ gave us this holy feast,
a sign of the new covenant sealed with his body and blood.

This is the night when Christ took a towel
and washed the disciples' feet,
showing us how to serve one another in love.

This is the night for watching and prayer.

To prepare ourselves to gather around the Lord's Table,
let us confess our sins,
and call to mind those times
when we have broken our covenant promises.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that 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 and soul
 and mind and strength.
 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 In your mercy,
 forgive what we have been,
 help us amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be,
 so that we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your holy name.
 Amen.

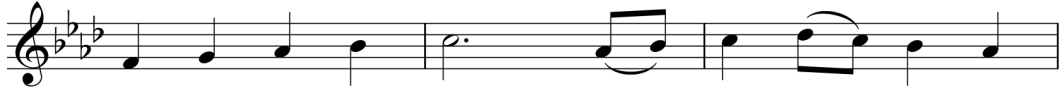
RESPONSE

O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us.
 O liv - ing Christ, have mer - cy, for you will heal us.
 O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us,
 for you are for us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for -
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un -
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by



giv - en, loved and free, the life of Je - sus
 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
 seen, but ev - er near, is in such friend - ship
 all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to



to re - call, in love laid down for me.
 ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 make us one, and strang - ers now are friends.
 bet - ter known, a - live a - mong us here.
 give the world the love that makes us one.

GATHERING PRAYER | STANDING

Eternal God,
 you have given us a new commandment:
 to love and serve one another in Jesus' name.
 Let the good news of your love
 be sealed in our hearts
 and shown in our lives;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

WORD

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For 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, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In 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.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 116



Our_ bless ing cup is a com - mun - ion with the blood of Christ_

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?

The cup of salvation I will take up,
and I will call upon the name of the Lord. (refrain)

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid.
You have loosed my bonds. (refrain)

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

My vows to the Lord I will pray in the presence of all his people. (refrain)

During supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you ... I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 2 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 3 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 4 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 5 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 2 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 3 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 4 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 5 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this night, when betrayal and salvation are in the air,
we offer our prayers for the world God loves,
the Church God calls,
and all people according to their needs.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember Jesus' suffering,
help us also remember your promise that you are present
in the middle of our betrayals, our brokenness, our emptiness.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember Jesus' gift of himself in Communion,
help us also remember your presence
in the hungry, the sick, the stranger, the migrant.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember Peter's denials and our own betrayals,
help us also remember your faithfulness and forgiveness.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember Jesus self-giving love for us,
help us remember your love for all of your creation.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember the covenant you have made with your people,
help us remember that we are sent to all people.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God who saves,
as we remember the story of our salvation,
help us remember those who are need of healing and wholeness this evening.
Christ, who faced the cross,
turn our eyes to you.

God of our salvation,
we trust that you hear our prayers,
not because they are pure,
but because you are pure;
not because we are holy,
but because you are holy.
Help us live your promise, in the name of Jesus,
who taught his disciples to pray...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

SONG | STANDING

Bread of the World

Bread of the world _____ in mer - cy bro - ken, _____

Wine of the soul _____ in mer - cy shed, by whom the words _____

of life are spo - ken, and in whose death _____ our sins are dead:

look on the heart _____ by sor - row bro - ken; _____ look on the

tears _____ by sin - ners shed; so may your feast _____ be - come the

to - ken _____ that by your grace _____ our souls are fed.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE | STANDING

The parade is in the past...
the hosannas have hushed...
and Jesus has retreated to an upper room
to quietly dine with his disciples.

We've been invited to the table
to share in the mystery
of broken bread...

of a cup of wine...
and of feet humbly washed,
challenging us to eat, drink, and remember,
and to love and serve one another
just as Jesus loves and serves us.

We've been invited to the table
to see Judas get up from his seat
and walk out the door...
challenging us to look into our hearts,
and glimpse the signs of our own acts of betrayal.

So let's take our place at this table...
where we sense our brokenness
and experience God's grace
all at once.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God,
it is right to give our thanks and praise,
for your love marks the expanse of creation,
your justice stretches out into the farthest land,
and your peace makes all things complete.
You are worthy of praise.
Yet we fall short.
We have stepped away from your love.
We have ignored your call for justice.
We have sowed conflict rather than peace.

Yet you know no boundaries.
Nothing we say or do can keep you away from us.
Even amidst all our brokenness, you kept calling us back,
with prophets and messengers to guide us in your ways.
And in the fullness of time, you sent your own son, Jesus,
to intervene in our world,
to call us to know your love,
to show us that we are worthy to bring you praise.
And so we join our voices with the multitude of the ages,
singing joyfully of your wondrous love:

**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 heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul.**

Your love in Jesus Christ is wondrous, Almighty God.
In him you stepped into our world;
in him you taught us how to live in harmony with one another;
in him you healed and made whole;
in him you challenged us to journey a new road together.
In his death, you took on the fullness of our pain and suffering,
and in his resurrection, you showed us that death will never have the final word.
So just as he did with his disciples on the night of his arrest,
so we too gather,
sharing a meal,
receiving the bread of his body,
welcoming the cup of his salvation,
and trusting that we too will be made whole.
And so we sing our praise to you for the wonder of this gift:

**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!**

And so gather us with those millions, Loving Lord.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and one another,
united with all those who share this feast
as we reach out and serve the world
until your kingdom comes
and we are free to sing with all creation forever and ever:

**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 and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**
The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace,
we give you thanks
for the feast of redemption we have shared
in the body and blood of our Savior.
As you have nourished us with your love,
let our lives proclaim your great love for the world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS

GOSPEL

Mark 14:26-42

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’

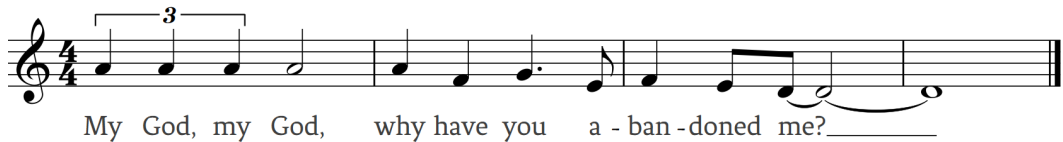
“But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though all fall away, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit

indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

Psalm 22



All who see me scoff; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their head:
“He relied on the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him,
if he loves him.” (refrain)

Indeed many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers close upon me;
They have pierced my hands and feet, I can number all my bones. (refrain)

They divide my garments among them, for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to my aid. (refrain)

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; amidst the assembly I will praise you:
“You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob,
give glory to him.” (refrain)

*There is no formal conclusion or benediction on Maundy Thursday
since the service continues tomorrow at 7pm. The service is at St. James the Less
Episcopal Church (550 Sunset Ridge, Northfield)*

When you leave this evening, please do so quietly.

*We now enter into a time of intense prayer as we make our journey
from the table to the garden to the cross and, ultimately, to the empty grave.*

HOLY WEEK

GOOD FRIDAY / MARCH 29 @ 7PM

We will be worshipping together with members from Lutheran Church of the Ascension, St. James the Less Episcopal Church, and Northfield Community Church. **The service will be held at St. James (550 Sunset Ridge Rd, Northfield).** We are excited about this joint worship opportunity with our neighbors. Our musicians, pastor, and music director will be helping with this special service.

EASTER SUNDAY / MARCH 31 @ 10AM

Festival Worship with Holy Communion, followed by a reception and Easter egg hunt for the children.

SERVING TONIGHT

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy,
Nancy Holly

Lectors: Kathy Fink, Phyllis Beattie

Prayer Leader: Kathy Fink

Musicians: Warren Oja, Bryan Wlas,
Shannon McMullen , Kyr Kornfeld

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