

MAUNDY THURSDAY- April 14, 2022

Beginning of the Three Days of Holy Week in the Christian Church

7:00 PM- Service of Holy Communion

Shared by: Evangelical Lutheran, Durham- Bridge Pastor James Heckman



GATHERING

Prelude: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* - Arr. Mark Hayes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

All kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION (if desired – come forward where you may stand or kneel)

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

Hymn ELW#335- Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods

of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:12-19

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

²³For 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, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSE

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised: we will trust your word

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:7-23

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the

Passover meal for us that we may eat it.”⁹ They asked him, “Where do you want us to make preparations for it?”¹⁰ “Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, ‘The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’¹² He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.”¹³ So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁴ When the hour came, he 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; ¹⁶for 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; ¹⁸for 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. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”²³ Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Jim Heckman

Hymn ELW # 599- Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Prayers of Intercession

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness (especially). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith (especially). Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Hymn "Create In Me a Clean Heart" ELW #186 *(Please stand if able)*

Offering Prayer

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 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 assembly may be seated.

Invitation for Communion

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
Come to Jesus, our host and our meal. Be filled with light and life.

Communion

Combined Choir anthem: *By Your Hand, You Feed Your People*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR AND PSALM 22

(Silence for reflection. Congregation may be seated)

- P After the Last Supper, less than 24 hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha and execution. As his life was stripped from him, so we strip our altar of the signs of life to symbolize his purposeful, redemptive suffering and death for us.
- P Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness". The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world. As even creation was dark when he suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them
- {All candles extinguished and removed.}
- P Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending his Son, Jesus, in human form. As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

{Offerings are removed.}

P The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God. As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard. As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, remove the missal stand.

{Missal Stand and service books are removed.}

P Jesus' offered Body and his shed Blood have been given to us in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine in this Holy Mystery. As he was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

{Communion vessels removed.}

P Our altar is in the form of a table. It is here where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen; materials appropriate for feasting with our king. But it is also in the form of a tomb. The fine linen cloths once used for covering the banquet table were now used to cover our Lord's body. As our king's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

{Altar cloths and paraments are removed.}

PSALM 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
scorned by all and despised by the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

12 Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

13 They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof
of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

16 Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.

17 They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments
among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

18 Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him,
O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does
he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord
shall praise him: "May your heart live forever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

+ DEPART IN SILENCE +

***Due to the nature of the service, the Pastor will not be greeting you at
the door.***

***You are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for personal prayer and
devotion.***