

MAUNDY THURSDAY

ST. MATTHEW EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Rev. Adam Cooper, Pastor Emeritus
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2024 MAUNDY THURSDAY

DINNER TABLE HOLY COMMUNION
The Preparation

Hymn: *"O Living Bread from Heaven"* No. 642

Pastor: *We are here*

Congregation: **in the name of Jesus Christ.**

All: We are here because we are human beings – but we deny our humanity. We are stubborn fools and liars to ourselves. We do not love God nor other people as we ought. We war against life. We hurt each other. We are sorry for it and know we are sick from it. We seek new life.

Pastor: Giver of life, heal us and free us to be your people.

All: Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us to listen for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment.

(Silence for a time)

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Psalm 116:10-17

Pastor: How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

Congregation: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

Pastor. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Congregation: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

Pastor: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

Congregation: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

Pastor: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Congregation: In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem, Hallelujah!

The Gospel

Mark 14:12-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve.

And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Sermon

Hymn: *When You Awoke That Thursday Morning* No.445

Prayers

THE MEAL

(The First Action: Taking)

Pastor: If, when you are bringing your gift to the altar you suddenly remember that your brother or sister has a grievance against you, leave your gift where it is before the altar. First go and make peace with your brother or sister, and only then come back and offer your gift.

(We greet one another with a handshake, saying "Peace be with you.")

Pastor: My brothers and sisters, I implore you by God's mercy to offer your very selves to him: a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for his acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart. Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed.

Then you will be able to discern the will of God, and to know what is good, acceptable, and perfect.

Offering

All: Receive, O Father, these fruits of the earth, and the products of our labors, which we offer to you in token of the sacrifice of our lives. Accept them, please, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(The Second Action: Blessing)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for his glory.

Congregation: We give thanks; we rejoice in his presence.

Pastor: Thanks and praise be to you, O Father, who sent your only Son into the world to be a man, born of a woman, to die for us on a cross that was made by us.

Congregation: He came for us. Help us to accept his coming.

Pastor: He walked among us, a man, on our earth, in our world of conflict, and commanded us to remember his death which gives us life; and to wait for him until he comes again in glory.

Congregation: We remember his death; we live by his presence, we wait for his coming.

Pastor: On the night when he was betrayed the Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to us disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After the same manner also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you. This

cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me." Therefore, remembering his death, believing in his rising from the grave, affirming his presence, now, in this place, we obey his command; we await the gift of himself.

Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Pastor: Send down on us, O Father, the spirit of life and power, glory and love, that in this Holy Communion we may remain faithful members of his body until we eat with him in his heavenly kingdom.

Congregation: Come, risen Lord. Live in us that we may live in you.

Pastor: Now with all the faithful who ever were, are, and will be, with all creation in all time, with joy we say:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty. All space and all time show forth your glory now and always. Amen.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(The Third Action: Breaking)

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Amen.

(The Fourth Action: Sharing)

Distribution

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

*Congregation: **And his steadfast love lasts forever.***

All: My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, and never forget all his blessings. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who crowns you with love and compassion, who fills your life with good things, renewing your youth like an eagle's. Give thanks to the Lord, all his works, in every place where he rules. My soul, give thanks to the Lord! Give praise to the Father almighty, to his Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: Go. Serve the Lord. You are free.

*Congregation: **Amen.***

Closing Hymn *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"* No. 643

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SERVING US TONIGHT

Sermon: Pastor Emeritus Adam Cooper

Pianist: Lennox Myers

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
FOLLOWING HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP Worship Service - 12:00 p.m.
 Tenebrae Service - 7:00 p.m.

EASTER BREAKFAST 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.