

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021**

Maundy Thursday begins the Three days (or Triduum), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death.



Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship

A: What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

C: Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

This is my body, broken for you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3xwGEFXcNw>

Call to Confession

P: The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

A time of silence and reflection

P: With confidence in God's abundant mercy, let us examine ourselves and confess our sin.

C: Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.

In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us with Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

P: After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 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."

P: We are humbled because the Lord of life became a servant and shows us servant-hood. In Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God – Catholic Mass

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

Prayer for Maundy Thursday

“Love Revealed”

O Christ Jesus, your entrance into the world came about

C: Because God so loved the world.

Now on this night a new commandment you give us, O Lord –

C: to love one another.

And on this night you show us how to love, O Lord –

C: by sharing yourself with us.

On this night we see your love revealed to us in the bread –

C: Your body broken –

And the wine –

C: Your blood outpoured –

in this sacrament of Holy Communion.

C: Fill us with your love as we come to your table this night, O Lord, and may your love in us transform our lives. Amen.

Remember Me

(On the Night He was Betrayed) Mark Tedder

<https://youtu.be/DikS5C6QVE0>

The Word

Old Testament reading – Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

12 The 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

- ¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- ² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- ¹² What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
- ¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- ¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**
Praise the Lord!

Epistle reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ 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.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – John 13:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ 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. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² 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? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹ I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message – Pastor Barnes: Love Given

Music – Now the Silence (Braeden Ayres)

<https://youtu.be/551XR8NDh5s>

Prayers of Intercession

P: United by the servant love of God in Christ, we pray this holy night for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: You call your people to hand on what we receive from you. Form all the baptized into teachers of faith. From one generation to the next, give your church hunger for your promises in the sacraments and joy in receiving and sharing your word. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your creation provides all that we need. Cleanse and protect the water you have given for washing and drinking, water on which all life depends. Sustain crops and herds that provide food; teach us how to live so that there is enough for all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You redeemed your people from slavery. Preserve people throughout the world who flee violence and oppression. Establish just leadership in place of tyranny and peace in place of war. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Jesus loved his followers to the end. Grant assurance of that love to all who need it: those living with guilt, those struggling to forgive, those who are lonely or overlooked. Heal the sick and embrace the dying. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Jesus washed the feet of the one who betrayed him. Inspire this congregation's ministries of service, that we love as Jesus loved us. Give us renewed courage to serve. Bless the ministry of deacons throughout the church. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your glory shone in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We thank you for generations of the faithful who have proclaimed our Lord's death. Unite us with them in hope until he comes again. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Hear these and all of our prayers, O God, in the name of the one who loves us to the end, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

C: Amen.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

(First – Plymouth Church)

<https://youtu.be/MIPIyM2Qz4k>

Words of Institution

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Distribution

Communion Music

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (First Plymouth Church)

<https://youtu.be/UvQz513JI8M>

(repeat as needed)

Post Communion Prayer

At this table we are transported back, O Christ,
To the table in Jerusalem's upper room.

In this fellowship we are transported forward, O Christ,
To the gathering in heaven's halls.

Unite us in love.

Unite us in you.

You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

"Stripping of the Altar"

Thursday, our Lord Jesus was preparing Himself for our death. As we prepare for Good Friday and as we ponder the day of Jesus' crucifixion, we remove items from the altar, lectern and pulpit. We strip this holy place of life, as our Lord Jesus was stripped of His Life by offering Himself as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Music when all items are removed:

Psalm 22, My God, My God why have you forsaken me

Diocese of St. Benedict

<https://youtu.be/mdMyTfJz01A>