

## Saint Mark's Lutheran Church



# Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

*We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting, and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship and faith. We represent a variety of backgrounds, political positions, races and ethnicities. We recognize that we are not of one mind or persuasion on many significant issues, and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together.*

*Children are welcome in this worship service, and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their hymnals, bulletins, and to sing and speak loudly! We value the noise made by children!*

*If you have questions or need assistance, please ask. If you have concerns, please let us know. We are glad that you are here with us today.*

*Visitors, we are especially glad to see you. Please come again!!*

*God's Blessing,  
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church*

— The **BOLD** is read by the **Congregation**—

*The Small Church with a **Big** Heart*

# THE GATHERING

## WELCOME

### CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season 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.

*Silence is kept 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### FORGIVENESS OF SIN

*For those who desire, please come forward in a single-file line to receive God's forgiveness. Bow your head as you approach the pastor, and pastor will address each person, saying,*

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

**Amen.**

*For those who choose not to come up and for those worshipping online: after everyone has returned to their seats, pastor will address the sanctuary. At this time, if you desire to receive God's forgiveness, please remain seated and put your hands out with your palms facing up as pastor proclaims the following:*

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

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GATHERING HYMN

#### Lift High the Cross

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:  
  
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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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 WORD

### FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. If 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.

This 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. For 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. The 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.

This 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

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

*The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation*

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his bounty 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 faithful ones.**

O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
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!**

### SECOND READING

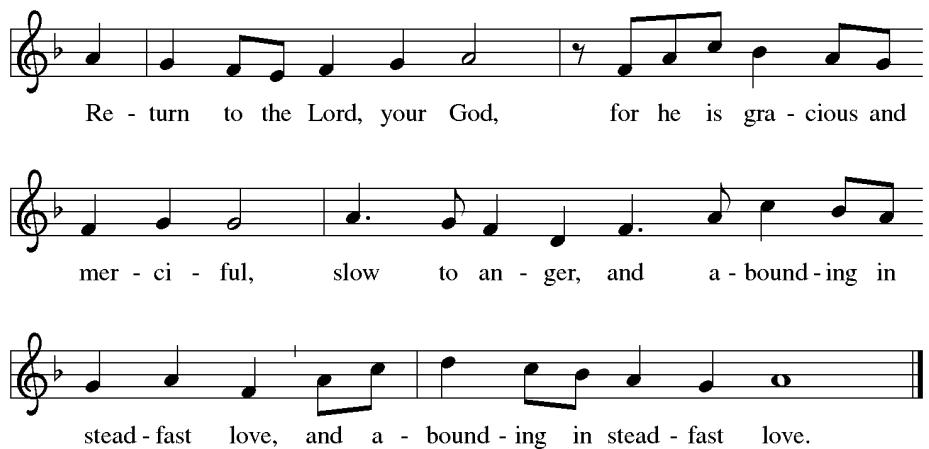
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And 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. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## REFLECTION

Pastor Lue Moua



## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: ...Hear us, O God.

The congregation responds: **Your mercy is great.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERATORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we cry out for the hope and healing you offer. Guide us continually to your service. Make us your hands to feed the hungry and prepare us to receive the bread of life, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Amen.

## THE MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your 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.**

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. On this night, we give you praise and thanksgiving.

Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*In the night in which he was betrayed...  
...Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**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.**

*Please be seated.*



## FIRST COMMUNION

*At this time, 5th graders who are receiving First Communion may come up to the front of the sanctuary. Parents and sponsors are encouraged to come with their child.*

What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

*First Communion Youth:*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.

The Lord's Supper is found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Jesus took bread and wine and presented it as his body and blood to his disciples. We continue this sacrament to this day. What benefit do we receive from such eating and drinking?

*First Communion Parents & Sponsors:*

The benefit which we receive from such eating and drinking is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," namely, that in the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

*Everyone:*

It is not the eating and drinking that does this, but the words here written, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament; and whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sins.

Would those receiving their First Communion, family members, and sponsors please face the congregation.

**Congregation:**

**We welcome you as communing members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Together we will explore the mystery and wonder of Holy Communion and accept Christ's gifts of grace and salvation that come to us through this holy sacrament.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, thank you for these young people who stand before us now. As they grow in years, deepen their faith in Christ and their trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the parents and sponsors who support and love them, and help every one of us to see ourselves, our neighbors, and the world through Jesus' eyes. **Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**DISTRIBUTION**

*First Communion recipients and their families will commune first.*

*After First Communion recipients and their families sit down, we will follow the same process we use on Sundays for communion.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**For those communing at the altar:**

*Ushers will direct one side of the sanctuary at a time to come to the altar. Please follow usher's directions and be mindful of distancing. You will form a single file line in the middle aisle. You will receive bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from the communion assistant. Once you receive communion and wine,*

*please return to your pew.*

*If you have limited mobility, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to your pew with communion and wine.*

*If you need gluten-free options, please let the pastor know.*

**For those communing in their pews or online:**

*After communion at the altar is completed, Pastor will commune those who choose to take communion in their pews. Please unwrap the wafer by pulling on the thin top plastic film. Pastor will say, "The body of Christ given for you," and you may eat the wafer.*

*For the wine, you may pull on the hard plastic tab to uncover the grape juice. Pastor will say, "The blood of Christ shed for you," and you may drink the wine.*

*After everyone has received communion, Pastor will conclude communion by saying:*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*Stripping of the altar, removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments, is an ancient custom of the Church done on Maundy Thursday. It reminds us of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. As His life was stripped from Him, so we strip our altar of the signs of comfort and life to symbolize His suffering and death.*

## STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR READING:

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;  
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm, and not human;  
scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me;  
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;  
“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.  
On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.  
Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.

Many bulls encircle me,  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs are all around me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me.  
My hands and feet have shriveled;  
I can count all my bones.  
They stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my clothes among themselves,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!  
O my help, come quickly to my aid!  
Deliver my soul from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog!  
Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.  
I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me,  
but heard when I cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Please depart in reflective silence regarding the coming  
crucifixion and join us for **Good Friday Service** at 7 p.m.*



## **Thank You!**

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today. We sincerely pray that the service was challenging, inspiring, and comforting. If you find occasion to worship with us again, please know our doors are always open to you. If you are looking for a home church, please let one of the ushers or the pastor know. Wherever you go, may God be at your side and the fruits of regular worship bring you peace and joy.

## **Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday.....Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday.....Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.  
Easter Worship.....Sunday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m.



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is available in the narthex.**

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