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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1, 2021

AS WE GATHER

The name for this day comes from the Latin word, “mandatum,” meaning, “commandment.” It refers to the two “new” commandments our Lord gave to his disciples on this day. The first is to “love one another,” and the second is to “do this in remembrance of me.” In the early church Maundy Thursday was also the day on which those who had fallen away from the church were restored to full fellowship with other believers after having observed the forty-day penitential season of Lent. Today we are reminded that Jesus bequeathed his body and blood to the very same people who would betray and deny him—to his first disciples and then also to us. Yes, he gives it knowing all about us. He gives it to us who are sinners.

BELLS CALLING US TO WORSHIP

HYMN 717

When You Woke that Thursday Morning

**When you woke that Thursday morning, Savior, Teacher, faithful Friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages: you assumed their dreadful sum.**

**Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart
To be with your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart;
Sinless Lamb and fallen creatures, one last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher, washing your disciples' feet.**

**What was there that you could give them that would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them, what last will and testament?
“Show me and the world you love me, know me as the Lamb of God;
Do this in remembrance of me, eat this body, drink this blood.”**

**One in faith, in love united, all one body, you the head,
When we meet, by you invited, you are with us, as you said.
One with you and one another in a unity sublime,
See in us your sister, brother, one in ev'ry place and time.**

M In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

C **O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

M If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

M Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, having been restored to God's family by the blood of Jesus Christ, we are called to live as children of God.

All Yet we confess before God and one another that we have not loved him with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, nor have we loved one another as we have been loved. We have sinned in our thoughts, in our words, in our actions, and in our lack of action. Some of our sins we know; some remain unknown even to us. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us for Jesus' sake.

M With repentant King David and with the tax collector in the temple we plead:



M God is merciful. Even before we were aware of our sin, he sent his Son to die for us, and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called servant of the Word, and at the command and promise of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross.

C **Give us the strength of faith to firmly believe your words and promise.**

M For you desire more than anything that we find peace and blessing in this Sacrament. We pray, Jesus, in your name. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14, Bible page 66

God instructs the children of Israel about how to prepare the first Passover meal.

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance. ¹

A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

M "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (*Romans 5:8*)

C **"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."** (*1 John 3:16*)

M "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." (*1 Thessalonians 3:12*)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Bible page 1149

There is a unity of faith expressed in the Lord's Supper.

¹⁶Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

¹⁷Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

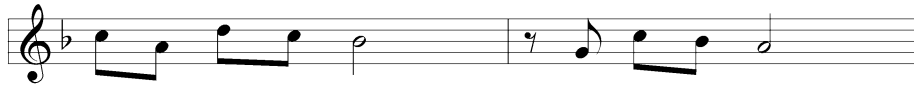
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from	the	dead:	This	bread	we	break.
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	he	should	Un - der	the	rod?	
Word	and	prom - ise	clear.	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be - lieve	



This	life	we	take	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	his	em - brace		Of	life	and	love	un - til	I	
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	you	not	for - sak - en		
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru - ly	pre - sent	in	this		
That	I	re - ceive		His	ver - y	bod - y	and	his		



lease.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	Oh,	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

SERMON

Mark 14:12-26, Bible page 1019

Pastor David Kuehl

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"
²⁰ "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me.
²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ "This is my blood of the^[c] covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.
²⁵ "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

A Meal of Strength and Encouragement

- 1. It assures us that our redemption is accomplished.**
- 2. It assures us that our forgiveness is sure.**
- 3. It assures us that there is hope for the future.**

HYMN RESPONSE 310 VV. 1, 8

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

**I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

**By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

C **We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.**

M We thank you for fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.**

M In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

C **But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.**

M O Holy Spirit, live in us as we remember our Lord's death in this Sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

C **Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

C **Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen**

A NEW COMMANDMENT: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe! You so loved your people that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. You sent him into our world to show your love, to fulfill for us your holy will, and to accomplish our salvation. Gathered in his name, and obedient to his command, we are bold to pray as we celebrate this foretaste of the feast to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL OF ONLINE WORSHIPPERS (3:30 PM)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI—HYMN 268, v. 1

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross did suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer.
All sins you carried for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

See communion note on page 9.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 135, VV. 1-5, 9

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress, Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.

He blotted out with his own blood The judgment that against us stood;
He full atonement for us made, And all our debt he fully paid.

That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee;
In this his holy supper here We taste his love, so sweet, so near.

His Word proclaims and we believe That in this supper we receive
His very body, as he said, His very blood for sinners shed.

A precious food is this indeed -- It never fails us in our need --
A heav'nly manna for our soul Until we safely reach our goal.

Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive
Your supper and in you find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Heavenly Father, you have brought us to your Son's table to be fed by your love. On this very night long ago, your Son displayed the depth his love for us by bequeathing to us the very body and blood he was about to shed for us.

C **Refreshed and renewed by your forgiving love, we go out into the world to proclaim the healing power of the sacrifice you made for us through your innocent death on the cross. Amen.**

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION PROCEDURE

There will be two lines for distribution in our services today. The church will be split in half. The two sections in front of the pulpit will receive Communion using the table in front of the pulpit. The two sections in front of the lectern will receive Communion using the table in front of the lectern.

*Ushers will dismiss communicants from their pew; **however, no one will be dismissed to the center aisle.***

- *The **pulpit side** will go to their **left** and use the aisle to the left of their pew to walk forward.*
- *The **lectern side** will dismiss to their **right** and use the aisle to the right of their pew to walk forward.*

Communicants will wait in the aisle, socially distanced as indicated by the carpet circles. They will approach the individual distributing the bread, receiving the bread in cupped hands as he speaks. They will then move toward the center of the church to the wine trays, pick up their wine and drink it as the distributor speaks. All will return to their pew using the center aisle. Following the distribution, the pastor will pronounce the general blessing on the communicants.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings. We invite you to register for this online class on the back of your Connection Card or by contacting Pastor Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org.

If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" of Christian Worship to examine yourself. These prayers can be found on page 156 in the hymnal. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card.

The light colored cups contain non-alcoholic wine. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the distributor as you approach to receive the bread.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

We are adding services to provide adequate space for our Holy Week worshippers.

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 2

10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, and 7:00 pm

Easter Traditional Services, April 3 – 4 (all services identical)

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 6:30, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 am

There will not be a Wednesday 7:00 pm service the week after Easter.

Easter Bridge Services, April 4

9:00 and 10:30 am (no Bridge Communion)

Overflow Seating

There will be overflow seating available in the Grace Room on Maundy Thursday at 3:30 pm; Good Friday at 1:00 pm; and Easter Sunday at 7:45, 9:15 and 10:45 am.

Avoiding a Crowded Service

To avoid crowds, we recommend the following services:

- Good Friday at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm
- Easter service on Saturday at 5:00 pm or Sunday at 6:30 or 10:45 am

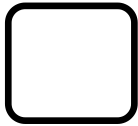
Livestreaming

The following will be livestreamed and will be available for viewing after the service:

- Maundy Thursday at 3:30 pm
- Good Friday at 1:00 and 3:30 pm
- Easter Traditional at 9:15 am
- The Bridge Easter at 10:30 am



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Do You Really Know Me? (Mark 14:12-26) + Jesus Gives Us a Meal of Strength and Encouragement +

Introduction: Passover history

I. This meal assures us that our redemption is accomplished.

- A. Jesus is o_____ (all-knowing), our all-seeing God and Lord.
- B. Blood caused the angel of death to p_____ o_____ the house, hence "Passover."
- C. The Jews were to r_____ their deliverance from Egyptian slavery by the Passover.
- D. The Lord's Supper helps us r_____ God's delivering us from sin, death, and hell.
- E. Our r_____ is an accomplished fact.

II. This meal assures us that our forgiveness is sure.

- A. The R_____ P_____ = Jesus' real body with the bread and real blood with the wine
- B. In this meal Jesus invites to come and receive "rest for our souls" (Matthew 11:28-30).
- C. We come with a heavy burden of sin and guilt and plead, "God, have mercy on me" (Luke 18:13).
- D. Because God is m_____, we come with confidence and joy.
- E. Our f_____ is sure.

III. This meal assures us that there is hope for the future.

- A. Jesus showed great e_____ when he gathered with his disciples on Maundy Thursday.
- B. Jesus looked ahead all the way to his eternal k_____ of g_____ in heaven.
- C. We look forward to feasting eternally at the w_____ s_____ of the Lamb.

Conclusion: May the Lord's Supper fill us with confidence and joy!

+ Next Steps +

Memorize Romans 15:4 – "Everything written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."

Commit to taking advantage of every opportunity to grow and be strengthened in your faith and hope by partaking of Jesus' body and blood, together with the bread and wine, in the Lord's Supper.

Read the Gospel accounts of Jesus' Maundy Thursday upper room time spent with his disciples (Matthew 26:17-35, Mark 14:1-26, Luke 22:7-38, and John 13-17) to understand better and appreciate more the depth of his love for sinners.