



April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

At Home Worship  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Closter, New Jersey

Our service today is taken from *Hymnal Supplement '98*.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PREPARATION

#### INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation Amen.**

#### CONFESSION

Pastor If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

**Congregation O Lord, who could stand?**

Pastor But with You there is forgiveness;

**Congregation therefore You are feared.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor O almighty God, merciful Father,

**Congregation I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**     *915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

**1 Today Your mercy calls us  
To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.**

**2 Today Your gate is open,  
And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,  
A glorious crown in heav'n.**

**3 Today our Father calls us;  
His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather  
Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father's home.**

**4 O all-embracing Mercy,  
O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You  
When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.**

## *KYRIE*

**Lord, have mercy on us; Christ have mercy on us; Lord, have mercy on us.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**Congregation And with your spirit.**

Pastor Let us pray.

Dear Savior, we come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1 – 14

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,<sup>2</sup> "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.<sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.<sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.<sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,<sup>6</sup> and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.
- <sup>7</sup> "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.<sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.<sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.<sup>10</sup> And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.<sup>11</sup> In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.<sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.<sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.
- <sup>14</sup> "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23 – 32

- <sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,<sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."<sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- <sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.<sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.<sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.<sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.<sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.<sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the thirteenth chapter the first verse.

**Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 13:1 – 17, 31b – 35

- <sup>1</sup> Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.<sup>2</sup> During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,<sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,<sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.<sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."<sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."<sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."<sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"<sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.<sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.<sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.<sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.<sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him."<sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.<sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.'<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation**

**Praise to You O Christ.**



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 445** *When You Woke That Thursday Morning*

- 1. 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 of ages, Now at last the time had come  
When but One could pay sin's wages; You assumed their dreadful sum.**
- 2. 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 creature, One last paschal meal to eat  
One last lesson as their teacher, Washing the disciples' feet.**
- 3. 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."**
- 4. One in faith in love united, All one body, You the head,  
When we meet by You, united 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 every place and time.**
- 5. One day all the Church will capture That bright vision glorious,  
And Your saints will know the rapture That Your heart desired for us,  
When the longed for peace and union Of the greatest and the least  
Meet in joyous, blest communion In Your never ending feast.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*after each portion of the prayer:*

Pastor Lord, in Your mercy,

**Congregation hear our prayer.**

Pastor Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation Amen.**

## **LITANY** (Sung)

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For Pastor Holsten, our Pastor in Christ, for all the servants of the church and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*(Silence for meditation)*

Pastor Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation To You, O Lord.**

Pastor O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

## **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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat: this is my ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**

**Pastor      The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**All    Amen.**

***Those participating at home, can partake of the bread and wine at this time.***

## **PRAYER**

**Pastor      Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Congregation    Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**Pastor      The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.**

**Congregation    Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### ***436 Go to Dark Gethsemane***

**1     Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**

**2     Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall!  
O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Him to bear the cross.**

**3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb  
There' adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

**4 Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid his breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom;  
Who hath taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:  
Savior, teach us so to rise.**