

April 17th, 2014

Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m.

GATHERING IN THE UPPER ROOM

Please observe a time of silent reflection as we prepare to worship the Lord.

PRELUDE *An Upper Room Did My Lord Prepare* Smith

INTROIT *As We Enter Thy Holy Temple*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 27*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: God is our light and our salvation: whom shall we fear?

All: **God is the strength of our lives: whom shall we dread?**

One: Your presence, O God, we are seeking.

All: **Abandon us not to our foes, for deceivers rise up to oppose us, breathing out violence.**

One: Trust in God. Stand fast and strengthen your courage.

All: **Do not leave us or forsake us, O God, for you are our salvation.**

+HYMN *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* #94



WITH CHRIST AT THE LAST SUPPER

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO COMMUNION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Loving God, whose mercy is unending, whose grace is unfailing, we come with contrite hearts to humbly confess our many and manifold sins.

All: **Convict us of our sin! Forgive us of our sin! Free us from our sin!**

One: For abusing creation; for exploiting the earth; for hoarding natural resources for the profit of the few, rather than the good of the many; have mercy upon us most merciful God!

All: **Convict us of our sin! Forgive us of our sin! Free us from our sin!**
Silent Prayer

One: For tolerating injustice; for remaining idle while many live without health insurance, medical care, clean water, food, housing, education, and employment; for ignoring the struggle of the poor; have mercy upon us most merciful God!

All: **Convict us of our sin! Forgive us of our sin! Free us from our sin!**
Silent Prayer

One: For spending more on bullets than on school books for children; for spending more on bombs than on housing for the poor; for spending more on tanks than on medical care for the elderly; have mercy upon us most merciful God!

All: **Convict us of our sin! Forgive us of our sin! Free us from our sin!**
Silent Prayer

One: For our love of money; for our preoccupation with the economy; for confusing the United States of America with the Kingdom of God; have mercy upon us most merciful God!

All: **Convict us of our sin! Forgive us of our sin! Free us from our sin!**
Silent Prayer

One: For not caring for the sick, the poor, and the incarcerated; for not showing hospitality to the alien, the immigrant, and the stranger; for not seeing the face of Jesus in the face of the lowly; have mercy upon us most merciful God!

All: **Convict us of our sin! Forgive us of our sin! Free us from our sin!**
Silent Prayer

One: For loving to receive more than to give; for failing to be generous with time, tithe, and talent; for refusing to share willingly, joyfully, and sacrificially; have mercy upon us most merciful God!

All: **Convict us of our sin! Forgive us of our sin! Free us from our sin!**
Silent Prayer

One: For not loving you with all our heart, soul, and mind; for not loving our neighbors as ourselves; for not trusting you enough to do what you say; for the evil we have done and the good we have left undone; have mercy upon us most merciful God!

All: **Convict us of our sin! Forgive us of our sin! Free us from our sin!**
Silent Prayer

One: Loving God, your mercy is unending and your grace is unfailing. We humbly beseech you, hear our prayer. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

All: **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *What Wondrous Love Is This?* #85

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

GOSPEL READING John 13-16 – selections p. 94-97 NT

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Barmen Declaration*

We confess the following evangelical truths: Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death; as Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life; the Christian Church is the congregation of brothers and sisters in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit and which, as the church of pardoned sinners, has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith, with its obedience, and with its message of the free grace of God to all people.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Anthem *Lord Is It I?* Martin/Martin

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (Hymnbook p. 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

They are lifted up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion



WITH CHRIST IN THE GARDEN OF PRAYER

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:32-42 p. 45 NT

CALL TO PRAYER

One: Let us join Christ in the garden of prayer.

All: **Let us join Christ in passion and victory.**

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

+HYMN *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* #78



WITH CHRIST IN THE DARK NIGHT OF BETRAYAL

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:47-54a p. 77 NT

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH & VEILING OF THE CROSS

Special Music *Via Dolorosa* Borop/Sprague
Joey Trivette

+BENEDICTION

One: May Jesus Christ, who was put death for our sins, bless you and keep you.

All: **Amen.**

One: May Jesus Christ, who was raised to life for our salvation, let his light shine upon you.

All: **Amen.**

One: May Jesus Christ be your life and peace, now and forever.

All: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Please depart in silence. If you wish to remain in the sanctuary prayer, you may do so.

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

WE WELCOME ALL who are visiting our church this evening and we are glad that you chose to worship with us. At this service of communion anyone who follows Christ is welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.

A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE for anyone wishing to use one for infants and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

HEARING DEVICES are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

COMMUNION THIS EVENING will be received by intinction. At the appropriate time, please break off a piece of bread and dip it into the juice in the chalice. **Anyone wishing to be served in their seat** is invited to remain seated and an elder will serve you where you are.

THE WORD "MAUNDY" comes from the Latin word *maundatum*, meaning "commandment." The service focuses on Jesus' last supper with his disciples when he gave them the new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you." This love is sharply focused by the contrast of betrayal which followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated both in his example of servanthood and in his gift of himself in Communion.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: The congregations of St. John Lutheran, St. Thomas Episcopal, and Sinking Spring Presbyterian churches are hosting a Community Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18th. The service will be an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross and will be held at the Farmers Market Pavilion. People are invited to come individually or in groups any time between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. People will be put into groups of around 10 and, as they are ready, will be led through the stations by local area pastors. The journey through the stations will take approximately 30 minutes. We hope you will join us for this poignant observance of Good Friday.

ECUMENICAL FAITH IN ACTION: This is our week to serve our community through Faith in Action. Since Sunday is Easter, we will be preparing the boxes of food on **SATURDAY FROM 10:30-11:30 a.m.** We will need as many volunteers as possible since many of our "usual" folks will be out of town this weekend. Other times to serve are as follows and you may sign up in the Narthex.

Saturday, April 19	10:30 -11:30 a.m.
Monday, April 21	9:30 – 11:15; 11:15 – 1:00
Tuesday, April 22	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 25	9:30 – 11:15; 11:15 – 1:00



Via Dolorosa

Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day
The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street
But the crowd pressed in to see
A Man condemned to die on Calvary

He was bleeding
from a beating, there were stripes upon His back
And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head
And He bore with every step
The scorn of those who cried out for His death

(chorus)
Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King,
But He chose to walk that road out of His love
For you and me.
Down the Via Dolorosa, all the way to Calvary.

Por la Via Dolorosa, triste dia en Jerusalem
Los soldados le abrian paso a Jesus
Mas la gente se acercaba
Para ver al que llevaba aquella cruz

Por la Via Dolorosa, que es la via Del dolor
Como oveja vino Cristo, Rey, Señor
Y fue El quien quiso ir por su amor
Por ti y Por mi
Por la Via Dolorosa al Calvario y a morir

The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men
Made its way to the heart of Jerusalem.

Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King
But He chose to walk that road out of His love
For you and me
Down the Via Dolorosa, all the way to Calvary

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