

MAUNDY THURSDAY

"Do This. . . "

April 5, 2012

+ SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

6:00 PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *"Abide With Me"* *Bell Choir*

OPENING HYMN **"Prepare a Room for Me"**

"Prepare a room for Me, Your Savior, Host and Priest,
Where I may gather you, My friends, To celebrate the feast."

"This room we have prepared; The Table now is set.
We wait Your promised presence, Lord, Where we once more are met."

"Where even two or three Have come the Meal to share,
Unseen, but living, loving still, I surely will be there!"

"Lord Christ, we seek the food Your grace alone can give.
We come with empty, hung'ring hearts That we may eat and live."

"My promise I will keep; Your hunger will be fed,
For in this Meal I offer you Myself, the living Bread!"

"All thanks and praise to You, Our Savior, Lord, and Friend,
That through this Loaf and Cup You share Your love that has no end!"

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(Please rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

People: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

People: who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

CONFESSION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. 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. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command 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.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT

Pastor: O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament you have left us a remembrance of your Passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of your body and blood that the fruits of your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 12:1-14 (*God delivers Israel from slavery.*)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell 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. If 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. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of

People: unite us, O Lord.

Pastor: On this night, Jesus prayed for those who would hear His disciples' proclamation, that all would come to know that the Father had sent Him into the world to be the Light of the world. Just as Christ encouraged others to boldly proclaim the message of salvation, so also hear our prayer and,

People: renew our witness, O Lord.

Pastor: On this night, our Lord keeps us mindful that the Father's love was sufficient for His only-begotten Son and for all disciples. Even in the midst of that love, Christ Jesus, our Lamb without defect, ultimately suffered complete and utter rejection, pain and death. By your Holy Word, confirm in our hearts the secure knowledge of your enormous, unchanging love for us. Hear our prayer and,

People: fill us with your love.

Pastor: On this night, Christ acknowledged the world's hatred and persecution of those who confess Him as Lord and Savior. Heavenly Father, fix our eyes constantly on Jesus, that we may remain steadfast in the midst of strife and harassment. Hear our prayer and,

People: grant us your peace.

All: Merciful Lord, your love compels us to come to your Holy Meal. Give us truly penitent hearts that we may receive this Sacrament worthily. You, O Lord, are the God of our salvation, who bids us to come to this feast partaking of bread and wine. Cleanse us and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that we may live godly lives and boldly resound with the one true confession of faith with the whole company of saints, in heaven and on earth. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you gave faith to Abraham and guided him to the land you promised. You rescued Israel from bondage in Egypt and restored them as a nation. You granted forgiveness to your servant David and shepherded your people in times of trial. And in the fullness of time, you fulfilled your covenant with Israel by making them a blessing to all people when

you sent your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Grant us grace to receive Him by faith, to trust in Him alone for forgiveness and life, and to be strengthened in this Sacrament as you have promised.

People: To you alone, O Father, we give thanks and praise. Amen.

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord + be with you always.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN # 434 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

6:00 BELL ANTHEM *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* *Bell Choir*

HYMN # 430 "My Song Is Love Unknown" Stanzas 1-5

HYMN # 547 "The Lamb" Stanzas 1-4

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father, in the midst of this Passion Week, when we remember all that your beloved Son sacrificed for us, you have given us a remembrance of the Passover meal and the freedom from bondage it recalls. You have given us true pardon and peace in this Holy Supper, and a foretaste of the feast to come. Keep us firm in the true faith that our sins are forgiven by faith in your Son until we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom that has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

10:00 HYMN# 436

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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 from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffe'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

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

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854 Tune: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820---1901Text and tune: Public domain

10:00 DEPART IN SILENCE

6:00

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

(At this time, the Communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday. This symbolic act reminds us that Christ was stripped of His powers prior to His suffering and death on the cross.)

6:00 BELL ANTHEM

Preacher	Pastor Gregg Stanton
Lector	Frank Gabler, Bob Reynolds
Acolyte	Maddie Niggemann
Organist	Roger Gottschalk
Music Coordinator	Kim Woller
Bell Choir Director	Jan Schneider
Choir Director	Nancy Hoelke
Flute	Rindee Mowery