



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP  
GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WEST BEND, WISCONSIN  
APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

**Invocation**

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I have not loved you with all my heart.**

**In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.**

**I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.**

**For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

**I look upon my sins with sorrow.**

**I turn from them.**

**I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

*SILENCE FOR MEDITATION.*

M: Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Lamb you yourself provided to take away the sin of the world.

**According to your promise, O Lord,**

**Cleanse me from my sins.**

**Release me from my guilt.**

**Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us. For the sake of his Son, he has forgiven our sins. He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness. He calls us to walk and live in the kingdom of light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

**Prayer Of The Day**

M: We pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Enable us to recognize how precious this meal is, yet give us patience to wait for the day when we can gather together in your house to partake of this heavenly meal once again. We ask this of you, dear Savior, knowing that you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.

<sup>6</sup>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. <sup>7</sup>Then 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. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This 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. <sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>The 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. <sup>14</sup>“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.

## Psalm 116

### Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

### Verse of the Day

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

### CW 110 My Song Is Love Unknown

### Devotion on Exodus 12:1-14

### Waiting for a Feast

### Prayer for Maundy Thursday

Lord Jesus, we have never seen our altar bare like this on Maundy Thursday. We have ever only seen it set for a feast, a celebration. The bread and wine, made rich food by your powerful Word, to convey

to us your body and blood, not seen by us, but seen by your Father. He will not allow judgment to strike us.

We find ourselves waiting for that feast. This Maundy Thursday meal, which we especially treasure, has been snatched away from us. But the reason for our celebration, your gracious, all-sufficient sacrifice, remains as the payment that set us free from slavery and gave us freedom and life.

Lord, make us people who continually prepare to receive this meal, who long to kneel alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ. Cause us to recognize in our hearts and lives any hunger or longing that invites us to return to the slavery of sin.

Protect our faith, so that we do not find ourselves so distracted by the cares of this time that we drift away from your Word of life. Make us like newborn babies who crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it we may grow up in our salvation. For by that Word we have tasted that you are good.

Give us hearts that are large and free, hearts made strong by your love, so that we freely give ourselves in acts of love and service.

Give us voices that speak loudly in this present darkness, so that we continually proclaim your death until you come. From the institution of the Passover Feast as a celebration of freedom from slavery, and through the institution of your Supper to this time, your people have always lived in anticipation of a feast.

Dear Savior, you loved us and gave yourself up for us. You cleansed us to be your Bride—without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. By that unchangeable reason, keep us confidently anticipating the wedding feast that will never end. Amen

### **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.**

### **Benediction**

**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.

### **CW 319 On My Heart Imprint Your Image**