



*"I have
eagerly
desired to
eat this
Passover..."*

Luke 22:15-16

*"I will not eat it again until it finds
fulfillment in the kingdom of God."*

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

Midweek Lenten Series *Cross Points*

Week 1 - *"She Has Done What She Could"* (Mark 14:8)

Week 2 - *"What's in the Cup?"* (Mark 14:23)

Week 3 - *"Who Struck the Shepherd?"* (Mark 14:27)

Week 4 - *"What's a Safe Distance?"* (Mark 14:54)

Week 5 - *"The Worst Substitution"* (Mark 15:15)

Maundy Thursday "Simon's Points" (Mark 15:21)

Good Friday "Exclamation Points" (Mark 15:33-41)

About Today's Maundy Thursday Worship

- ❖ The confession of sins is adapted from the Great Canon of Andrew of Crete, 8th century.
- ❖ The Old Testament reading is God's instruction to observe the Passover and His promise that the blood of the lamb is a sign for them, that when He sees the the blood He will not allow the plague of death to destroy them.
- ❖ We long to come to His Table today to partake of the blood of the Lamb of God which takes away from us the eternal threat of our sin, death, and hell.
- ❖ The sermon theme is the 6th in our Lenten series, focusing on Simon who carried Jesus' cross.
- ❖ The stripping of the altar at the evening service is an ancient ceremony. The actions symbolize our Lord being stripped of His honor and handed over to His enemies. He would hang naked on the cross.

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Adapted from the Great Canon of
Andrew of Crete 8th Century

A helper and a protector, He has become my salvation.

This is my God, I will glorify Him,

Have mercy on me, O God,

have mercy on me.

Where shall I begin to lament the deeds of my wretched life?

How shall I begin, O Christ, to relieve my present tears?

But as Thou art deeply compassionate,

grant me forgiveness of sins.

Come, O wretched soul, and together with your body confess to the Creator so that hereafter,

you shall abstain from your past foolishness and offer tears of repentance to God.

Having rivaled the first-formed Adam by my transgressions,

I have found myself stripped naked of God, of the everlasting kingdom and of all its delights, because of my sins.

Adam was rightly banished from Eden, O Savior, because he disobeyed one of Thy commandments.

What then shall I suffer for constantly rejecting Thy words of life?

Woe is me, O wretched soul, for you have become like the first Eve!

You have touched the tree and rashly tasted the forbidden fruit.

The temptation of Eve has taken flesh in my mind,

showing me what seems to be sweet; but making me taste and swallow bitterness.

By my own free choice I have incurred the guilt of Cain's murder.

For I have killed my conscience,

bringing the flesh to life and making war upon the soul,

no longer discerning what is pure or putrid, worthy or wretched.

It is time for repentance:

to Thee I come, my Creator.

O Trinity, Who surpasses all creation and is adored in Unity,

Take from me the heavy yoke of sin, and in Thy compassion grant me remission of sins.

As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and 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.

Amen.

Hymn 610

Lord Jesus Think on Me



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

Psalmody – Psalm 38

O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,

nor discipline me in your wrath!

For your arrows have sunk into me,

and your hand has come down on me.

There is no soundness in my flesh

because of your indignation;

there is no health in my bones

because of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone over my head;

like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

My wounds stink and fester

because of my foolishness,

I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;

all the day I go about mourning.

For my sides are filled with burning,

and there is no soundness in my flesh.

I am feeble and crushed;

I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

O Lord, all my longing is before you;

my sighing is not hidden from you.

My heart throbs; my strength fails me,

and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.

I confess my iniquity;

I am sorry for my sin.

Do not forsake me, O LORD!

O my God, be not far from me!

Make haste to help me,

O Lord, my salvation!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Choral Anthem

7:00pm

What Is This Bread?

Exodus 12:1–14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months.

It shall be the first month of the year for you.

³Tell 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.

⁴And 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.

⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male year old.

You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,

⁶and 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.

“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.

⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire;

with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water,

but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.

¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning;

anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

¹¹In 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.

¹²For 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.

¹³The 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.

¹⁴“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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Passion of our Lord

Mark 15:16–32

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

The Passion of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn 422

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!

Sermon
Simon's Points (Mark 15:21)

Offering

Prayer

Father in heaven, send Your Spirit to into our hearts

through the hearing of Your Son's Passion.

Give us faith to believe Your promises,

such as You gave to the woman who anointed Jesus with her alabaster flask of costly ointment.

Give us faith to believe Your promises

that in the Cup is the true blood of Your Son through which You cleanse, forgive, and strengthen us.

Give us faith to believe Your promises,

faith to know it is You who by Your own will struck the Shepherd to sacrifice Him for us, Your wayward sheep.

Give us faith to believe Your promises,

faith to know that we cannot be too close to You, dear Father;

Do not let us "keep a safe distance"

as Peter sought to do and denied You publicly.

Give us faith to believe Your promises

faith to see that the substitution of Your Son for Barabbas is the substitution You made for us all.

Give us faith to believe Your promises, and when like Simon we are called to pick up a cross of suffering,

fill us with the trust we need to pick up the cross and follow You, no matter the cost.

Give us faith to believe Your promises and draw us securely to Your side every day by teaching us to

remember our Baptism, confess our sins, and rejoice in Your salvation.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Choir Anthem 7:00pm

There Is a Fountain

Distribution Hymns

634 *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

1. 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.

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

3. 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.

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

627 *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.

2. As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread,
And with the wine the blood He shed.

3. Praise the Father, who from heaven
To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son.

4. Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.

631 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the_ eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Thanksgiving Prayer

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*The 10:00am service ends here without a benediction and continues on Good Friday.
All leave in silence.*

Stripping of the Altar

- ◆ It is an ancient ceremony.
- ◆ The paraments are removed from the altar, lectern, and pulpit.
- ◆ The actions symbolize our Lord being stripped of His honor and handed over to His enemies. He would hang naked on the cross.
- ◆ Psalm 22 is spoken.
- ◆ All leave in silence in anticipation both of Good Friday and of Easter Sunday.

Worship Continues on Good Friday

1:30pm

7:00pm



Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup

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