

Maundy Thursday

A Service of Holy Communion



Today's worship emphasis: With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to begin the Three Days during which we participate once again in the saving power of Jesus' passing over from death to life. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

P: Let us humbly make confession to God, imploring his forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins: in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 1:12, 20:19-23)*

C: Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you left to us a wonderful sacrament, a memorial of your passion. Grant, we beseech you, that we may so partake of this sacrament 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. Amen.

Anthem

One Bread One Body

Barbara Petersen

The Word

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-11

3Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." 4And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5He sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed oxen as offerings of well-being to the LORD. 6Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he dashed against the altar. 7Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." 8Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, "See the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." 9Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. 11God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:12-19

The Psalm is read responsively (Reader light print, congregation bold print).

¹²I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

13Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

14O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

16I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

17In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

18I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

19In the courts of the house of the Lord in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

16The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? 17Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 14:12-26

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. Spoken boldly!

12On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" 13So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, 14and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 15He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." 16So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. 17When it was evening, he came with the twelve. 18And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who

is eating with me." 19They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" 20He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. 21For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."22While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." 23Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. 24He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."26When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *Spoken boldly!*

Please be seated.

Homily

Pastor Taylor Stempniak



Hymn of the Day

What Wonderous Love

Rich and Allyson Kahn

Please stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy ... *hear our prayer.*

Holy Communion

Tonight we celebrate the first communion of Colby Hartwig, Lillianna & Tomas Perez, Cody, Garrett & Elliot Caglia, Micah & Mckenzie Bennetts

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the Cambodian Christian Orphanage, House of Hope.

Offering Hymn

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, we cry out for the hope and healing you offer. Guide us continually to your service. Make us your hands to feed the hungry and prepare us to receive the bread of life, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

Barbara Petersen

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace!

Amen.

Prayer After Communion

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Were You There

*Barbara Petersen &
Allyson Nielsen*

Stripping of the Altar

The candles are extinguished. All vessels, linens, paraments, banners and books are removed from the worship space. The lights are dimmed, and at the conclusion of the psalm, all depart in silence.

Psalm 22

Pastor Taylor Stempniak

Holy Week Announcements

Please join us for our Good Friday service tomorrow evening, at 7:00 PM.

*Easton Community Clean Up
Saturday Morning at
9:00AM*

*Easton Community
Easter Sunrise service
6:40 AM Sunday Morning
At Immanuel Park*

*Easter Outdoor Worship at
Immanuel at 10:30AM*