

Maundy Thursday

March 24, 2016



INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:17-22 [NIV 84]

¹⁷When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely not I?”

²⁰“It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

P: This the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY “BREAD”

HYMN “What is this Bread” [LSB 629, v. 1 & 3]

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:23-26 [NIV 84]

²³Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵“I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: This the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY “CUP”

CORPORATE CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Confessional Address...

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved 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.

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

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C: Yes.

P: Let it be done for you as you believe.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI “What is This Bread” [LSB 629, v. 2, 4-5]

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

Piano/Organ

“Behold the Lamb”

“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table” [LW 242]

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace ✠.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” [LW 110]

STRIPPING of the ALTAR

Removing all ornaments, linens, and paraments is an ancient custom of the church done on Maundy Thursday. It is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers. The congregation remains seated during the stripping of the altar as the haunting notes of Paul Manz's "Aria" plays. During this time, you are encouraged to contemplate the humiliation of the Lord. There is no Benediction. After the Pastors leave the chancel area, all leave the Sanctuary in silence.

~ The congregation leaves in silence ~

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller & Rev. Morgan Hamilton*