



**Maundy Thursday ~ April 13, 2017**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

**INVOCATION**

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

C: **Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING** **Isaiah 25:6-9** [NIV]

P: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples,

C: **A banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.**

P: On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples,

C: **The sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.**

P: The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;

C: **He will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth.**

P: The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.

C: **This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”**

P: This the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** **Matthew 26:17-30** [NIV]

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup>He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. <sup>20</sup>When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup>And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The 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.” <sup>25</sup>Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, "You have said so." <sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup>When 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.**

**SERMON HYMN "My Song is Love Unknown" [LW 91, v. 1, 3-4]**

**SERMON "TABLE TALK"**

**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 [p. 151]**

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**“What is This Bread”** [*LSB 629*]

**“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”** [*LW 240*]

**“My Faith Looks Trustingly”** [*LW 378*]

**CLOSING HYMN “My Song is Love Unknown”** [*LW 91, v. 7*]

## **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 solemn notes of Charles Callahan’s “Solemn Prelude” 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 ~*

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