

Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 1, 2021

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen.

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.

Amen

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.

Most merciful God,

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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***GATHERING HYMN: “Now We Join in Celebration” LBW 203**

1. **Now we join in celebration At our Savior’s invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber, Clothed instead in
joy and wonder; For the Lord of all existence,
Putting off divine transcendence, Stoops again in love to
Meet us, With his very life to feed us.**

3. **Lord, we share in this communion As one fam’ly of God’s
children, Reconciled through you, our brother, One in you with
God our Father. Give us grace to live for others,
Serving all, both friends and strangers, Seeking justice, love, and
mercy Till you come in final glory.**

***APOSTOLIC 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**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; 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 live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1, 10-17

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

¹⁰**How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?**

¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹²**I 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.

¹⁴**O 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.

¹⁶**I 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.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

^{31b} “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*” LBW 200**

- 1. For the bread which you have broken, For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken, Now we give you thanks, O Lord.**
- 2. By this promise that you love us, By your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heav'n above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

On this holy night, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy.

A brief silence.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of your church. Where there is division, grant healing. Where there is fracture, grant unity. Where there is indifference, grant passion. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the creation. Put an end to destruction and renew our commitment to the fullness of life you intend for every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of the human family. Bring understanding and a spirit of cooperation to nations and communities in conflict. Dissolve distrust into understanding and transform disregard into profound care for one another. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. Feed those who hunger, give shelter to those without a home, heal the sick, and grant rest to the dying. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness of this community. Help us seek not so much to be served, but to serve; not to be loved, but to love; not to be forgiven, but to forgive, for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

By the cross of Christ, mend the brokenness within us. Cast out all fear of separation from you, and join us to the communion of saints who celebrate at your eternal banquet table. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into the arms of your tender embrace, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who, on the cross, opened his arms to all: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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, 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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

As the pastor says the following words, please take a piece of bread.

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

As the pastor says the following words, please take a drink of wine or grape juice.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?

²**O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;***
by night as well, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.

⁴**Our forefathers put their trust in you;**
they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶**But as for me, I am a worm and no man,**
scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,

⁸**“He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;**
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

⁹Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;**
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹²**Many young bulls encircle me;**
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a ravening and a roaring lion.

¹⁴**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;**
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

¹⁶**Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me;**
they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones.

- ¹⁷They stare and gloat over me;
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
- ¹⁸**Be not far away, O LORD;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**
- ¹⁹Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
- ²⁰**Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.**
- ²¹I will declare your name to my brethren;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.
- ²²**Praise the LORD, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give
glory.**
- ²³For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he
hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- ²⁴**My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- ²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise
him:
"May your heart live forever!"
- ²⁶**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- ²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD;
he rules over the nations.
- ²⁸**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- ²⁹My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the LORD's forever.
- ³⁰**They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.**

All depart in silence.

