

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Return to the Table On this night known in the Church as Maundy Thursday, Jesus invites us to join Him once again at His Table. He knows our need for strengthening and reassurance. The place in which we gather is filled with the blessing of fellowship as we remember the new command of our Lord Jesus to love one another. Our Lord serves us in many ways, most singularly as the Host at His Table, where we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Time and again we are invited to return to the Table, where truly we experience a foretaste of the feast to come.

WELCOME

BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

"When You Woke That Thursday Morning"

#445

INVOCATION

CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS *(Silence for personal confession.)*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 24:3-11 (ESV)

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And 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 twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then 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." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM 116:12-19

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (ESV)

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE (speak together)

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:12-26 (ESV)

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

#709

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"What Shall I Render"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

LORD’S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

COMMUNION HYMN

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

#622 (vs 1, 4 & 8)

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The altar and chancel area are stripped of all vessels, candles, and other items, symbolizing the humiliation and abuse our Lord would endure beginning shortly after he instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

READING OF PSALM 22

We leave the church in silence – filled with peace from the Lord’s Supper and contemplating the death of Christ on our behalf.

Our worship continues

7:00 PM -----Good Friday Service

6:30 AM ----- Easter Sunday-Sunrise Service

9:00 AM ----- Easter Sunday-Festival Service

**Easter Breakfast served from 7:00-8:45 AM
by St. Paul Youth
(Gluten-free and meatless options available)**