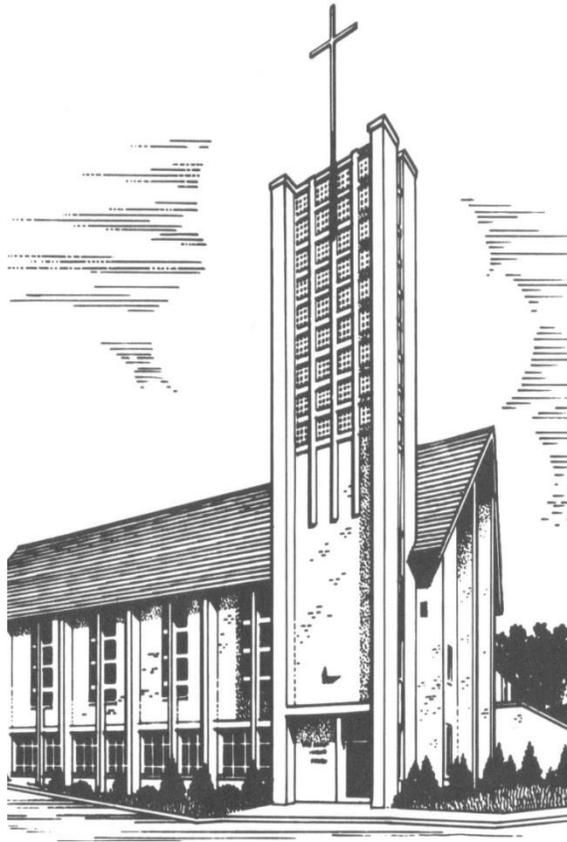


MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 24, 2016

7:00 p.m.



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MAUNDY THURSDAY WEEDS FROM THE GARDEN: THE TRIAL OF JESUS

This service for Maundy Thursday is the first service in the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover, commonly known as the Triduum. It culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. It consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament, and the Stripping of the Altar.

The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Three Days. The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ's humble service demonstrated in His washing of His disciples' feet, a servanthood enacted on the Cross whose benefits are bestowed in the Lord's Supper. The service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death. In this service, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

(Stand)

THE OPENING HYMN

"My Song is Love Unknown"

LSB 430

CORPORATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

LSB 290-291

+++ SERVICE OF THE WORD +++

VERSICLES	LSB 243
PHOS HILARON	LSB 244
THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT	LSB 245
PSALM 141	LSB 247

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

KYRIE

“Kyrie”

by Eugene Butler

(Sung by the Adult Choir)

Kyrie eleison.

(Lord, have mercy.)

Christe eleison.

(Christ, have mercy.)

Kyrie eleison.

(Lord, have mercy.)

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 10:15-25

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

GOSPEL READING

John 19:1-16a

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” ⁷The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he

was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” ¹¹Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.” ¹²From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” ¹⁶So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

- P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His son.**

(Sit)

THE SERMON HYMN

“O Sacred Head”

LSB 450

SERMON

“Weeds from the Garden: The Trial of Jesus”

(based on the Gospel reading)

(Stand)

NICENE CREED

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(Sit)

OFFERING

“An Upper Room”

(Sung by the Adult Choir)

Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith

Music by David W. Music

*An upper room with evening lamps ashine,
the twelve disciples, and the table spread;
now in our turn Christ bids us pour the wine,
and in remembrance bless and break the bread.*

*We see by faith upon the cross displayed
his body broken and his blood outpoured;
in that dread robe of majesty arrayed
we gaze in worship on the dying Lord.*

*Dead for our sins, yet reigning now above,
still to our hearts we find his presence given;
take for ourselves the pledges of his love,
foretaste and token of that feast in heaven.*

*So send us out, to love and serve and praise,
filled with his Spirit, as the Master said:
love, joy and peace the wine of all our days,
Christ and his life our true and living bread.*

(Stand)

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR PEACE

LSB 251

+++ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +++

PREFACE	LSB 208
SANCTUS	LSB 208
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	LSB 209
LORD'S PRAYER	LSB 209
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 209
PAX DOMINI	LSB 209
AGNUS DEI	LSB 210
<i>(Sit)</i>	
DISTRIBUTION	
“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”	LSB 623
“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”	LSB 619
<i>(Stand)</i>	
NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 211
POST COMMUNION COLLECT	LSB 212
CLOSING HYMN	“O Dearest Jesus” LSB 439

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(During Closing Hymn)

While we sing the Closing Hymn, the communion vessels are reverently removed from the altar, the altar is stripped, and the chancel is cleared in preparation for the solemn services of Good Friday.

*At the conclusion of the Hymn and the Stripping of the Altar, please leave the church in total silence. **We ask that there be no talking either in the sanctuary or the narthex as you leave.***

Due to the fact that the services of the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter combine to form a single unit, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service. The Benediction, spoken at the chief service on Easter Sunday, concludes all the services of the three days.

+++ SOLI DEO GLORIA +++

To God Alone Be All the Glory

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Gardens of Sin, Gardens of Death, Gardens of Life

25 March, Good Friday: A Garden of Death: The tomb.
12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

27 March, Easter: A Garden of Life: Mistaken for a Gardener
8:00 p.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**A Continental Breakfast will be served in the church garden between services.*