

Maundy Thursday



6:00 pm April 9, 2020

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Greeting

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

Christian Worship 120

Led by Branches Band

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown For my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

♪ **To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

4. **And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

The Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Announcement of Forgiveness

God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Exhortation

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us and reconciled us to God and has promised us the power to forgive and love each other. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another, and extend to each other the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you.

The congregation is invited to wave to other vehicles or sound your vehicle's horn 🎵 as a way of conveying "peace" to one another.

Instruction for the End of Lent

In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Prayer of the Day

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us your never-ending love by giving your Son, Jesus Christ, who was forsaken for us. Give us grace to know nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Strengthen the ministry of your Church to bring Jesus' love to all those for whom he suffered. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord gave the people of Israel instructions for the first Passover.

The LORD told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt:

²This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. ⁴But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat.

⁵Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. ⁶You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. ⁸That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire—with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. ¹⁰You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

¹²For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the LORD. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 16

*Verses read by Phineas Barthel
Singing led by the Children of Rock of Ages*

♪ Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

I love the LORD, because he hears my voice.
He hears my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call to him all my days.
The ropes of death entangled me.
The walls of the grave hemmed me in.
I found distress and sorrow.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"Ah, LORD, please save my life!"
The LORD is gracious and righteous,
and our God is compassionate.

♪ **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The LORD protects the inexperienced.
In my weakness he saves me too.
Return, my soul, to your rest,
for the LORD has accomplished his purpose for you.
so that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

♪ **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

To you I will sacrifice a thank offering,
and I will call on the name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
here in the presence of all his people,
in the courtyards of the house of the LORD,
in the middle of Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD.

♪ **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

The Lord gave the New Testament Church instructions for the Lord's Supper

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new testament 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.

²⁷Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. ²⁸Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Christian Worship 104

Led by Chris Driesbach

♪ **Go to Dark Gethsemane**
All who feel the tempter's power
Your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour
Turn not from his griefs away

Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

**Follow to the judgment hall
View the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, pain, or loss
Learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:36-46

There is a striking contrast between Jesus' attitude of willing service and those he served.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He told his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and distressed. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death. Stay here, and keep watch with me."

³⁹He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed. He said, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "So, were you not able to stay awake with me for one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done." ⁴³Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before. ⁴⁵Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near,

and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near.”

Sermon

Matthew 26:36-46

HE WAS WILLING TO DRINK OUR CUP OF SUFFERING

Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Our offerings support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the WELS.

Those worshipping at home are welcome to mail their offerings to 204. W. Airport Rd. Payson, AZ 85541. Special instruction will be given before the service for dropping off your offering if you are parked at church. You're invited to meditate on the music played during the collection.

Offering Meditation

Save Us And Restore Us

By Branches Band (Psalm 80)

*Sung by Pastor Tom Barthel and his wife Bethany
We'll join in signing this song in tomorrow's service.*

Prayer of the Church

This prayer follows the three-part outline of Jesus' great High Priestly prayer. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed first for himself, then for his disciples, and finally for all believers (John 17).

Father in heaven, just as your Son lifted his eyes toward you on the night of his passion, we confidently approach you in his name as this day draws to a close.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. My help comes from the Lord.

As Priest and Passover Lamb, he prayed that his sacrifice, soon offered on the cross, would be acceptable to you and would result in his glory and our salvation. We give you praise that, having finished the work you gave him to do, you answered his prayer.

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

As ascending Advocate, he prayed for the disciples who believed his word and remained in the world. Preserve your saints here and in every place who bear your name through baptism. Though they are still in the world, keep them from becoming of the world and protect them from its hatred.

Sanctify them by the truth, your word is truth.

Bless the instruction of the young. As you used the Passover celebration to teach Israel's youth, bless our frequent celebration of Holy Communion as opportunity and incentive to teach our children that they may soon share in it with us.

Whenever we eat the bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Finally, as Mediator for mankind, he prayed for those elect who were yet to be gathered. May the unity created by your word and expressed in your Sacrament serve as clear evidence to the world that Christ is in us just as you are in him. Keep us from divisive error, needless disputes, and calloused indifference.

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Use the apostolic gospel wherever it is preached to create and sustain faith. Just as Jesus now sits in glory, bring us and the full number of your chosen ones to the place where he has gone, which even now he makes ready for us.

Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

As he interceded for us then, we are confident that he intercedes for us now. Therefore, we ask these things in his name and pray as he taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Christian Worship 494

Led by the Rock of Ages' Children's choir

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.**

**When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.**

Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us your never-ending love by giving your Son, Jesus Christ, who was forsaken for us. Give us grace

to know nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Strengthen the ministry of your Church to bring Jesus' love to all those for whom he suffered. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn

Now the Day Is Over

Christian Worship 589

1. Now the day is over;
Night is drawing nigh.
Shadows of the evening
Steal across the sky.

2. Jesus, give the weary
Calm and sweet repose;
With your tend'rest blessing
May my eyelids close.

3. Comfort ev'ry suff'rer
Watching late in pain;
Those who plan some evil,
From their sin restrain.

4. Through the long night watches
May your angels spread
Their bright wings above me,
Watching round my bed.

5. When the morning wakens,
Then may I arise
Pure and fresh and sinless
In your holy eyes.

During the hymn the Communion vessels are removed to the sacristy or another place.

Psalm 88

**♪ What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

O LORD, the God who saves me, by day I cry out.
At night I cry before you.

May my prayer come before you.
Turn your ear to my cry.

**♪ What wonderful love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wonderful love is this, O my soul!**

Indeed, my soul has had its fill of troubles,
and my life has arrived at the grave.
I am treated like those who go down to the pit.
I am like someone without strength.
I am turned loose with the dead.
I am like the slain who lie in the grave,
like the ones you do not remember anymore,
like those who are cut off from your hand.
You have put me in the lowest pit,
in dark places, in the depths.
Your wrath presses against me.
You have battered me with all your breakers.

**♪ What wonderful love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wonderful love is this, O my soul!**

You have distanced my acquaintances from me.
You have made me repulsive to them.
I am shut in and I cannot get out.
My eyesight grows dim from affliction.

I call to you, O LORD, every day.
I spread out my hands to you.

Is it for the dead that you do a miracle?
Do the spirits of the dead rise up and praise you?

♪ What wonderful love is this, O my soul!

Is your mercy declared in the tomb,
your faithfulness in decay?
Is your wonderful work known in the darkness?
Is your righteousness known in the land of forgetfulness?
But I cry to you, O LORD,
and in the morning my prayer comes before you.

♪ What wonderful love is this, O my soul!

Why, O LORD, do you reject my soul?

Why do you hide your face from me?
I have been afflicted
and I have been close to death since my youth.
I have endured your terrors.
I am in despair.
Your rage has swept over me.
Your terrors have destroyed me.
All day long they surround me like water.
They have battered me completely.
You have distanced my loved one and friend from me.
My only friend is darkness.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing silently into the night. Those who wish to do so, may remain for meditation.

We recall how the Lord was abandoned by all his disciples this night as we anticipate the next part of our three-day service.

Join us 6pm on Good Friday & 9:00am on Easter Sunday.

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