



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP  
April 14, 2022

*Readers:* Sydney Hinz, Lorie Hoeft, Kip Hauser

*Prelude*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*David Hegarty*

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship*

*Leader 1:*

Jesus spent his life teaching us the meaning of love. Through word and deed Jesus showed us how to love God and to love one another. He fed the hungry. He healed the sick. He invited the women and the children and the tax collectors and the sinners to come to his table. He broke bread with the least and the lost and shared the cup of redemption with them all. He crossed boundaries of race, nationality, ethnicity, gender, and class. He challenged religious authority, and he scoffed at pomposity and self-absorbed grandeur. He called out the hypocrites. He admonished the scribes and the Pharisees for their hardened hearts. He brought a simple message: Love God, love yourself, and love one another.

**All: We gather in the name of Jesus and remember the way that he showed us. We gather to remember not just his death, but his life.**

*Hymn:*

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Hymnal #324

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Leader 2:

The way of Jesus goes through the cross, but we're not there yet. It is close. We can see its shadow. We can feel the cold, dark, night. We know that the enemies of God are conspiring. They have had enough of him. He threatens their power. They will come for him. First though, we will gather. We gather with Jesus and his closest friends. We gather with those that called him teacher, Rabbi, friend.

We gather for the Passover meal, to remember that God saved the people from slavery. God saved once. God saves forever more.

**All: God saved the Israelites at Passover, and revealed that it is God who reigns, not the Pharaoh. God saved once. God saves forevermore.**

Hymn:

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

Vs. 1, 2 & 6



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land,  
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;  
3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way,  
4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side,



op - pressed so hard they could not stand,  
to lead the childr'n of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.  
a fire by night, a shade by day,  
at God's com-mand it did di - vide,



*Refrain*  
Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



tell old Pha - raoh: Let my peo - ple go!

5 When they had reached the other shore, let my people go;  
they sang the song of triumph o'er, let my people go. *Refrain*  
6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go;  
and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go. *Refrain*

Leader 3:

Even as they were sharing this sacred meal together, the disciples were not of one heart. Jesus knew that he was asking much from these men, and he knew that they would fail him. Judas had already agreed to betray Jesus to the religious authorities. Was he angry at some slight? Was he disappointed that Jesus would not raise an army against the Romans? Was he upset with the value of the oil that the woman “wasted” when she anointed Jesus? We will never know Judas’ heart, but Jesus knew that he would be betrayed. And what did Jesus do with the man that would betray him? He broke bread with him. All of the disciples were deeply saddened, and they asked:

**All: I would never betray you, Lord. It's not me, is it?**

*Bible Reading:*

**John 13:3-5, 12-15, 34-35**

<sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then 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.

<sup>12</sup>After 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?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Meditation*

*Words of Institution*

*Leader 3:*

And so, in remembrance of these, God's mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Pastor:*

Pour out your Holy Spirit, Lord, on those gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the Body of Christ for the world. By your Holy Spirit, help us to love one another as you have loved us.

**All:**

**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.**

*Holy Communion*

*Distribution Hymns:*

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

# 471

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes for each part.

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

# 337

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?  
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.



1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur-round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

*Leader 1:*

When the holy meal had been shared, the disciples began to argue over which one would be the greatest. Even here, at the end of their time together, they did not seem to understand what Jesus had been teaching them all along. He reminded them that to be great in the Kingdom of God meant to serve. After Jesus' talk of betrayal, the disciples seemed to be growing anxious. Peter proclaimed:

**All: “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”**

*Leader 1:*

And Jesus replied, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day until you have denied three times that you know me.”

*Hymn*

**“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”**

(vs. 1-2) #325

I want Jesus to walk with me; walk with me;  
 I want Jesus to walk with me; walk with me;  
 All along my pilgrim journey,  
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me, walk with me.  
 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; walt with me;  
 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; walt with me;  
 When my heart is almost breaking,  
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me, walk with me.

Leader 2:

Afterwards, Jesus led his disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane. He asked them to pray for him, for he wanted to be alone. There, Jesus prayed. He asked his friends to keep watch, but they kept falling asleep. He prayed for another way out. He prayed in anguish. He prayed as a man who could feel pain, who would be hurt by betrayal, who would be scarred by the scourge and would bleed when nails were driven into his arms and legs. He prayed as a man who knew that if he followed God's will, he would be charged, convicted, mocked, humiliated, abandoned, and nailed to a cross. Knowing all of this full well he prayed, "Not my will, but yours." Then he stood up for all that he had lived for. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial".

**All: Judas said to Jesus, "Rabbi" and kissed him. Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.**

Hymn:

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

(vs. 1-2) Hymnal #347

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Leader 3:

There was a skirmish at the arrest, but his disciples quickly scattered. Peter, who had only hours before promised to go with Jesus to prison, even death, followed from a distance. During the trial, Peter remained hidden in the shadows. First a servant girl saw him and said, "This man was also with him."

**All: "Woman, I do not know him."**

*Leader 3:*

A little later someone else, on seeing him said, "You also are one of them."

**All: "Man, I am not."**

*Pastor:*

Then, about an hour later, still another kept insisting, "Surely this man was with him, for he is a Galilean."

**All: "I do not know what you are talking about. I do not know Jesus."**

*Leader 3*

At that moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him, and he wept bitterly.

*Hymn:*

"Lamb of God"

#336

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon the guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God,  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love we crucified.  
We laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble king we named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God,  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died,  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God,  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

*Pastor:*

We conclude our service tonight by stripping the altar. We do this to remember how Jesus, the Lamb of God, was stripped after his arrest. We do it in silence as we contemplate his humiliation for us. There will be no benediction or postlude tonight.

*Stripping of the Altar*

**You're asked to leave in reflective silence and return for Good Friday and Easter Sunday services.**