



Maundy Thursday

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School, Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Tenebrae Service, April 18, 2019, 6:30 pm

Notes on this evening's service: *Thursday of the Mandatum or Maundy Thursday* – The name for this day comes from our Lord's instruction to His disciples in John 13, "A new commandment I give, that you love one another." We recall that Jesus washed His disciples' feet, in a simple action that taught the disciples, and the church, that Christ's lordliness is shown forth in His humble service for us. The fruit of this service is the forgiveness of sins, given so richly in the Sacrament of the Altar, where in fulfillment of Christ's command and promise we "Do this" and receive the forgiveness of sins in His true Body and Blood given for us to eat and drink in the bread and wine. Following our solemn and joyous commemoration of His institution of the sacrament we travel with the Servant Lord to the Garden where we see His humiliation for us at the hands of His enemies. The stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday is a stunning visual reminder of Christ's emptying of Himself for us. This symbolic action is accompanied by the singing of Kingo's great passion hymn "Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth" and David's hymn of His Lord's suffering, Psalm 22. Following the final collect of thanks, all may remain for silent prayer and then depart in quiet peace and joy.

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a “**Get Connected!**” card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary.

Order of Service, Rite Two (p. 60)



I. The Service of Preparation

(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)

~**Prelude** — *Preservice music & opportunity for prayer*

*(See “Prayers for Worship”
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Hymn 328, vv. 1, 3, 6, 7** *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

(ELH p. 60; Matt. 28:19)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Confession & Absolution** — *Admitting our guilt & receiving God’s forgiveness*

(ELH p. 60, 1; Ps 124:8, Ps 32:5)

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heav’n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your

beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

C: I do.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with You!

C: Amen

~Introit

(ELH p. 62; p. 143)

P. God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty. God be merciful to us and bless us: and cause His face to shine on us.

~Gloria Patri — *Glory to the Father*

(ELH p. 62)

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

~Kyrie Eleison — *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 63, II)

C: ♪ Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

~Salutation — *The people’s blessing for the pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 66)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~Collect — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 66; p. 154, #57)

P: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You, that of Your infinite mercy You have instituted this Your Sacrament, in which we eat Your body and drink Your blood: Grant us, we beseech You, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not receive this gift unworthily, but that we may confess our sins, remember Your agony and death, believe the

forgiveness of sin, and day by day grow in faith and love, until we obtain eternal salvation; through You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

II. The Service of the Word



(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)

~Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14: Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

~**Senior Choir** *O Savior of the World* Richard Shepard
*O Savior of the world,
Who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.*

~**Epistle Lesson**

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore 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. Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy way because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment on himself. Because of this, many among you are weak and sick, and quite a few have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be undergoing judgment. However, when we undergo judgment, we are being disciplined by the Lord so that we may not be condemned with the world.

~**Lenten Sentence**

(ELH p. 67)

C: ✠ Christ has humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death; ev'n the death of the Cross.

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 69)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He

shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

~Chief Hymn 320, vv. 1-4, 6 *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed*

~Holy Gospel & Sermon Texts

Luke 22:15 He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

Matthew 26:26-28 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

~Sermon Theme

A Gracious Invitation to a Gracious Meal

~Offertory — *Prayer of renewal before offering* (ELH p. 70-71; Ps 51:10-12)

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

~Offering & Vocal Solo — *Make Thee Clean From Sin, My Heart* - J.S. Bach

*Make thee clean from sin, my heart,
Giving welcome unto Jesus.
So within my cleanséd breast shall He rest,
Since His cross forever frees us.
World, depart, let Jesus in!*

*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

~Prayers

(ELH p. 40)

P: We do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the Lord who desires always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Body of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

III. The Service of Holy Communion



(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)

Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal, pp. 38–40.

Guests & Visitors: *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion". We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

~Preface — *Preparing our hearts for Communion*

(ELH p. 72ff; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~Holy Week Preface

(ELH p. 73-75)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; On the tree of the cross You gave salvation to all mankind that, whence death arose, by the fault of one man, thence

also life might arise by the obedience of one Man; and that even as Satan once overcame by a tree, likewise by a tree he was overcome, through the death of Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~**Sanctus** — *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

(ELH p. 76)

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

~**Lord’s Prayer**

(ELH p. 77-78; Mt 6:9-13)

P: 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.

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Words of Institution**

(ELH p. 78; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

~**The Pax Domini** — *“The Peace of the Lord”*

(ELH p. 79; Jn 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Agnus Dei** — *“Lamb of God”*

(ELH p. 79ff; Jn 1:29)

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

~Distribution

(Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

Hymn 327 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Congregation, vv. 1, 3; (*Senior Choir, v. 2; setting by Jacob B. Weber*)

Hymn 316-317 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Hymn 324, vv. 1-6 O Jesus, at Your Altar Now

Hymn 313, vv. 12-15 With Thee, Lord, I Am Now United

~Dismissal of Communicants

(ELH p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

~Versicle and Collect of Thanksgiving

(ELH p. 83, 11)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

IV. Stripping of the Altar and Tenebrae

(Lights are extinguished and the altar is stripped, symbolizing the Lord's agony in the Garden and the apparent victory of the powers of darkness in His betrayal and arrest. At the end of the service, you may remain for prayer or quietly depart.)

~Lesson:

Matthew 26:30-32; 36-38: And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of

Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

~Hymn 295, vv. 1-3 *Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth*

~Psalm 22:1-5 (soloist)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning? O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent. But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You and were not ashamed.

~Hymn 295, vv. 4, 5 *See How, Anguish Struck*

~Psalm 22:6-11 (soloist)

But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made me trust while on My mother's breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God. Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

~Hymn 295, v. 6 *But, O Flow'rs, So Sadly Watered*

~Psalm 22:12-15 (soloist)

Many bulls have surrounded Me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.

~Hymn 295, vv. 7, 8 *When As Flow'rs Themselves I Wither*

~Psalm 22:16-19 (soloist)

For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of wickedness has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

~Closing Collects

(ELH p. 40)

P: Let us pray: O Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You have redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we humbly beseech You to set Your Passion, Cross and Death between Your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of death. Give us mercy and grace, and grant Your Church concord and peace, that at length we shall enjoy everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit You reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~Silent Prayer

*Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: Dennis Marzolf / Choir Director: Elisabeth Urtel
Soloists: Ethan Urtel, Mark DeGarmeaux*

Holy Week Services

April 19: Good Friday

Noon-3PM: Tre Ore, St. Paul's, North Mankato

6:30PM: Divine Service, with Holy Communion

Pr. Ulrich: *Three Words of Truth: "It is Finished!"*--John 19:28-30

April 21: Easter

7:30AM: Sunrise Service

8:30AM: Easter Breakfast

10AM: Festival Service, with Holy Communion

Pr. Ulrich: *Three Words of Truth: "He Has Risen!"*--2 Timothy 2:8

A reminder: Our Monday evening services will resume on **April 29.**