

MAUNDY THURSDAY



We're delighted you've chosen to worship with us this evening. At St. Mark it's our commitment to you that we faithfully proclaim God's Word so that your faith may grow during your time with us. Our goal is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of what He has done for us. We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you have.

- **Ushers and Greeters** are available in the narthex (entryway) to answer any questions you may have and offer you any assistance you may need.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the north of the sanctuary.
- **We love having children** in worship and encourage them to sing and pray along with their parents. **Children's Bulletins and Busy Bags** are available in the entryway for your family to use. If your child becomes a bit restless during the service and you think they could use a break, we have a **Nursery Space** in the church office that you can use. An usher can guide you there.
- **Friendship Cards** are found in the racks of each pew. We ask that during the offering you fill out a card that we may have a record of your visit and get to know you a little bit better.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY – *Serious Savior*

Just look at what Jesus gives to his disciples even when he knows perfectly what they are about to do. Having no earthly property or wealth, he writes his Last Will and Testament and he bequeaths them Himself and all that he has come to win for them! He bequeaths them his true body and true blood, the price of their salvation, the promise that he will never forsake them. That's what he gives in his Sacrament!

This is what our Serious Savior gives to us!

SERIOUS SAVIOR

HYMN: CW 128 (verses 1-3)

Not All the Blood of Beasts

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

INSTRUCTION FOR THE END OF LENT

M: 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.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray

C: **Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:21-30

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: CW 312 (verses 1-2)

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: CW 312 (verses 3-4)

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-26

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN: CWS 717

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

Music found at the end of the bulletin.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: As we are about to receive the Holy Supper of our anointed Prophet, Priest, and King, the Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we examine ourselves. The Ten Commandments, the moral code of the Kingdom, reveal to us the gravity of our sin, for they call us to love God with our whole being and our neighbors as ourselves.

M: You shall have no other gods.

C: We confess that we put other things above our fear, love, and trust in God.

M: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

C: We confess that we do not call upon it in every trouble, prayer, praise, and giving of thanks.

M: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

C: We confess that we do not always hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn God's Word.

M: Honor your father and your mother.

C: We confess that we do not always honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

M: You shall not murder.

C: We confess that we have not always been kind and loving to our neighbors with our words and actions.

M: You shall not commit adultery.

C: **We confess that we are not pure in all we say and do, and we do not always love and honor our spouses.**

M: You shall not steal.

C: **We confess that we do not always help our neighbors to improve and protect their possessions and income. We have not shared our possessions and income with the poor and the broken, the needy and homeless.**

M: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

C: **We confess that we do not always defend our neighbors, or speak well of them, or explain everything in the kindest way.**

M: You shall not covet.

C: **We confess that we do not always help our neighbors keep their property and family relationships.**

M: The Lord's Supper was instituted for the comfort of those who are troubled by their sins. Our Prophet, Priest, and King has paid for our sins. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Following a brief introduction, the congregation sings...

**Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring -
At your feet I cry, my Maker:
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven
For our good, your glory, given.**

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you (2 Tim. 4:22).

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts (Col. 3:1).

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God (Ps. 136).

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are You, Lord our God, for You have not remained apart from Your people, communing with a select few atop a holy mountain. In this Sacrament Your Son comes to us with His body and blood for us to eat and to drink. He gives Himself to us whole and entire that we might give ourselves to our neighbor whole and entire. Gathered in His name, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will strengthen our faith thereby so that we may remain faithful to death and receive the crown of everlasting life. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory in Your church, both now and evermore.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PAX DOMINI

The Peace of the Lord

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always (John 20:19).

C: Amen.



O Christ, Lamb of



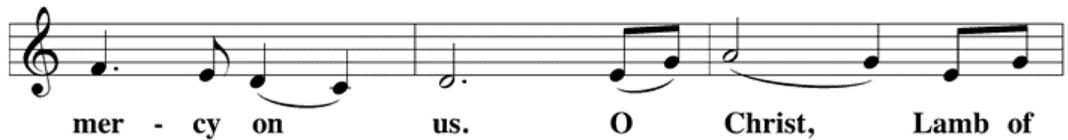
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your Son, given and shed for the remission of our sins. We ask that it strengthen our faith so that it may remain constant throughout time until we join the saints and angels to praise Him for His innocent suffering and death; we pray that as we are one body and one loaf we may bear each other's burdens and live lives of mercy; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR +

The altar is stripped on Maundy Thursday in remembrance of the Lord's abandonment by his disciples and in preparation for Good Friday.

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

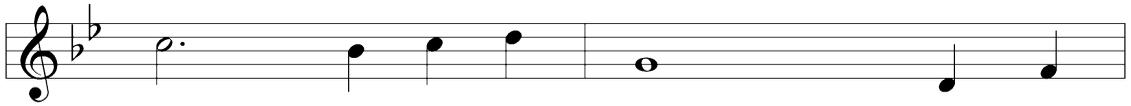
HYMN: CW 588

Abide with Me

After the completion of the hymn, the congregation leaves the church in silence. You may remain for silent prayer and meditation if you desire. There will be no formal dismissal by the ushers. We gather tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. to reflect upon our Savior's death.



1 When you woke that Thurs-day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
 2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing
 3 What was there that you could give them that would
 4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, all one
 5 One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright



Teach - er, faith - ful Friend, Thoughts of
 with tor - ment - ed heart To be
 nev - er be out - spent, What great
 bod - y, you the head, When we
 vis - ion glo - ri - ous, And your



self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing
 with your dear ones on - ly for a
 gift that would out - live them, what last
 meet, by you in - vit - ed, you are
 saints will know the rap - ture that your



how the day would end; Lamb of
 qui - et hour a - part; Sin - less
 will and tes - ta - ment? "Show me
 with us, as you said. One with
 heart de - sired for us, When the



God, fore - told for ag - es, now at last the
 Lamb and fall - en crea - tures, one last pas - chal
 and the world you love me, know me as the
 you and one an - oth - er in a u - ni -
 longed - for peace and un - ion of the great - est



hour had come When but One could pay sin's
meal to eat, One last les - son as their
Lamb of God; Do this in re - mem - brance
ty sub - lime, See in us your sis - ter,
and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wag - es: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.
of me, eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
broth - er, one in ev - 'ry place and time.
mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

The hymn writer Jaroslav Vajda vividly recounts the events of Maundy Thursday as they may have looked from the perspective of our Savior.

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