

Maundy Thursday

March 24th, 2016

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Green Book” 518 vs. 1-2 only

Beautiful Savior

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: We gather this evening to remember a most holy night, a night when God sealed His covenant with His people through bread and wine. Tonight we receive God's most precious gift of forgiveness for His people. Our Father in heaven desires to restore a right relationship with His children. Therefore, gathered in His holy name, we His people confess our sins before Him and before one another.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the innocent suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God is merciful. Even before we were aware of our sin, He sent His Son to die for us, and for His sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and promise 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*Note:
Due to technical difficulties the part in red did NOT get recorded*

LIVING LAST SUPPER PRESENTATION

Reflective Thoughts: Simon Peter

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Jesus, I will ponder now.....On your holy Passion;
Let your Spirit now endow.....Me for meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith.....May the image cherish
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death.....That I may not perish.

Make me see your great distress.....Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness.....And your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod.....Spear and nails, did wound you,
How you died for those, O God.....Who with thorns had crowned you.

Reflective Thoughts: Matthew

HYMN

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone.....Make me see your Passion;
But its cause to me make known.....And its termination.
For I also and my sin.....Wrought your deep affliction;
This the shameful cause has been.....Of your crucifixion.

Let me view your pain and loss.....With repentant grieving,
Nor prepare again your cross.....By unholy living.
May I give you love for love!.....Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above.....Sing your praise forever.

Reflective Thoughts: James

HYMN

If my sins give me alarm.....And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won.....By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son.....God must have compassion!

Graciously my faith renew;.....Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You.....Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!.....Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above.....Sing Your praise forever.

Reflective Thoughts: Thomas

OFFERING

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

The Answer to the Haunting Question

Pastor: Is it I? The truth is, the answer to that question is a resounding "yes" for all of us. The timelessness of sin makes our answer: "Yes, it is I who betrayed You." It is as if I was the one who held the nails. But even more, it is I whom He saw, when out of love He took the shame of the cross, giving His life for mine. Now, it is we who have the opportunity to share in the special meal where God meets us, forgives our sin, gives us salvation and eternal life, and connects us one to another. Thanks be to God, that it is we who benefit from all that God, in Christ Jesus, has done to save sinners. Welcome to the Table of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Green Book" 406 vs. 1 and 6 only Take My Life that I May Be

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(Please exit in silence)

Good Friday Worship at 7 pm tomorrow

Easter Worship at 10 am on Sunday