Messiah Lutheran Church
Sharing Jesus Christ with All People
Maundy Thursday † April 9, 2020

GATHERING

Horn Call *Intern Olav Traa*

Announcements

Song 358 *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us (alt. tune)*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day
Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading - Exodus 12:1–14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: [2]This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. [3]Tell 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. [4]If 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. [5]Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. [6]You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. [7]They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. [8]They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. [9]Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. [10]You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. [11]This 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. [12]For 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. [13]The 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.

[14]This 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.

Song *The Servant King*

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

[1]I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
[2]for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.
[12]How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for me?
[13]I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.
[14]I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.
[15]Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.
[16]O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
[17]I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
[18]I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,
[19]in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

[23]For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, [24]and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." [25]In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [26]For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Song *Broken in Love*

Gospel Reading - John 13:1–17

Now 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. [2]The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper [3]Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, [4]got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. [5]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. [6]He came to Simon Peter,
who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" [7]Jesus answered,
"You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."
[8]Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered,
"Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." [9]Simon Peter said
to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" [10]Jesus
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." [11]For
he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are
clean." [12]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? [13]You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I
am. [14]So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also
ought to wash one another's feet. [15]For I have set you an example, that
you also should do as I have done to you. [16]Very truly, I tell you, servants
are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one
who sent them. [17]If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Sermon - Pastor Deborah Ann Taylor

Hymn of the Day 708 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Most loving and caring God,

We know what you have done for us.
We want to love you and others in return.
But,

- **We too often forget about your wonders and live in fear**
- **We too often forget to praise you and instead doubt you**
- **We too often forget our promises to you and hoard things that will not last**
- **We too often forget that you feed us and don't share what we can with others**
- **We too often forget that you serve us and feel that the gift of serving others is beneath us**
- **We too often forget we need you and others and think we are self-sufficient**

Dispel our fears.
Relieve our doubts.
Open our hearts and hands to share.
Free us to serve.
Enable us to rejoice in our own need and your providence.
Forgive us and make us new in you.

I share this with you from what I have received:
You are loved.
You are cared for.
You are fed.
You are welcomed into Jesus' very being.
You are washed clean.
You are claimed.
You are freed to serve.
You are freed to receive help from others.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
you are forgiven.

Amen

Stripping of the Altar

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