

Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church

Hartland, Wisconsin

262-367-8400

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9, 2020

6:30PM

AS WE GATHER: As part of Holy Week, we observe an ancient custom of the early Christian Church. Even though people go home to rest and carry out their normal duties, they are encouraged to remember that they are still "worshiping" and remembering the events of Holy Week. No benediction (blessing) concludes this service as an indication that the service continues for two more days. The name Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment. It is taken from Jesus' words to the disciples in John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Today, we remember the first Passover meal and celebrate the meal that was given to us when Jesus celebrated Passover---on the night when He was betrayed.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN #842

"Son of God Eternal Savior"

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,
People: We have forgotten how much You love us and at times wondered about Your plans for us. We have forgotten to love our neighbors as ourselves and instead in our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have put our own interests first. We have forgotten that we are sinful from birth and bound to sin; we thought we had the power to change. In Your mercy for Jesus' sake, and as You have promised, forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more.

Pastor: Jesus died giving His body and shedding His blood for you. Only through Jesus can anyone receive forgiveness and everlasting life. In the stead and by the command of Christ, I as a called and ordained servant of Jesus announce the grace of God to all of you and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious God, Your covenant of love for us came to full fruition in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Guide us to be so moved by the depth of Christ's new covenant of love, that we love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves;

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Gathered by the love and remembrance of Jesus, we offer our prayers to God. For the Church, that You strengthen us; that by our love for one another, the world may know that we are disciples of Jesus Christ, that pastors and teachers follow the example of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the poor, the hungry, and the homeless, that God use us to reach out to them and lift them up, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who have lost their faith and for those who struggle to believe, that during these holy days they be filled with Christ's light and peace, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick, the dying, and the mourning, help them to trust in the promise that nothing—not even sickness or death—can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all of us, gathered in our homes on this holy night, that, as we have been forgiven by Christ, we forgive those who have wronged us and love one another from our hearts, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Hear the prayers of Your people, merciful God, for the sake of the One who stretched out His arms on the cross to redeem Your people and to reconcile the whole creation, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CANTICLE #436

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

DRAMATIC READING: IN GETHSEMANE

CLOSING ANTHEM

“Prayer at Gethsemane”

(by Joel Raney)

Nathan Krug, soloist
Andrea Dahlman, piano

SILENT DISMISSAL

Please meditate pray and exit in silence

* * * * *

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Cast:

Nathan Krug, Jesus

Dan Gall, Peter

Nathaniel Sitzberger, Judas

Andrea Dahlman, piano

Singers:

Dan Gall

Kathleen Graf

Sarah Stohs

Dave Wangerin

-