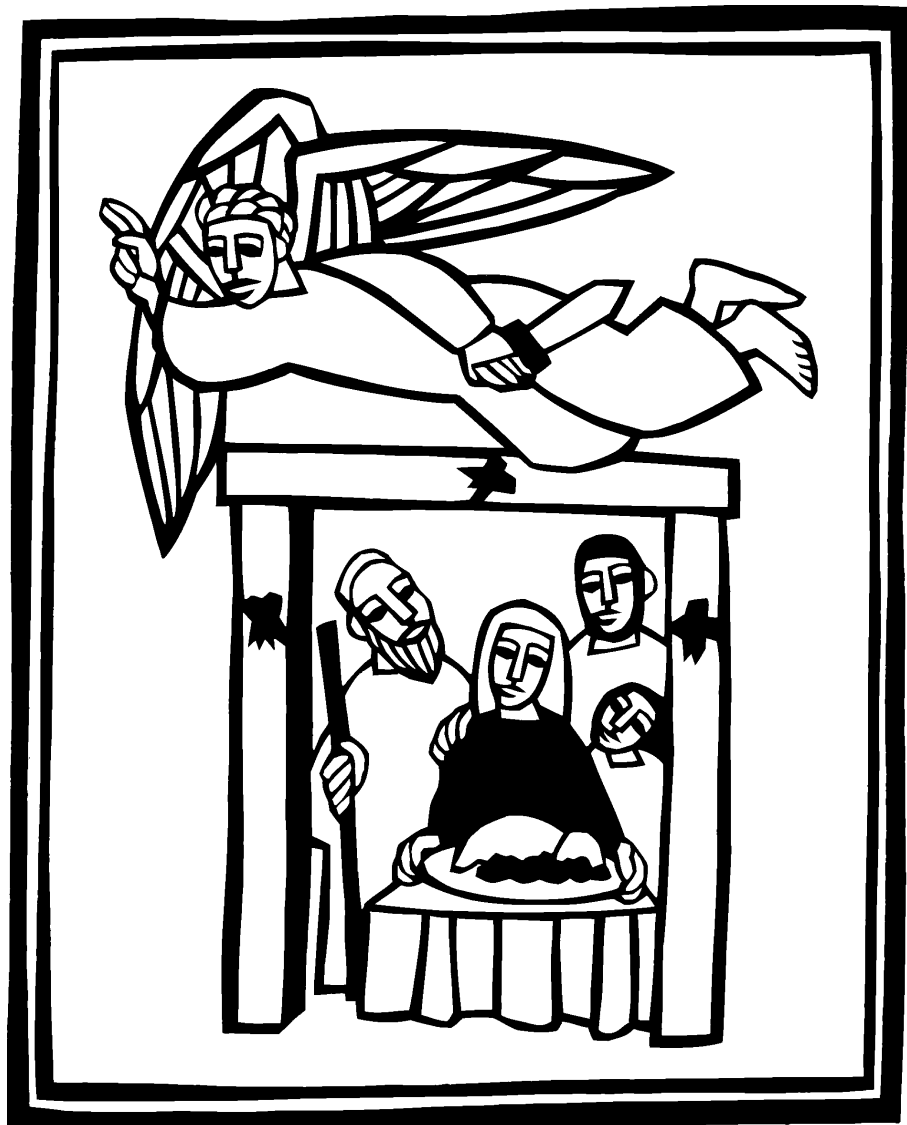


MAUNDY THURSDAY



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
APRIL 14, 2022

Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 14, 2022

(Have people fill drinks before they sit down. Encourage an even balance of people at each table---preferably a mix of ages:-)

WELCOME TO THE MEAL

Pastor Amalia Vagts

Tonight, we gather with Christians around the world to begin our celebration of the Great Three Days of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered with his disciples to observe Passover. They shared a meal and prayed together. According to the Gospel of John, Jesus knelt and washed their feet. According to the other gospels, after supper Jesus took the bread and wine on the table and gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body... this is my blood ... do this in remembrance of me."

Our central focus is Jesus' commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world.

So tonight we REMEMBER. We mix ancient stories with your stories. We will actually break bread —and share a meal together--- a earthly manifestation of Christ in community. After the final reading, we will process to the Sanctuary for the stripping of the Altar. Bring your personal belongings with you. Our time in the sanctuary will be a time for personal reflection. We will depart in silence, as we anticipate the coming days.

The food is laid before you. After we sing grace you're welcome to begin eating.

Here is food and drink for the journey.

Take and be filled.

ALL: Out of shadow came light

AM: And the power of God was revealed in the human face and the gentle heart, in the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul.

ALL: Out of the dust came life;

PM: And the image of God was revealed in the need to grow and the will to love, in the chance to know and the power to choose.

AM: And God looked at the creation,
ALL: And Behold, it was very good.

PRAYER OVER THE MEAL (sung a cappella in unison)

Be present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in fellowship with thee. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

KRISTEN ROEHLING

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. 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.

THE SECOND READING: Luke 22: 7-13

JULIA OLSON

7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." 9 "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. 10 He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you.

Follow him to the house that he enters, 11 and say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" 12 He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there." 13 They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

Table Discussion:

- Do you have Jewish friends celebrating Passover this weekend? Why do you think these rituals (Passover Seder) are still practiced today?
- Discuss universal stories that are significant enough to be passed down generation to generation (could be personal, historical, literary, mythology, etc)
 - ◊ What qualities must a story possess to become a "classic"?

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Wait for the Lord'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a cappella singing.

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THE THIRD READING: John 13:1-17

¹³ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I

am doing, but later you will understand.”⁸ “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”⁹ “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”¹⁰ Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.”¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them.¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Table Discussion:

- “Maundy” comes from *mandatum*, the Latin word for mandate. In this passage, the disciples were given a “mandate of love.” What is Jesus requiring from believers?
- Do “actions speak louder than words” for you? Discuss...
- Brainstorm on the brown table runner how we can show LOVE to our neighbors.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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THE FOURTH READING: Luke 22: 14-20 INDIA ZAPPIA
14 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. 15 He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I tell you, I will

not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” 17 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 20 And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

PRAYER

AM: Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in the bread and cup,
ALL: **for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give,**

AM: Give us the gifts of communion with you —

ALL: **Oeness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.**

LORD’S PRAYER

PASTOR: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

ALL: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PASTOR: Come to Jesus, our host and our meal.

ALL: **With hearts full of joy we come, giving thanks to God, our maker, and offering our praise! Amen.**

COMMUNION ** Pastor gives verbal instructions

All are welcome at the table. This is the Lord’s Supper and the Lord does the inviting. You will serve communion to one another by intinction (dip a piece of bread into the cup). Offer your neighbor a piece of bread, saying, “The body of Christ, given for you.” Then offer them the chalice to dip their bread into, saying, “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

THE FIFTH READING: Luke 22: 39-42, 45-53a TORI WENDELL
³⁹ He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." ³⁹ He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

We process to the main sanctuary for the stripping of the altar. We sing together as we walk. Once you are in the sanctuary, you may be seated in the front few pews.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 88, chanted by Sophia Rankin

As the altar is stripped, we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. We depart in silence, ready to continue the observance of the Great Three Days on Good Friday.

All depart in silence.

April 14, 2022

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THOSE SERVING TODAY (4/15/2022)

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 Sophia Rankin

Cantor
 Sophia Rankin

Assisting Minister
 Phala Andressen

Communion Assistant
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