



Flowering the Cross

On Easter Sunday we will have our cross outside in the usual place. If you are out, please bring flowers or greenery to put on the cross. If there is another family at the cross, you can wait until they leave so that we can keep our social distance. You don't have to buy flowers. Just look around your yard or neighborhood and see what you can find. We think neighbors would be glad to share a few with you if you don't have any in your yard. We know many of you love to make a family picture each year in front of the cross.

Also, we will have a tote out front if you would like to make a donation to The Good Shepherd Center. They will be happy to get any kind of canned goods, but they really would like to get some items that children would like such as non-refrigerated individual packs of pudding, instant oatmeal, individual cans of fruit, individual pop top cans of things like spaghetti, ravioli, and other kid friendly foods. Many of our kids depend on school breakfasts and lunches and many kids cannot get to the places when meals are being served right now. Good Shepherd is trying to meet some of these needs. We want you to have this information early so you have time to pick up a few things if and when you are at a store.



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Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020



"The Solution for Our Problems"

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Maundy Thursday Service

April 9, 2020

6:45 PM

PRELUDE *“Were You There?”*

GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

People: **Christ has prepared a feast of love.**

Hymn *“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”* v. 1,2,3

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CONFESSION and PARDON

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us His love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sins in the truth of God’s Spirit.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people, we admit and cry out in sorrow for our many, many sins and wicked acts, which we so often have grievously committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Your divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and with our whole hearts are sorry for these our misdoings; to remember them is a heavy burden on our souls. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For the sake of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past; and grant that from now on we may serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. AMEN.**

Hymn “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” v. 1

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament Lesson **Exodus 12: 1-14**

Hymn “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” v. 2

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New Testament Lesson **I Corinthians 11: 23-26**

Hymn “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” v. 3-4

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Gospel Lesson **Matthew 26: 26---30**

MEDITATION “*The Solution for Our Problem*”

CONCERNS and PRAYERS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and saying

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory!
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high!
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of thy tender mercy
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

Hear us, O merciful Father,
we most humbly beseech thee;
and bless and sanctify with thy Word and Holy Spirit
these thy gifts of bread and wine,
that we, receiving them
according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his passion, death, and resurrection,
may be partakers of the divine nature through him:

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper, he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, saying,

"Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the New Covenant,

which is shed for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins;
do this as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, we, thy humble servants,
desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving;**

**most humbly beseeching thee to grant that,
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,**

**we and thy whole church may obtain
forgiveness of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.**

**And here we offer and present unto thee,
O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee;**

**humbly beseeching thee
that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion
may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.**

**And although we be unworthy,
through our manifold sins,
to offer thee any sacrifice,**

**yet we beseech thee
to accept this our bounden duty and service,
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses;**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty,
world without end. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ,
that we may walk in newness of life,
may grow into his likeness,
and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always
Amen.