



Maundy Thursday Worship – April 9, 2020

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church
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Welcome

Gathering

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Song—ELW 629 *Abide with Me*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your 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.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☐ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God,

C: 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.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

At the conclusion of the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

P: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

P: How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

C: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

P: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

C: Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

P: O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

P: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,

C: in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

At the conclusion of the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation

Hymn of the Day—ELW 353 *Were You There, verses 1, 2 & 5*

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, **ELW #616**

**C: Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus. Remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

Peace

Spiritual Communion

C: My Jesus, you have promised to be present in your Holy Supper. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Psalm 22—Read during the Stripping of the Altar

Silence



GOOD FRIDAY

Father, into your hands
I commend my spirit.

Psalm 31



SERVICE OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS

The passion account from the Gospel of John is appointed for Good Friday because the passion accounts from the other Gospels are read in successive years on the Sunday of the Passion. John's passion account sees Jesus' death as his glorification. Rather than "mourning" the dying or dead Jesus on Good Friday, the cross is acclaimed as the sign of the world's redemption. The procession of the cross and adoration of the crucified Christ become the primary symbolic action of this day. We offer honor and reverence to the one who, lifted up from the earth, draws all people to himself. This service does not end in darkness and sadness, as if the assembly were reenacting the death of Christ. Rather, the liturgy ends with Christ exalted on the cross, an image from John's gospel.

SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

Many of the events surrounding the last days in the life of Christ are shrouded in “**darkness.**” In the fourth century a service known as “**Tenebrae**” was celebrated. The Service involved the extinguishing of candles as a reminder of the darkness that covered the earth after the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. “Tenebrae” is from the Latin meaning “**darkness**” or “**shadows.**”

The **symbolism** of the service is not difficult to understand. As the Passion Story unfolds, the darkness **increases**, until, with the death of our Lord. The candles remain unlit until Easter morning to symbolize the three days in the tomb.

Gathering

The liturgy begins in silence.

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12

The Passion According to St. John, Part One: John 18:1–11

(First candle is extinguished)

Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep (verse 1)

ELW #322

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

The Passion According to St. John, Part Two: John 18:12–27

(Second candle is extinguished.)

Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep (verse 2)

ELW #322

God sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
in Christ our Lord to this world came.

The Passion According to St. John, Part Three: John 18:28–40

(Third candle is extinguished.)

Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep (verse 3)

ELW #322

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

The Passion According to St. John, Part Four: John 19:1–7

(Fourth candle is extinguished.)

Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep (verse 4)

ELW #322

For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

The Passion According to St. John, Part Five: John 19:8–16a

(Fifth candle is extinguished.)

Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep (verse 5)

ELW #322

For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

The Passion According to St. John, Part Six: John 19:16b–22

(Sixth candle is extinguished.)

Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep (verse 6)

ELW #322

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

The Passion According to St. John, Part Seven: John 19:23-30

(Seventh candle is extinguished.)

Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep (verse 7)

ELW #322

All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

The Passion According to St. John, Part Eight: John 19:31-42

(Eighth candle is extinguished.)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

- v 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- v 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- v 4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
- v 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Bidding Prayer

The minister leads the invitation to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid.

Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
 C **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.**

We Glory in Your Cross

- P We glory in your cross, O Lord...
 ...we adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
 C **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Words of Hope

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."



Holy Week

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