

Maundy Thursday

Amazing Grace

Faith Lutheran Church

April 6, 2023

7:00 PM

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” *1 Corinthians 11:25*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

- 1) 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.

- 2) Follow to the judgement hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from him to bear the cross.

- 3) Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 116:1-9, 12-13

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

P: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C: The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

P: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

C: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living ...

P: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: John and his brother James were Jesus' disciples. They believed in their Lord and Savior, but they sought the glory of the kingdom and hoped to place themselves above others when Jesus ruled in glory. There would be glory to come, but the cross and suffering would come first. Let us repent of our own prideful, glory-seeking ways, confessing our sins and asking for forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, we confess that we often seek glory for ourselves and our own plans. We are not always willing to suffer for Jesus' sake. We want attention for ourselves instead of seeking to glorify our Lord. Seeking to shun suffering and loss, we do not live in humble service to others in Jesus' name. We look to our own interests and needs ahead of the needs of others. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

P: God looked on us in grace and sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus laid aside his glory to be born among us, to live in humility and to suffer and die for the sins of the world. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Empowered by his grace and forgiveness, we follow in our Lord's steps as we live in love and humble service in his name.

C: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of
the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Please Be Seated

FIRST READING: John 13:1-17

REFLECTION *"The Humble King"*

SONG: *"Cornerstone"*

(Please see screen for lyrics.)

SECOND READING: Matthew 26:17-30

REFLECTION *"Judas, How could you???"*

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Please stand as the Offertory begins.

OFFERTORY: *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; ♪
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C: you gave your Son both as sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS

P: Lord Jesus, your followers sought personal glory, looking ahead to the triumph of your kingdom. That glory was sure to come, but they did not understand that a cross stood in the way on that path to glory. For us, you willingly laid aside your glory and humbly took up the cross for the sake of our salvation. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, your disciple John received your grace and forgiveness. You entrusted him with the care of your mother Mary. Give us grace to care for one another and to help the sick and suffering among us. We bring their names before you now in prayer ...Have mercy on them and heal them according to your will. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, your disciple James suffered martyrdom for the sake of your name. John may have suffered exile as an apostle and witness for you. When we are ridiculed or held in contempt because we believe in you, by the power of your Spirit, help us to bear the cross and to remain steadfast in faith and witness. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P; Lord Jesus, we do not deserve the grace we have received. You have given us the gift of your body and blood, given and shed for forgiveness of our sins. We remember your suffering and death and give thanks for your holy Supper. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, your disciples suffered as faithful witnesses for you. Now in your eternal kingdom, they experience in all of its fullness the glory that you have won for them. Lead us to be faithful witnesses for you as we proclaim your death and resurrection until you return in glory as King and Judge of all. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Amen.

REFLECTION *“Real Presence”*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD’S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

If you would prefer to commune from your pew, our communion helpers will come to you after all tables have been served.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *"Oh Come to the Altar"*
"Amazing Grace"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BENEDICTION (Mark 10:42-45; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

P: You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great one's exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

C: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

P: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

C: Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR
(During the reading of Psalm 22)

Leave in silence.