



**YET NOT WHAT I WILL,
BUT WHAT YOU WILL.** MARK 14:36

Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Combined Newville Lutheran Community Worship
Big Spring United Lutheran Church
Center Lutheran Church
Centerville Lutheran Church
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
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The *congregation*, or participants, *respond* with the lines in *bold type*.

PRELUDE

THE SERVICE BEGINS IN SILENCE

INSTRUCTION:

In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to Intensify our 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 committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of the Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of the love for us in Jesus, our Savior. Within the community of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and life. In the words of absolution we receive forgiveness from God. This absolution we should not doubt, but firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We, who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example the Lord gave us on the night before his death.

It is, however, in the Holy Communion that the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and share the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of himself and participate in that new covenant which makes us one in him. This meal is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSIONAL HYMN (ELW 348)

Stay with Me

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "pray. Watch and pray." and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and ends with a double bar line.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

We are reconciled to God and each other through the forgiveness of sin. We are able to confess our sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercies and of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

Amen.

Let us make confession to God,

I am a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I deserve your punishment.

But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.

For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, and give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life ever-lasting. Amen.

Almighty God, in mercy, has given Jesus Christ to die for you and, for his sake forgives you all your sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses you and gives you power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called you out of darkness into the splendor of light.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Let us pray. Holy God, you are the source of all love. On the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave His disciple as new commandment. He taught them to love on another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit, write that commandment in our hearts; though your son, Jesus Christ , our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12:1-14

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. [⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a

year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this

month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the

blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] 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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 14th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 14:12-25-, 32-42

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter

and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.
³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?" ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

GOSPEL RESPONSE

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY: Vicar Andrew Berdahl

(Silence for a time of reflection)

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 347 verses 1 & 4)

Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for renewed life in the church, abundant hope in the world, and holy compassion for all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy and merciful God, gather your people around one heavenly food, the body and blood of Christ. Unite us with him, so that we may show his love to all the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Draw forth from the earth grain and fruit that nourishes the body. In our eating and drinking remind us of your goodness and of Christ's sacrifice for our sake. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Free all who are in bondage, as you did for Israel, the first chosen of your covenant. Free us all from the bondage of sin through the new covenant in Christ's blood. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Kneel at the feet of all who are in great need. We pray for those we now name aloud or in our hearts. (pause) Show them your compassion, and surround them with people who will lovingly serve them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany the sisters and brothers of Christ through this great celebration of his death and resurrection. Encourage us to bear Christ for a world in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Teach us by the witness of all who faithfully confessed Christ crucified and risen for the salvation of the world. Call us to follow you as they did. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the One who endured the cross, forgives our sins, and feeds us at His table. Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you

THE OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham and Sarah you promised to bless all nations. In power and great glory you rescued Israel, your chosen from the oppression of Pharaoh; you shielded your people from the angel of death; delivered them out of the hands of their pursuers, and, by fire and cloud,

led them through the sea out of despair and slavery into freedom and the land you had promised.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this the end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks and said:

Bah-Rouch a-Tah a-do-nai el-o-hey-nu
Mel-ech ha-o-lam ha-mo-tsey mat-zah may na-ar-etz.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

And he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, and gave thanks and said:

Bah-Rouch a-tah a-do-nai el-o-hey-nu mel-ech ha-o-lam
bo-rey pe-ree ha-go-fain.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who gives us the fruit of the vine.

Then he gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we give you thanks for Christ our Passover Lamb whom by his life and death has delivered us from

our captivity to sin, whose blood shields us from the angel of death, who leads us into the fullness of your promises, and who now spreads his Passover meal before us.

Send now your Holy Spirit, that we who gather at his table may be filled with his blessing and grace and by your mercy, may enter into the fullness of your kingdom, and with all your people share the feast that has no end.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ruler of the universe; all praise and glory are yours, now and for-ever. Amen.

Lord remember us in your kingdom and make us bold to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The body of Christ given for you.
Amen.

The blood of Christ shed for you.
Amen

The communion blessed this evening will be used for home communion visits to some of our members to connect us in worship together.

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(Matthew 27:28 states, “They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him.” As Jesus was stripped of all dignity and power at his crucifixion, the chancel—front section of the worship space—is stripped as we anticipate the commemoration of Christ’s suffering and death on the cross of Golgotha. Psalm 22 is read as the items are taken from the chancel. The congregation is asked to leave in silence following the stripping of the altar.)

PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in

worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

The service concludes in silence after the Psalm 22 has been concluded. Please remain in prayer and meditation as long as you desire. Our worship continues tomorrow on Good Friday.

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Vicar Andrew Berdahl
Mr. Nathan Grippin

Presiding
Preaching Minister
Music

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