



Holy Week Series

More Than Meets the Eye

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 9, 2020

INVOCATION & CONFESSION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C Amen.

P On Ash Wednesday, there were physical signs of our penitence, visible in the mirror and to everyone we met. Ashes were placed on each of our individual foreheads as a reminder that we are dust, and to dust we will return. One day soon, we will again receive our Lord's body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine — certainly more than our physical eyes can perceive. But we cannot commune with our Lord so intimately, since we are sinners; penitence is not enough. We need God's forgiveness, assured thereby that God's Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, has staved off the death sentence our sins deserve as surely as the Seder lamb's blood told the angel of death to pass over the Israelite homes so long ago. Let us together confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, by nature sinful and unclean, confess to You that I have failed to see You present in my daily living. In addition to my faults that are visible to the people around me, You know my secret thoughts, my whispered words, and my secret actions. For my sins, both known and unknown, I am heartily sorry. I repent of them and pray that You will show me mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN: LSB 857 "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way"



1 Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser -	vant	way	Wher -
2 You	came	to	earth,	O	Christ,	as	Lord,	But
3 No	gold -	en	scep -	ter	but	a	towel	You
4 You	bid	us	bend	our	hu -	man	pride	Nor
5 Lord,	help	us	walk	Your	ser -	vant	way	Wher -



ev -	er	love	may	lead	And,	bend -	ing	low,	for -
pow'r	You	laid	a -	side.	You	lived	Your	years	in
place	with -	in	the	hands	Of	those	who	seek	to
count	our -	selves	a -	bove	The	low -	est	place,	the
ev -	er	love	may	lead	And,	bend -	ing	low,	for -



get -	ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth -	er's	need.
ser -	vant -	hood;	In	low -	li -	ness	You	died.
fol -	low	You	And	live	by	Your	com -	mands.
mean -	est	task	That	waits	the	gift	of	love.
get -	ting	self,	Each	serve	the	oth -	er's	need.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray: O Lord, in the wondrous Sacrament of Holy Communion You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that, whenever we receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood, the fruits of Your redemption may continually be shown in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Exodus 12:1-14*

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they 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 flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on

your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and 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 are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 11:23-32*

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In 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." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

P This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING: *John 13:1-17, 31-35*

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I

have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

SERMON HYMN: 436 *LSB* "Go to Dark Gethsemane"



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne,	All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall,	View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb;	There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb	Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r;	Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar-raigned;	Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!
at His feet,	Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay;	All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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THE MESSAGE: "More Than Meets the Eye" *Pastor Sundbom*

PRAYERS:

P Lord Jesus Christ, on the solemn night of Your betrayal, You instituted the Sacrament in which You feed us Your body offered on the cross and Your blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Help us to look beyond the humble elements of bread and wine and find in, with, and under them our dearest treasure so that we may fix our eyes upon You, the author and perfecter of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P As You preserved Your holy people Israel during the Passover through the blood of lambs and led them out of bondage in Egypt, so also preserve us by Your precious blood and lead us out of bondage to sin and the devil. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer

P As we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, grant that we fear no evil, knowing that You have promised to those who

eat of Your body and drink Your blood eternal life and that they will be raised up on the last day. Lord, in Your mercy,

☐ hear our prayer

☐ As You loved Your own in the world to the end, so also may we love our neighbors as ourselves and show to the world that we are Your disciples. Lord, in Your mercy,

☐ hear our prayer

☐ Through the saving bath of Holy Baptism, You have washed us clean and made us acceptable to the Father. May we likewise wash the feet of our neighbors through the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

☐ hear our prayer

☐ Finally, let us pray together the prayer our Lord has taught us:

☐ 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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

☐ Let us pray. O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and

to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

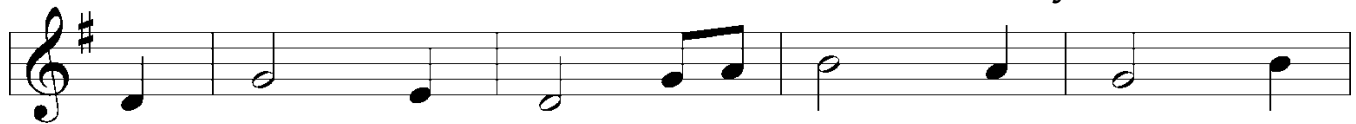
C Amen.

BENEDICTION:

P The blessing of almighty God—the Father, who sent His Son into the flesh, the † Son, who lived a truly human life in our stead, and the Holy Spirit, who has given us faith to trust our Savior—be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 437 LSB “Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The



did my sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut his glo - ries in When God, the might - y
His dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head For such a worm as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
mak - er, died For His own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, And melt mine eyes to tears.
self a - way: 'Tis all that I can do.

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READING OF PSALM 22: