

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

“Gathered by Grace - Sent to Serve”

Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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ORDER OF SERVICE *The assembly speaks the bold verses*

Preparing for Worship

You are invited to create and design your own home worship space. You can use a table in the living room, a coffee table, a bedside stand, or a TV table.

- Create a darkened atmosphere with indirect or lamp lighting and candlelight. If you have enough candles, leave one candle (or one candle for each person) unlit until the end of the worship experience.
- Get a small bowl and place a “dollop” of some kind of oil in it for anointing.
- Fill a large serving bowl with warm water and get towels for drying hands.
- Get something to eat (coffee and your favorite breakfast item, a snack, coffee hour treats, sandwich or lunch items, dinner, your favorite comfort food.)

On Ash Wednesday, we began Lent with a major act of confession and ashes, but we did not receive forgiveness in the absolution. That forgiveness comes now "in the name and by the command of our Lord," at the worship celebrating Christ's love. The peace is shared after absolution and seals that forgiveness in a loving embrace, as if embraced by Christ himself.

*In addition, on Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. This worship begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day. The name 'Maundy Thursday' comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the 'new commandment' Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34). In other words, this is 'new commandment Thursday.'*

Individual Prayer and Reflection

We begin our worship tonight in individual prayer reflecting on our Lenten journey.

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

You have come to make confession before God,
sins of which you are aware and which trouble you.

Merciful God,

I confess that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Compassionate God,
**I repent of all my sins, known and unknown.
I am truly sorry, and I pray for forgiveness.
I firmly intend to amend my life,
and to seek help in mending what is broken.
I ask for strength to turn from sin
and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

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.
Amen.

Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

#779

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Dwelling in the Word

Scripture (excerpt from John 12:1-11)

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. Judas objected: Why was the money not used to feed the poor? Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial."

Reflection from Mary, friend of Jesus

Hymn

"Baptized and Set Free"

#453

**We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water,
all living things,
and by life that the Spirit
abundantly brings.**

**As we journey toward home,
may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing,
now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.**

**All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.**

Not enslaved, but set free!

**From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!**

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956. Text © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

Scripture (excerpt from John 13:3-8;12-16)

When they finished supper, Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with a towel. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" After he had washed their feet and returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? Learn from me. You call me teacher, Lord. If I have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

Reflection from Simon Peter, disciple

Scripture Reading (excerpt from John 13:21-30)

Jesus was troubled in spirit that night, and he said, "I'm telling you: one of you is going to betray me." The disciples looked at each other, not sure who or what he was talking about. Peter leaned over to Jesus and said, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus turned to Judas, and gave him his own piece of bread. "Go quickly," Jesus said to him. "Do what you are going to do."

Reflection from Judas, disciple

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free
and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
by anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be
and taste your promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point out your chosen way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
and share your joy at last.**

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

Comfort Food – A Feast of Love

Scripture Reading (excerpt from Matthew 26:36-27:37)

After dinner, they went to the Garden of Gethsemane and Jesus prayed. And then the soldiers came, and they arrested Jesus. They took him to the Council, and to the Governor’s palace, where they tried to make it look like a trial--but it wasn’t. And then finally, they led him away, to the place where criminals were hung, always, on crosses. So that they would die—slowly, painfully. Jesus was hung between two other crosses, bandits on each side of him. And the sign over Jesus’ cross said, “This was the King of the Jews.”

Reflection from a Roman Soldier

Scripture (excerpt from John 19:26-27)

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother and some other women he had known well. When he saw his mother, and the disciple John there in front of him, Jesus said, “Take this son in my place... Take good care of my mother.”

Reflection from Mary, Mother of Jesus

Scripture (excerpt from Mark 15:40-41; Mark 16:1-2)

Mark's gospel mentions our last character at the scene of the cross, "Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome." Salome later accompanies the women to the tomb.

Reflection from Salome, friend of Jesus

Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

#347

**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.**

**Follow to the judgment hall,
view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.**

**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.**

**Early hasten to the tomb,
where they laid his breathless clay;
all is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Sending

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a community who believes in God’s love, knows Jesus as Savior, and is blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thankful for these gifts, we gather to pray and praise, explore God’s Word and its meaning for our lives, strengthen each other in our witness, and serve each other and our neighbors in the world.

VISION STATEMENT

Gathered by Grace ~ Sent to serve.
*Core Values: Spirituality, Community,
Grace, Helping Others, Creativity.*