

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018

BELLS

OPENING HYMN

When You Woke That Thursday Morning



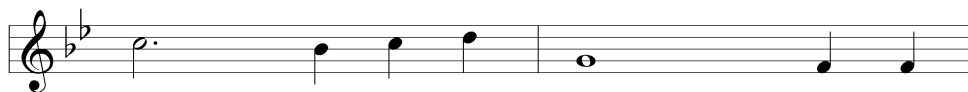
1 When you woke that Thurs-day morn - ing, Sav - ior,
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing
3 What was there that you could give them that would
4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, all one
5 One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright



Teach - er, faith - ful Friend, Thoughts of
with tor - ment - ed heart To be
nev - er be out - spent, What great
bod - y, you the head, When we
vis - ion glo - ri - ous, And your



self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing
with your dear ones on - ly for a
gift that would out - live them, what last
meet, by you in - vit - ed, you are
saints will know the rap - ture that your



how the day would end; Lamb of
qui - et hour a - part; Sin - less
will and tes - ta - ment? "Show me
with us, as you said. One with
heart de - sired for us, When the



God, fore - told for ag - es, now at last the
Lamb and fall - en crea - tures, one last pas - chal
and the world you love me, know me as the
you and one an - oth - er in a u - ni -
longed - for peace and un - ion of the great - est



hour had come When but One could pay sin's
meal to eat, One last les - son as their
Lamb of God; Do this in re - mem - brance
ty sub - lime, See in us your sis - ter,
and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wag - es: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.
of me, eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
broth - er, one in ev - 'ry place and time.
mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

- M In this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation.
- C **We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another.**
- M This is the struggle to which we were committed at baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior. Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself.
- C **This absolution we should not doubt but firmly believe, that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.**
- M 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.
- C **In Holy Communion the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love.**
- M Remembering our Lord's last supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal.
- C **Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness, and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another.**
- M The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- M Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.
- C **Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**
- M Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.
- C **Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**
- M The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on the cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promises that we may always partake of this Sacrament to our eternal good, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

M As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (*1 Corinthians 11:26*).

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-26, Bible page 1019

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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HYMN OF THE DAY 135, vv. 1-5

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

SERMON

Mark 14:12-26; Bible page 1019

Pastor David Kuehl

Love Is a Four-Letter Word

1. Revealed in ordinary events
2. Revealed in extraordinary events

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (3:30 pm)

The Communion Gospel, Michele and Lydia Eiche
by Jon Eiche

(7:00 pm)

Were You There? / There Is a Balm in Gilead
Bruce and Betty Marggraf

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,
- C **we gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.**
- M For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,
- C **we give you humble and hearty thanks.**
- M As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,
- C **we also give you thanks.**
- M Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.
- C **We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
- M O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this Sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.
- C **Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.**
- M As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.
- C **Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

- M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

- M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

See communion note on page 8.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 311

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Draw Near

Refrain

Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y
of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!
Drink the blood for you out-poured!

To verses | *Last time*

Verses

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out-poured.
Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.

Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With
He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him -
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In

To Refrain

souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
self the of - f'ring and him - self the Priest.
all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
this great feast of love be with us now.

CLOSING PRAYER

M Let us pray.

Gracious heavenly Father, in the midst of this Passion Week, when we remember all that your beloved Son sacrificed for us, you have given us a remembrance of the Passover meal and the freedom from bondage it recalls. You have given us true pardon and peace in this Holy Supper, and a foretaste of the feast to come. Keep us firm in the true faith that our sins are forgiven by faith in your Son until we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom that has no end. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

M After the Last Supper, less than twenty-four hours remained in the earthly life of our Lord. Events moved rapidly: prayer in Gethsemane, betrayal by Judas, arrest, mock trial, painful beating, the trudge to Golgotha, and execution.

Jesus' offered body and his shed blood have been given to us in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Mystery.

C As he was removed from us in the grave, so we remove the elements and vessels of this Sacrament.

M The missal stand holds our worship books that guide our worship life together as we sing praises to God.

C As Jesus suffers, joyous songs are not heard.

M As these sounds of joy are removed from our lips, we remove the missal stand and its book.

M Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (*John 8:12*).

C The events of Golgotha snuffed out the human life of Jesus, the Light of the world.

M As creation was dark when he suffered, so we extinguish our candles and remove them.

M Our offerings represent one way of serving God and others. They reflect God's greatest offering to the world and to us in sending his Son, Jesus, in human form.

C As the offered body of Jesus was removed from sight in burial, so we remove our offerings.

M The altar is the place where our Lord Jesus serves us as both host and meal at his banquet feast. The coverings and paraments are made of fine linen and brocade; materials appropriate for feasting with our King.

C As our King's body was stripped in crucifixion, so our altar is stripped of its coverings.

M The cross is where Jesus took on our punishment to be able to give us the gift of heaven.

C When John the Baptist saw Jesus he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (*John 1:29*)

M Because this statement was fulfilled on the cross on Good Friday, the cross alone will remain on the altar in preparation for our observance tomorrow.

"When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives" (*Mark 14:26*).

We close the service without the traditional words of blessing because our Holy Week worship does not end today, but continues tomorrow as we commemorate the events of Good Friday and concludes finally on Easter.

ORGANIST (3:30 pm) Jess Lembke
(7:00 pm) Darik Mischke

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Following the Promise is held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org to register.

If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of Christian Worship to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.

The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pew in the left center section is reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.
