



Maundy Thursday

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School, Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Communion & Tenebrae Service, April 14, 2022, 6:30 PM

Notes on This Evening's Service: *Thursday of the Mandatum or Maundy Thursday* – The name for this day comes from our Lord's instruction to His disciples in John 13, "A new commandment I give, that you love one another." We recall that Jesus washed His disciples' feet, in a simple action that taught the disciples, and the church, that Christ's lordliness is shown forth in His humble service for us. The Lord also gave, and continues to give of Himself, in the Sacrament of the Altar, where in fulfillment of Christ's command and promise we "Do this"—receiving the forgiveness of sins in His true Body and Blood given for us to eat and drink in the bread and wine. Following our solemn, yet joyous commemoration of His institution of the Sacrament we travel with the Servant Lord to the Garden where we see His humiliation for us begin in the midst of *Tenebrae*—meaning "*Shadow*" or "*Darkness*." As our sanctuary descends into darkness, the altar is stripped. This Maundy Thursday tradition is a stunning, visual reminder of Christ's emptying of Himself for us. This symbolic action is accompanied by the singing of Kingo's great passion hymn "Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth" and David's hymn of His Lord's suffering, Psalm 22. Following the final Collect of Thanks, all may remain for silent prayer and meditation, then depart in quiet peace and joy.

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior, we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a “Get Connected!” card (On the Welcome table and in front of you in the pew). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon.

Order of Service, Rite Two (p. 60)



I. The Service of Preparation

(We prepare ourselves for worshipping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)

~**Prelude** — *Preservice music & opportunity for prayer*

*(See “Prayers for Worship”
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Hymn 328, vv. 1, 3, 6, 7** *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

(ELH p. 60; Matt. 28:19)

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

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Confession & Absolution** — *Admitting our guilt & receiving God’s forgiveness*

(ELH p. 60, I; Ps 124:8, Ps 32:5)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Who made heav’n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

C: I do.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with You!

C: Amen

~Introit

(ELH p. 62; p. 143)

P: God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty. God be merciful to us and bless us: and cause His face to shine on us.

~Gloria Patri — *Glory to the Father*

(ELH p. 62)

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

~Kyrie Eleison — *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 63, II)

C: ♪ Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

~Salutation — *The people’s blessing for the pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 66)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~Collect — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 66; p. 154, #57)

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You, that of Your infinite mercy You have instituted this Your Sacrament, in which we eat Your body and drink Your blood: Grant us, we beseech You, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not receive this gift unworthily, but that we may confess our sins, remember Your agony and death, believe the forgiveness of sin, and day by day grow in faith and love, until we obtain eternal salvation; through You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

II. The Service of the Word



(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)

~Lessons

(EHV)

1 Corinthians 11:23-29 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the meal, he also took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Lord's body and blood. Instead, let a person examine himself and after doing so, let him eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy way because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Matthew 26:20-30 When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. As they were eating, he said, "Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me."

They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I, Lord?"

He replied, "The one who dipped his hand in the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man is going just as it is written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born."

Judas, who betrayed him, replied, "Surely, not I, Rabbi?"

He said to him, "Yes, you are the one."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, "Take, eat, this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you that I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

~Senior Choir

The Tree of Life by Stephen P. Starke, setting by Walker Williams

*The tree of life with every good
In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
Against whose eating God had warned.*

*What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by His grace;
In sending One from woman's seed,
The One to fill our greatest need
For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent's head!*

*The stillness of that sacred grove
Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice to Eve beguile
And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed
Within the world so newly made.*

*Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood
The tree of life with every good.*

~Lessons

(EHV)

Mark 14:17-26 When it was evening, he arrived with the Twelve.

While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

They began to be sorrowful and said to him one by one, "Surely not I?"

He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread. When he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take it. This is my body."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many. Amen I tell you: I will certainly not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." After they sang a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Luke 22:14-23 When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you."

"But look, the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man is going to go as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

They began to discuss with one another which of them it was who was going to do this.

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(*ELH p. 69*)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

~Chief Hymn 320, vv. 1-4, 6 *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed*

~Sermon

The Three Unions in Holy Communion

- 1. Bread and wine with body and blood.*
- 2. Sinners and God.*
- 3. Believers with one another.*

~Offering & Hymn of Preparation 315 *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*

(We take this time to acknowledge and thank God for moving the hearts of His people to continue to support the mission and work of our church. Our ushers will bring the offering plates forward to the altar and the pastor will offer a prayer of thanks. Please Note: You may place any offerings into the plates on the stands at the main aisle entrance to the Sanctuary either before or after the service. Online giving is also available through mtolivelutheran.org or by text message through your smartphone by texting the amount you would like to give to 833-726-3742 (a link will be provided for first-time users to register an account.)

III. The Service of Holy Communion



(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)

Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal, pp. 38-40.

Guests & Visitors: *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion". We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to Speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

~Preparation Prayer before Holy Communion

(ELH p. 40)

P: We do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the Lord who desires always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Body of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

~Preface

(ELH p. 72-73)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~Holy Week Preface

(ELH p. 73-75)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; On the tree of the cross You gave salvation to all mankind that, whence death arose, by the fault of one man, thence also life might arise by the obedience of one Man; and that even as Satan once overcame by a tree, likewise by a tree he was overcome, through the death of Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~Sanctus — “Holy, Holy, Holy”

(ELH p. 76)

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 77-78; Mt 6:9-13)

P: 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.

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Words of Institution (ELH p. 78; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

~The Pax Domini — *"The Peace of the Lord"* (ELH p. 79; Jn 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~Agnus Dei — *"Lamb of God"* (ELH p. 79ff; Jn 1:29)

C: ♪ **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

~Distribution (Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

Hymn 324, vv. 1-6 O Jesus, at Your Altar Now

Hymn 316-317 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Hymn 324, vv. 7-14 Look Earthward, Angels

Hymn 313, vv. 12-15 With Thee, Lord, I Am Now United

~Dismissal of Communicants (ELH p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

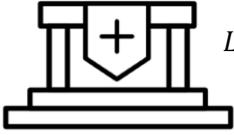
~Versicle and Collect of Thanksgiving (ELH p. 83, II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

C: ♪ **We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**



IV. Maundy Thursday Stripping of the Altar and Tenebrae

Lights are slowly extinguished and the altar is stripped, symbolizing the Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and the apparent victory of the powers of darkness in His betrayal and arrest. We compare the events of Christ's agony, as portrayed in one of Lutheranism's finest poems, Kingo's hymn "Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth" with King David's Messianic Psalm 22. At the end of the service, you may remain for personal prayer and meditation or you may quietly depart.

~**Tenebrae Lesson** — *Scripture account of Jesus' entering the "darkness" of His passion*

Matthew 26:30-32; 36-38 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

~**Tenebrae Collect**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, grant unto us hearts that willingly watch with You as we recall Your suffering and agony for the sake of our salvation. In Your name we pray. **C: Amen.**

~**Hymn 295, vv. 1-3** *Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth*

~**Psalm 22:1-5**

(Sung by Soloist as Altar is stripped by Altar Guild members)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning? O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent. But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; they trusted in You and were not ashamed.

~**Hymn 295, vv. 4, 5** *See How, Anguish Struck*

~Psalm 22:6-11

(Sung by Soloist as Altar is stripped by Altar Guild members)

But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made me trust while on My mother's breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God. Be not far from Me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

~Hymn 295 v. 6 *But, O Flow'rs, So Sadly Watered*

~Psalm 22:12-15

(Sung by Soloist as Altar is stripped by Altar Guild members)

Many bulls have surrounded Me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, like a raging and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.

~Hymn 295 vv. 7, 8 *When As Flow'rs Themselves, I Wither*

~Psalm 22:16-19

(Sung by Soloist as Altar is stripped by Altar Guild members)

For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of wickedness has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

~Prayer at the End of Divine Service

(ELH p. 40)

P: Let us pray: O Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You have redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we humbly beseech You to set Your Passion, Cross and Death between Your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of death. Give us mercy and grace, and grant Your Church concord and peace, that at length we shall enjoy everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit You reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~Silent Prayer & Meditation

(Lights will remain dimmed. Please exit in silence.)

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Organist: John Baumann
Choir Director: Kayelynn Lawson
Soloist: Mark DeGarmeaux
Violinist: Madeline Halvorson
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Holy Week Services

Good Friday | April 15th

Joint Tre-Ore Service @ St. Paul's 12p-3p

Communion Service @ Mt. Olive 6:30p



HE IS RISEN! Easter Celebration

April 17th | Sunrise Service 7:30a

Easter Breakfast (in Gym-hosted by Mt. Olive youth) 8:30a-9:30a

Festival Service w/ Holy Communion 10:00a
& Mon. April 18th 6:30p