

April 2, 2026 - Maundy Thursday
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Welcome

Watchword: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. Psalm 111:4

(Standing)

Call to Worship:

L: And thus, the forty-day trek nears an end. We enter into The Three Days—the time set aside to observe the mysteries of Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection.

A: As Christians, we believe that Christ died, rose, and will return for us. This is our confession of faith.

**Hymn: “O Love, How Deep, How Broad” MBW Page 485 verse 1
Tune 646**

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and
fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form
for mortals’ sake.**

L: Ash Wednesday found us face to face with our own sin. The Lenten journey has provided a season of repentance, a turning back to that which is good and right.

A: Tonight we complete the season of repentance, and celebrate God’s incredible mercy through his forgiveness of our sins. Though the season itself is ending, our repentance and God’s forgiveness are perpetual.

L: On this night, we commemorate Christ’s sharing of himself through the symbols of bread and wine.

A: A loaf of bread. A cup of wine. Simple elements with profound meaning.

L: Do this in remembrance of me.

A: Bread broken, the sign of Christ's body given for us. A cup poured, the sign of a new covenant of grace.

L: Love one another as I have loved you.

A: Through our love for others, no one can deny we are disciples of Christ.

L: The King of Glory stooped to the level of a servant as he washed the feet of his friends.

A: No one can deny the selfless love of Jesus Christ.

L: With Christ as our example, can we not, too, assume the servant role? May the love of Christ be mirrored in our actions in the city, workplace, and home.

A: Let our actions speak volumes. Through good works and love for neighbors, let all know we are children of God.

Opening Hymn: "Where Charity and Love Prevail" MBW Page 785 v 1, 3, 5

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst, dwells Christ, God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

For love excludes no race or clan that names the Savior's name; his family embraces all whose father is the same.

(Sitting)

Readings for Holy Week: Thursday Evening

First Reading: Pages 65-69 Sister Liz Reres

Preparation for the Passover

Luke 22:7-13; John 13:1

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters

and say to the owner of the house, “The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”” He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.” So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

The Last Supper

Luke 22:14-17, 24-27

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. 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 until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.”

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

John 13:2-20

During supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 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 the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!”

Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of

you.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

“Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

“I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, ‘The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

Second Reading Pages 70-74 Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Jesus Foretells His Betrayer

Mark 14:18-21; John 13:22-31

As they were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?”

He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For 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.”

The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples — the one whom Jesus loved — was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.

So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going

*By all the merits of your life,
By your humility, meekness, and patience,
By your griefs and sorrows,
By your prayers and tears,
By your having been despised and rejected,
By your atoning death,
By your divine presence,
By the holy sacraments,
Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.*

(Sitting)

Hymn:

Wells

**See, the feast of love is spread, drink the wine and break the
bread — sweet memorials — till the Lord call us round his
heav'nly board; some from earth, from glory some, severed only
“Till he come!”**

Third Reading Pages 75-77

Brother Todd Hallett

The New Commandment

John 13:33-35

“Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Jesus Foretells Peter’s Denial

Matthew 26:35; Luke 22:31-33;

John 13:36-38

Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?”

Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.”

Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.”

Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Jesus responded, "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Hymn:

Devotion

More love to thee, O Christ! More love to thee; hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee; this is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee!

Purse, Bag, and Sword

Luke 22:35-38

Jesus said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

They said, "No, not a thing."

He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords."

He replied, "It is enough."

Hymn:

Coena Domini (1 C)

It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease and Jesus call us to heav'n's perfect peace.

Fourth Reading Part A Pages 78-79 Brother Peter Ziegeler

Jesus Is the Way to the Father

John 14:1-14

Jesus continued, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you

to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Hymn:

Dundee (14 P)

**You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee; and
those who would the Father seek your followers must be.
You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know;
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.**

Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where we are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Hymn:

Southampton (14 F)

**Lord, teach us how to pray aright, with rev’rence and with fear;
though dust and ashes in your sight, we may, we must draw
near.**

**Give faith in your great sacrifice that does for sin atone, to cast
our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ alone.**

Fourth Reading Part B Pages 80-81 Brother Gabriel Sanchez

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

John 14:15-31

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?”

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

“You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

“I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.”

Hymn:

Eisenach (90 A)

**Christ is our Master, Lord, and God, the fullness of the Three
in One. His life, death, righteousness, and blood our faith’s
foundation are alone; his Godhead and his death shall be Our
theme to all**

eternity.

Fifth Reading Pages 82-87 Sister Donna Rose Ziegeler

Jesus The True Vine

John 15:1-17

When they had sung a hymn, Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

"You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

Hymn:

Tallis' Canon (22 T)

You are the vine; your heavenly root supplies each branch with life and fruit; O may a lasting union join my soul to Christ, the living vine!

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

"I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

"You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Hymn:

Cassel (167 A)

Grant, Lord, that with thy direction, “Love each other,” we comply, aiming with unfeigned affection thy love to exemplify; let our mutual love be glowing; thus the world will plainly see that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in thee.

The World’s Hatred

John 15:18-16:4

“If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world — therefore the world hates you.

“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.

But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

“If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also.

“If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated me without a cause.’

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.”

Hymn:

Batty (16 A)

Witness here to all around you of your Savior’s dying love; tell them how he sought and found gave you grace from heav’n above.

Evidence by word and action that your faith is not in vain, that your highest satisfaction centers in the Lamb once slain.

“I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.”

Sixth Reading Pages Pg.87-91 Sister Charlott Bramwell

The Work of the Spirit

John 16:4-1

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.”

Hymn:

Dundee (14 P)

**Most tender Spirit, mighty God, sweet must thy presence be, if
loss of Jesus can be gain, so long as we have thee.**

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Sorrow Will Turn to Joy

John 16:16-33

“A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me.”

Then some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying to us, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” They said, “What does he mean by this ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, ‘A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’? Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.”

Hymn:

Hayn (82 D)

**Jesus makes my heart rejoice, I'm his sheep and know his voice;
he's a Shepherd, kind and gracious, and his pastures are
delicious; constant love to me he shows, yea, my very name he
knows.**

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.”

His disciples said, “Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.”

Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will

leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”

Hymn:

Seelenbräutigam (68 A)

Jesus, still lead on till our rest be won; and although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless; guide us by your hand to the promised land.

Jesus, still lead on till our rest be won; heav’nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us, till we safely stand in the promised land.

Seventh Reading Pages 92-97 Sister Muriel Timari

(Standing)

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

John 17:1-26

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

“I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

“I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to

you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

“While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

“I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

“As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

“Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Hymn:

Cassel (167 A)

O that such may be our union as thine with the Father is, and not one of our communion e'er forsake the path of bliss; may our light break forth with brightness, from thy light reflected shine; thus the world will bear us witness that we, Lord, are truly thine.

(Sitting)

The Agony in Gethsemane

John 18:1-2; Matthew 26:36-39; Luke 22:43-44

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden called Gethsemane, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.

Hymn:

Olive's Brow

**'Tis midnight and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately
shone; 'tis midnight; in the garden now the suffering Savior
prays alone.**

Then he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Hymn:

Bedford (14 C)

**In the last hour of deep distress, Before his Father's throne, With
soul resigned, he bowed and said, "Thy will, not mine, be done!"**

Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength.

(Standing)

In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

(Sitting)

Silent Prayer

Skip hymns Pg. 98 and 99

***By prayers and tears,
By all the troubles of your life,***

***By the grief and anguish of your soul,
By your agony and bloody sweat,
Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God.***

Eighth Reading Pages 100-102 Sister Donna Montanti

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Matthew 26:40-56; Mark 14:44-46, 51-52; John 18:3-9

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?"

They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus replied, "I am he."

Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground.

Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me."

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

Hymn:

Passion Chorale (151 A)

**My Savior was betrayed, reproach and pain to meet; my sins the
Lord conveyed 'fore Pilate's judgment seat; these, these did him
deliver into the foe's dire hand; I should have felt forever the
pangs my Lord sustained.**

Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Hymn:

Ratisbon

**Lord, may we not fall away failing in our lives to pray. Keep us
close to your blessed side, there may we in love abide; ever with
the ransomed sing grateful praises to our King.**

Ninth Reading Pages 103-108 Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Jesus' Trial before Jewish Authorities

John 18:12-14, 18-24; 26:59-68

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together.

I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.”

When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?”

Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Hymn:

Herzliebster Jesu

O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken that such sharp sentence should on you be spoken? Of what great crime have you to make confession, what dark transgression?

How strange is this great paradox to ponder: the shepherd dies for sheep who love to wander; the master pays the debt his servants owe him, who would not know him.

Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.

At last two came forward and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”

The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

They answered, “He deserves death.”

Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Hymn:

Zurich (168 A)

**Lord, your deep humiliation has atoned for all my pride; I need
fear no condemnation since for sinners you have died. You
became a curse, dear Savior, to restore me to God's favor;
thousand, thousand thanks are due dearest Jesus, unto you.**

Peter's Denial of Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."

After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed.

Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Hymn:

PENITENCE

**In the hour of tri-al, Jesus, plead for me; lest by base de-ni-al I
depart from thee; when thou seest me wa-ver, with a look recall,
nor for fear or fa-vor suffer me to fall.**

**When my last hour com-eth, fraught with strife and pain, when
my dust re-turn-eth to the dust again, on the truth re-ly-ing
through that mor-tal strife, Jesus, take me, dy-ing, to e-ter-nal
life.**

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory Hymn: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” MBW Page 577 vs. 1, 3, 5

Knees at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave__ to them._____ Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all ___ are neigh-bors to us _____ and you. ___ Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet, this is the way we should live ___ with you. _____ Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(Standing)

Doxology: “For the Life That You Have Given” MBW Page 819

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

Prayer of Blessing: Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

On this Holy Thursday, as we remember the selfless love of Christ, who gave everything for us, we bring before You our tithes and offerings. Just as Jesus humbled Himself to serve His disciples, may these gifts be used to serve those in need, to spread the Gospel, and to glorify Your name. Bless these offerings, Lord, that they may be multiplied for Your kingdom. Bless the hands that give and the hearts that long to give. May our generosity reflect the love and sacrifice of Christ, who gave His very life for our salvation. We offer this prayer in the name

of Jesus Christ, who on this night showed us the meaning of true love and service. Amen.

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

**Service for Holy Communion In Celebration of Maundy Thursday
Thin Blue Book of Communion Services Pg. 15**

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing, the congregation gives a nod or a wave of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.)

Hymn:

Tune MBW Page 450

Savior, now with contrite hearts we approach your throne of love, asking pardon for our sins, peace and comfort from above. You once suffered on the cross to atone for sinners' guilt; may we never, Lord, forget that for us your blood was spilled.

Praise to you from all souls here that your blood redemption buys, that salvation now is ours, that we're in your death baptized, that your body and your blood bring to God's eternal good; thus we, feeling you most near, share in your communion here.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

Hymn: “Break Now the Bread of Life”

MBW Page 502

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as when you broke
the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek You,
Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

**Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
blessed the bread by Galilee. Then show all bondage cease, or
fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All In All!**

**You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me. Your holy Word the
truth that rescues me. Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are Love.**

**O, send your Spirit, Lord, now unto me, that he may touch my
eyes and make me see. Show me the truth concealed within your
Word, and in your book revealed I see my Lord.**

Hymn:

SEELNBRAUTIGAM MBW Page 197

**Holy Trinity, we confess with joy that our life and whole
salvation flow from Christ’s blessed incarnation and his death
for us on the shameful cross.**

**Had we angels’ tongues, with seraphic songs, bowing hearts and
knees before you, Triune God, we would adore you in the highest
strain, for the Lamb once slain.**

**Jesus is my joy, therefore blessed am I; o, his mercy is
unbounded, all my hope on him is grounded; Jesus is my joy,
therefore blessed am I.**

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for
you.

(All partake together)

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence, By the holy sacraments, By all the merits of your
life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

(The congregation gives a nod or a wave of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ)

Hymn: Thin Blue Book of Communion COVENANT Page 25

Lamb of God, you shall remain forever of our songs the only theme; for your boundless love, your grace and favor, we will praise your saving name; that for our transgressions you were wounded shall by us in nobler strains be sounded, when we, perfected in love, once shall join the church above.

The Lord Bless you and keep you;
The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lifts up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

In the name of Jesus, A-men

Closing Hymn: “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” MBW Page 772

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art smiling, do not pass me by.

Refrain: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling; do not pass me by.

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief; kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. [Refrain]

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. [Refrain]

Thou the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heav'n but thee? [Refrain]

Postlude