

Hymn #109 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" vv. 1-3

*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.*

A Reading of Psalm 22

The Stripping of the Altar (during the reading)

Exit (the church lies in silence).



April 9, 2020
Maundy Thursday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday Blake Olson (April 12), Elizabeth Broders (April 13), Connie Petersen and Duane Theil (April 14).

Happy Anniversary Mick and Doreen Kullbom and Gary and Mary Weich (April 16) and Al and Sharon Boelman (April 19).

The church office will be closed Monday, April 13.

Check our Facebook page (Christ the Servant Lutheran LCMC) and webpage (www.christtheservantnorfolk.com) for information on how to view, hear, and participate in our services at home.

Check your email every Tuesday for a message from Pastor Steve and the Congregation Council. Those without e-mail will be mailed a copy.

Keep in touch with each other by phone. Let them hear a personal voice on the other end.

Worship services and other activities are cancelled until further notice. Offerings can be mailed or brought to the office during regular hours.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Church family: Tammy Buckendahl, Don Burke, Arlis Lind, Harold Dunlap, Mona Jean Roberts

Family/friends: Wyatt Haas, Austin Dalton, Darrell Knee, Diane DeCamp, Forrest Jamison, Jim Cyboron, Joe Kotalik, Kim Alvarez, Joe Grosserode; Jared and Sau Man Weich, Joe Rystrom in Hong Kong; Msaranga Mandaka Parish in Tanzania

Welcome and Invitation

P: This evening recalls the events with our Lord in the Upper Room.

C: We have come together not just to remember, but to respond to his call to pray, to serve one another, and to receive his presence in the Holy Supper.

Opening Reading: Psalm 16

Opening Hymn #95 "Glory Be to Jesus" vv. 1-3, 6

*Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the lifeblood
from his sacred veins.*

*Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion,
infinitely kind.*

*Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream
which from endless torment
did the world redeem.*

*Lift we then our voices,
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.*

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

P: As often as we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, let us examine ourselves that we may eat of the bread and drink of the cup, receiving in faith the grace of God which is poured out upon us through this holy supper.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

Prayers of the Church

For the Blessing of the Holy Sacrament

Holy God, we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, through which you offer us forgiveness and strength. Grant that we would cherish your Holy Supper for all its benefits, especially new life in Christ Jesus. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For the Love of Christ

Loving Lord, you have shown us the depths of your love through your Son. As he washed his disciples feet and instructed them to love one another as he had first love them, grant that same kind of love in our lives. Transform us into servants of Christ who stoop down to show love to those in need, those we already love, and those we do not know but who need to be loved. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For the Gift of Faith

Almighty God, pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit that we would be filled with such faith that our hearts would never waver from trusting in you. Let our faith be the very foundation of our lives and may we put you first in all we do and say. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For Respite and Relief

God of comfort, grant your people respite and relief from the busyness of our days. Help us to set aside time, just like now, where we sit quietly and dwell in your holy Word. For those who are weary of dealing with sickness, poverty, confusion, grief or pain we ask for hope and healing. [We remember especially . . .] Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Confession of Faith

P: Let us confess our faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, calling to mind the promises we are given through the Supper of our Lord.

What is Holy Communion?

C: Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.

P: What benefits do we receive from this sacrament?

C: The benefits of the sacrament are pointed out by the words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can eating and drinking do all this?

C: It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.

The Apostles' Creed

P: Upon this affirmation, let us now confess our faith in God and all that God has done, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Lost in our own selfish concerns, we have often failed to consider the needs of those around us. We pray that you would open our eyes to one another, and strengthen the communion we share as fellow members of the body of Christ. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. For here in the Sacrament, you receive from Christ's lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and conveys God's grace and Spirit with all his gifts,

C: Amen.

Responsive Prayer

P: O Lord, we welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. We come here today to offer our worship and praise. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make.

C: Some of us are burdened down with the stresses of daily life; some are weary from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and where it will lead.

P: Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him.

C: Let us experience his gentleness and steadfast love, for Jesus offers us his joy, so that our joy might be complete.

P: Confident in these promises, we offer this time of worship to you, O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for all that Jesus has done for us.

C: Let his joy be in us, that our joy may be full. Amen.

Hymn #203 "Now We Join in Celebration" vv. 1-3

*Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.*

*Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.*

*Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.*

Prayer of the Day

(written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer while in Tegel Prison in Berlin during WWII)

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.
Help me to pray and gather my thoughts to you,
I cannot do it alone.
In me it is dark, but with you there is light;
I am lonely, but you do not desert me;
My courage fails me, but with you there is help;
I am restless, but with you there is peace;
In me there is bitterness, but with you there is patience;
I do not understand your ways,
but you know the way for me.

Father in Heaven praise and thanks be to you for the night.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalm

Psalm 116:12-19

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:22-28

Special Music: "Worthy Is the Lamb"

Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:17-30

Maundy Thursday Message

"The Night to Remember"

Hymn #200 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

*For the bread which you have broken,
For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*By this promise that you love us,
By your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heav'n above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*With the saints who now adore you
Seated at our Father's board,
May the Church still waiting for you
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*In your service, Lord, defend us;
In our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world to which you send us
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.*